

Town of Montville Town Council  
Public Hearing Board of Education Budget Minutes  
Thursday, April 27, 2023  
6:00 p.m. – Montville High School – Auditorium

Town of Montville has lifted the mask mandate effective Monday, February 28, 2022 throughout Town facilities in coordination with our schools. Although the mask mandate has been lifted, Uncas Health strongly recommends that all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, continue to wear masks indoors.

- 1. Call to Order  
Chairman McNally called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call  
Present were Councilors Leonard Bunnell, Sr., Billy Caron, Alfred Mandler, Thomas McNally, and Robert Yuchniuk. Absent were Councilors Tim May and Colleen Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
- 4. Public Hearing

TOWN OF MONTVILLE  
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held at Montville High School Auditorium, 800 Old Colchester Road Oakdale, CT on April 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the General Government Budget and on April 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on the Board of Education Budget for the Town of Montville for the fiscal year from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Revenue Summary 2023-2024					
Description	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ADOPTED	2023 ESTIMATE	2024 DEPT REQ.	2024 MAYOR PROP
PROPERTY TAXES	43,992,801	43,980,549	43,811,611	54,921,162	51,109,212
LICENSES & PERMITS	1,223,999	961,500	1,060,440		1,069,000
REVENUE USE MONEY/PROPERTY	68,305	35,000	428,119	110,000	110,000
REVENUE OTHER AGENCIES	216,482	225,350	233,450	221,750	221,750
STATE GRANTS SCHOOL	13,318,113	13,392,474	13,228,673	13,200,229	13,200,229
STATE GRANTS UNSPECIFIED	4,700,760	4,618,001	4,723,968	4,075,569	4,075,569
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	513,267	395,500	429,722	406,500	406,500
MISC REVENUE	1,738,742	1,055,600	1,704,374	1,375,600	1,378,600
TOTAL REVENUES	65,772,469	64,663,974	65,620,357	74,310,810	71,570,860
Expenditure Summary 2023-2024					
Description	2022 ACTUAL	2023 ADOPTED	2023 ESTIMATE	2024 DEPT REQ.	2024 MAYOR PROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,334,772	2,671,856	2,575,000	2,942,267	2,868,167
INTERGOV'T CONTRIBUTIONS	74,300	84,300	84,300	121,140	95,300
FRINGE BENEFITS/INSURANCE	5,386,612	5,026,650	4,956,700	6,062,000	6,062,000
DEBT SERVICE	5,039,512	4,994,173	4,994,173	5,258,749	5,258,749
LAND USE	264,342	292,000	212,500	298,000	295,500
HUMAN SERVICES	671,996	731,663	700,400	762,030	756,930
CULTURE AND RECREATION	384,799	408,595	400,000	467,930	465,430
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,330,065	5,472,888	5,132,667	6,243,454	6,595,454
PUBLIC WORKS	3,827,568	3,520,305	3,010,352	4,220,230	4,190,730
EDUCATION	39,784,972	40,961,544	40,961,544	43,799,600	43,799,600
CAPITAL	1,463,994	500,000	500,000	5,204,410	1,183,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	64,562,932	64,663,974	63,527,636	75,379,810	71,570,860

Detailed copies of the budget by department are available at the office of the Town Clerk or online at [www.montville-ct.org](http://www.montville-ct.org).  
Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 12th day of April 2023.

Ronald K. McDaniel  
Mayor

Thomas McNally  
Town Council Chairman

Barbara Griffin  
Finance Director

Montville Public School District Superintendent Laurie Pallin provided a brief overview of their budget process, which includes an overall increase of \$2,638,056.00 over the previous year's budget or \$2,838,056.00 over the previous year's budget, excluding the \$200,00.00 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding. There are no foreseeable savings and the proposed budget includes no excess funding for contingencies. She noted that the BOE allocated \$500,000.00 from their Non-Lapsing Account in the previous year and anticipates doing the same this year to meet Special Education Outplacement Tuition and

Transportation costs. The BOE understands that their request is higher than usual and appreciates their attendance at the budget presentation, the Mayor's inclusion of their full request in his budget, the Finance Committee's thoughtful consideration of their request, the town's collaborative environment, and the opportunity to continue their dialogue. She expressed her availability to discuss and/or respond to any questions they might have.

BOE Chairman Wills Pike thanked the Finance Committee for meeting with them. He referred to the town's POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development), which notes that the town's largest population age range is ages 28 to 49 years, which is the age range of parents, many of whom move to the town with the expectation of providing their children with an exceptional education. With respect to Special Education, he reported that the State of Connecticut is currently experiencing a shortage of 1,221 teachers, of which 25% are Special Education teachers and a shortage of 1,300 paraprofessionals, 75% of which are Special Education paraprofessionals. He stated that the schools' staff are a very dedicated group of individuals with whom money has never been an issue. Rather, they are concerned with the volume of students. He expressed the full support of the proposed budget by the administrative staff and BOE and thanked the Councilors for their consideration.

Chairman McNally asked three times if there was anyone from the public who would like to speak regarding the Board of Education Budget for FY2023/24. There being no comments, the Public Hearing was closed.

Chairman McNally stated that their job is to ensure that the town is affordable for all of its residents by doing their best to create a safe environment and provide the best education for their children, including approving funding for the School Resource Officers, new school buses, and bonding. The Councilors will continue to do their best to support their schools.

Councilor Yuchniuk thanked them for attending and speaking at this evening's Public Hearing.

Councilor Mandler thanked the BOE, Superintendent, and staff for their informative binder, which simplified his decisions and concurred with Chairman McNally and hopes to continue supporting their schools.

5. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Caron, seconded by Councilor Bunnell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville