



**SPECIAL MEETING – MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT’S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
July 26, 2023**

Item 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Wills Pike.

Those members in attendance were: Jim Wood, Tina Grove, Sheelagh Lapinski, Timothy Shanahan, Carol Burgess, Lilyanna Sherbanee, and Bob Mitchell. Board Member Lisa Terry was absent

Also in attendance were: Laurie Pallin Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback and Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux

Item 2. Citizens’ Comments (regarding agenda items only)

none

Item 3. New Business

- a. Review and possible revision of 2023-2024 Board of Education Budget based on adoption of the Town of Montville budget by the Town Council

Motion: That the Board accept the budget adjustments as presented to meet the Town’s appropriation of \$43,261,544 with an additional \$200,000 from Cannabis Tax Revenue and \$90,048 in Excess Cost Grant Funds which exceeded the Town’s budgeted amount. The Board’s budget was cut by \$249,008 (\$66,000 in cafeteria program, \$44,055 in administrators’ salaries, and \$138,953 in tuitions) to reach a budget of \$43,551,592.

Discussion: The Board discussed a possible budget reduction by ending the Board’s membership in CAFE and saving \$18,000 in annual membership dues. There was significant discussion about the benefits of CAFE (Advocacy regarding pending legislation, new Board member orientation, policy and legal support, legislative updates, and Board professional development) versus the value of the specific services provided directly to the district. Ultimately the Board decided to remain in CAFE for one more year to evaluate the benefits of membership with Board member Tina Grove disagreeing with this decision.

Moved by: Wills Pike
Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan
Vote: 8-0

b. Review and possible adoption of revised Job Descriptions

Motion: That the Board Approves the revised job descriptions as recommended by the policy committee

Moved by: Robert Mitchell
Seconded by: Jim Wood
Vote: 8-0

c. Appraisal of out of state trip for the MHS Cross Country Team

Laurie reviewed the Field Trip request form received from Steve LeBranche, cross country team coach, to attend a competition in Martha's Vineyard

Item 4. Citizens' Comments
none

Item 5. Board Chair Remarks
none

Item 6. Future Agenda Items
August meeting will be the Board retreat to set the Board's goals for 2023-2024.

Item 7. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Moved by: Robert Mitchell
Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan
Vote: 8 -0

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Pallin
Superintendent of Schools