



**MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**August 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Board of Education Goal:**

**Montville graduates will possess the skills and dispositions to navigate complex tasks. Our graduates are communicators, information consumers, problem solvers, and independent learners. They exhibit empathy, perseverance, inclusivity and self-awareness.**

**Library Media Center**

**Item 1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – 6:00 P.M.**

Board Chair Wills Pike called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board members attending were: Timothy Shanahan, Tina Grove, Erika Striebel, Donna Funk, Carol Burgess, and Lisa Terry. Bob Mitchell and Bonnie Bacon were absent.

Also participating were: Superintendent of Schools Dianne Vumback, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Flynn, Recording Secretary Pamela Rodgers, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, and Director of Facilities Willie Quiñones.

**Item 2. Alterations to the agenda**

- a. Add item 4 e. Consideration and possible action to approve Greenwood Industries, Inc for the Leonard J. Tyl Middle School roof project in the amount of \$48,559.50. Remove and replace joint ceiling as presented in the change order.

Motion: To add 4 e to the agenda

Moved by: Carol Burgess

Seconded by: Tim Shanahan

Vote: Carried (7-0)

**Item 3. Citizens' Comments (regarding agenda items only)**

*None*

**Item 4. New Business**

- a. Discussion of the 2024-2025 Board and Superintendents goals and evaluation process

Board Chair Wills Pike explained:

*It is a requirement to set Board goals and Superintendents evaluation process within one year of hiring Superintendent Vumback.*

Superintendent Vumback explained:

*The need for School and District Wide Improvement plans. It's time to modernize and future ready the District wide Goals and Strategies. Identify who owns these Strategies. Use more common language. It's missing Talent Development Strategies. This is going to take time, using the school year to develop a new and improved plan. Take home and review the 2023-2024 Goals and Strategies for future discussion. Everyone needs to be involved in this process.*

- b. Discussion of the outcome of the 2024-2025 kindergarten waiver process

Superintendent Vumback explained:

*It was a two-part assessment. The first was done by the Brigance screening, consisting of 18 questions. Each student receives a score. If scored extremely low, parent is called. The second was an assessment of required behaviors with an observation period of 45-60 minutes. Rubric assessment was created, having 12 categories. Total of 23 students accessed. If we have to do this again we will re-evaluate the process as a team.*

- c. Discussion regarding proposed changes to cell phone policies

Superintendent Vumback explained:

*Policy P5131.81 (a) on Electronic Devices limiting use of cellphone during classroom time unless used for technology. The state will come out soon with additional guidance on setting policy on the use of cell phone. This will be added to the agenda for next meeting.*

- d. Update on status of ongoing Capital Projects: Kathy Lamoureux

***Town Council Appropriations and Referendum:***

*The Town Council held a meeting last night and approved the following appropriations:*

- *\$2,350,000 for the reconstruction and replacement of the Track and Turf field at the High School. This cost projection was provided by Classic Turf and includes a 1.5% performance bond and a 5% contingency.*
- *\$8,500,000 for road improvements, which will be covered by bonding.*

*These appropriations will be put to a public referendum during the November elections.*

***Summer Project Updates:***

- *Tyl Roof Replacement:*
  - *The roof rips and installation of new rubber on the school building are on track to be completed by Friday, 8/23.*
  - *Installation of metal for the perimeter cap is scheduled to begin next week and will take two weeks, with no impact on students.*
  - *Gym skylights installation is scheduled for completion on Saturday, 8/24.*
  - *The area behind the school will be cleared by the start of the school year.*
  - *Smoke hatches are expected to be delivered in the second week of September.*
  - *Skylights delivery is anticipated for October 7th, with installation planned for mid to late October.*
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- *Tyl/Oakdale Door Repair/Replacements:*
  - *The vendor is awaiting materials, expected to arrive by mid-September.*
  - *Larger repairs will be conducted after hours during the night custodial shift to avoid disrupting students, while smaller tasks will be completed during the school day.*
- *Tyl Serving Line in the Cafeteria:*
  - *The project, funded by the food service program, involved demolishing the existing serving line to accommodate new equipment. The work was coordinated by the facilities Department and has been completed, though matching the existing tile proved challenging and we wished we had other choices.*
- *Tyl Kitchen Grease Separator:*
  - *The anticipated timeline is as follows:*
    - *Early September: Bid proposal packets advertised.*
    - *Late September: Site walkthrough.*
    - *Early October: Bid return date.*
    - *December break: Completion of work.*
- *High School Scoreboard:*
  - *The scoreboard is scheduled to be received today, with installation planned for next week.*
- *Bus Cameras:*
  - *Installation of cameras on the existing fleet is complete.*
- *Vehicle Purchases:*
  - *Two buses and a van have been ordered from School Lines, with an anticipated delivery date pending.*
- *School Security Cameras:*
  - *Installation at Mohegan School is complete.*
  - *Oakdale School is approximately 50% complete as of today, with the project expected to be finished by the end of next week.*
- *HVAC Projects at All Schools:*
  - *Planning design is ongoing for bidding these projects.*

***Upcoming Public Meeting and Additional Projects:***

- *The Town will hold a public meeting in September to vote on the removal of the underground tank and the replacement with an above-ground tank, as well as the Palmer Roof Replacement.*
- *We are also exploring options for replacing the Murphy Stairs, which, while safe, are showing signs of failure. Once we finalize the scope of work and determine the cost, we will advise the Board and decide on the best course of action.*
- *The Storage boxes have been reduced and the guys are working around other projects and rain to clear out the remaining boxes soon.*
- *The Tyl Roof project has received a quote to remove and replace joint sealant for the front entrance and skylight cover caps for \$ 48,559.50 which is good until the end of the month. This cost would not be an eligible for reimbursement, however the contractor who is completing the large glass skylight over the library would be awarded this work. Al Jacunski, thought it was good to keep the same crew if we wanted this work to be completed.*

- e. Consideration and possible action to approve Greenwood Industries, Inc for the Leonard J. Tyl Middle School roof project in the amount of \$48,559.50. Remove and replace joint ceiling as presented in the change order.

Motion: To approve Greenwood Industries, Inc for the Leonard J. Tyl Middle School roof project in the amount of \$48,559.50. Remove and replace joint ceiling as presented in the change order.

Moved by: Erika Striebel  
Seconded by: Tim Shanahan  
Vote: Carried (7-0)

**Item 5. Information Items**

*None*

**Item 6. Citizens' comments**

Joseph Jaskiewicz, Town Council – Was the state involved in business items 4 b and 4c?

Superintendent Vumback explained:

*Yes, both business items 4 b and 4c had some state involvement.*

**Item 7. Board Member Comments**

*Tina Grove –To have American Sign Language Course offered instead of French or Spanish.*

Superintendent Vumback explained:

*A policy would be needed to except the credits of offsite training. A survey would need to be done to determine need.*

**Item 8. Future agenda items**

- a. Discussion of the 2024-2025 Board and Superintendents goals and evaluation process
- b. Discussion regarding proposed changes to cell phone policies

**Item 9. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Moved by: Tim Shanahan  
Seconded by: Tina Grove  
Vote: Carried (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:07P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Bob Mitchell, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_