

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
May 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order.

Board Chair David Rowley called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were Carrie T. Baxter, Sandra Berardy, Steve Loiler, Tom McNally, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, Deborah Reed-Iler, James Wood and David Rowley.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Director of Food Services Heidi Buchholtz, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Margaret Tripp, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Lorilyn Caron, Jason Daly, Thomas Giard III, Mark Johnson, Jeff Newton, Tatiana Patten, and Sheila Reagan, and Student Board Representatives Jake Alexander and Jessica Semmelrock and Town Councilor/Board Liaison Gary Murphy.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: A) Montville Marvels.

It is recommended that the Board of Education acknowledge the following students, teachers, and community members in the areas noted:

Montville High School: Principal Thomas Amanti and Assistant Principals Tanya Patton and Jason Daly recognized Jaelyn Brush for being selected to perform in the Eastern Regional Festival, qualifying to audition for the Connecticut All State Festival, and winning a spot in the All State Chorus. Board member Dave Rowley presented this certificate.

Presentation: B) CABE Leadership Awards:

**Paige Skinner and Daniel Linkinhoker – Leonard J. Tyl Middle School
Kathleen E. Lowery and John P. Alexander – Montville High School**

D. Rowley read a letter from CABE that recognized the students who were recipients of the CABE Leadership Awards. Principal T. Amanti and Assistant Principals Tanya Patton and Jason Daly presented the awards to Kathleen E. Lowery and John P. Alexander. Principal T. Giard informed the Board that Paige Skinner and Daniel Linkinhoker were on the eighth grade field trip to Washington, D.C. They would receive their awards at the June Board meeting.

D. Rowley presented to Jake Alexander a gift for him to use at the Boston College Book Store in appreciation for his two years of service as a Student Board Representative.

Presentation: C) Reception in honor of 2009-2010 retirees.

P. Aubin congratulated the 2009-2010 retirees and acknowledged Senator Andrea Stillman of the 20th District, and Representative Elizabeth “Betsy” Ritter of 38th District

who presented State Proclamations on behalf of the Legislature to the retirees. The fourteen retirees represented 307 total years of service in the Montville district. Board members read resolutions for the six retirees who were present. The retirees were as follows:

Name	Position	Years in Montville
Julie Bateman	Speech/Language Pathologist	25
Caroline Pulkkinen	School Secretary	23
Richard Douglas	School Psychologist	31
Cynthia Lautenberger	Kindergarten Teacher	18
Joan Ziegler	Paraprofessional	20
Kathy Grady	Music Teacher	20
Peg Herzberg	Grade 5 Teacher	29
Grace Button	School Secretary	30
Donna Algieri	Bus Driver	18
Christine Kelley	Gifted & Talented Teacher	31
Kathryn Menangas	Bookkeeper	5
Carl Page	Maintenance Worker	17
Fran Ponton	Assistant Director of Transportation	23
Linda Potchoiba	School Secretary	18

The meeting recessed at 6:37 p.m. for a reception in honor of the retirees and resumed at 6:58 p.m. Following the reception, D. Rowley congratulated the retirees, the Montville Marvel, and CABE Award recipients. He also thanked Margaret Tripp and Heidi Buchholtz for their help in planning the reception.

Item 3. Hearing of delegates and citizens (regarding agenda items only).

There were no hearing of delegates and citizens.

Item 4: Letters and communications.

T. McNally reported on a letter from a staff member at Palmer Academy in thanks for the Dunkin Donuts Gift Cards. Also reported was the letter from the *National Geographic* inviting former MHS student Jing Fan for her work and achievements as a student and a JASON Argonaut and the teacher who influenced her interest in science, Polly Richter, to attend the JASON Project in Washington, D.C. in June.

Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.

Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.

Proposed by: Steve Loiler
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.

Student Board Representatives Jake Alexander and Jessica Semmelrock gave a report to the Board as follows:

1. This morning the Social Studies Department hosted a voter registration drive for students aged 18 or older.
2. The MHS International Club and Montville Arts Café will host an Evening of Arts on Culture on May 20 from 6-8 p.m. showcasing MHS' diverse cultures and talents. The Board is invited to attend. The Café has also been hosting a successful book drive for the past two weeks.
3. MHS' literary magazine, *Images*, has been awarded the distinction of "excellence" by the National Council of Teachers of English for last year's magazine.
4. Julia Berry won honorable mention at the Congressional Art Competition on April 30, and her work is being displayed in State Representative Joe Courtney's office. She was also recognized by the Connecticut Association of Schools as MHS' top art student and her work will be displayed along with other student projects in the MHS Library/Media Center on June 1 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
5. Todd Johnstone, a survivor of the Albatross wreck and whose notes were the basis for the movie "White Squall," will visit the Maritime class as a piece of their oral history projects.
6. Seventy students from chemistry and physics classes held a Rube Goldberg event on April 28 to create, design, and build a device that employed twelve energy transformations, three of them chemical, to perform a simple task, such as turning on lights or blowing out a candle.
7. The girls track team won their third consecutive ECC Medium Division Championship with a dual meet season record of 6-1 and 5-0 in the medium division. Montville will host the ECC Track Championship for the first time, Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. The varsity baseball team clinched a tie for division champs today having won five straight division titles. Girls tennis is currently at 5-6 and Boys tennis has a record of 2-9.
8. Over \$800 was raised this year by the physical education/health department at the annual Hoops for Heart Fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association.
9. As a fundraiser, the Class of 2011 hosted a Game Night at Murphy School with over 25 elementary students in attendance. The junior class is planning a spaghetti dinner and a car wash before the end of the year.
10. The Botany class held an annual Mother's Day plant sale.
11. In Advisory on May 19, seniors will present their Senior Projects to the junior class as encouragement for pursuing their own passions.
12. The teachers of Business, Life Management and Technology Education met with a representative of the State Department to discuss the Perkins Compliance Grant review.
13. The Music Department will host its end of the year concerts in the upcoming weeks--the final Choral Concert will be on June 3 at 7:00 p.m.; the senior choral students will hold their concert on June 1; and the final band concert featuring the concert, jazz, and percussion ensembles will be on June 8. The Music Department took music students on a trip to the Rhode Island Philharmonic Symphony on May 7.
14. More than 75 students will be inducted into the National Honor Society and National Foreign Language Honor Society in the MHS auditorium on May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

15. Students who made the third quarter honor roll will be honored at a luncheon on May 25.
16. Final exams for seniors will begin on June 1 and for underclassmen on June 15.
17. The underclassmen award ceremony will be held on May 27 at 7:00 p.m. and the senior awards ceremony on June 7 at 7:00 p.m. The Board is invited to attend.
18. Senior Outing will be on June 4 at High Meadows in Granby, CT. Senior Prom is June 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mystic Marriott. Board members should receive invitations within the next week or so.
19. Graduation is on June 17 at 6:00 p.m. on the MHS athletic field.

Item 7. Unfinished business.

a. Review 2010-2011 budget development to date.

P. Aubin reported that she had a meeting with the Board of Finance. Other meetings are scheduled for Monday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday, May 26, when the Board will learn about its 2010-2011 budget.

b. Discussion of Artificial Turf Study.

B. Levesque discussed the final report regarding the study of artificial turf. He said the district has met with the preparers of the report and the results were mostly positive. A final report is pending.

c. Discussion/update of Federal Race to the Top (TRRR), Phase II Program.

P. Aubin on status of Race to the Top that has the support of statewide education associations enabling legislature to be passed by the State. Area Superintendents have agreed to work together and support the initiative that will meet the changing requirements for a Title I district. She also reported that NCLB would revert back to its former name, Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Item 8. New Business

a. It is recommended that the Board of Education review/approve changes to Policy 2131, Superintendent of Schools.

This item was tabled for the next Board meeting.

b. Appraisal of Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program Plan for Beginning Teachers and Mentors.

B. Levesque reported that he is the district administrator for TEAM, formerly known as the BEST mentoring program for new teachers. He thanked the Committee for their hard work regarding the same that should comply with the State plan once it is approved. The district plan will be part of the regular review process and will be in place for new teachers. Six meetings are committed for the year.

- c. It is recommended that the Board of Education comply with Public Act 06-63, an act concerning Healthy Foods & Beverages in School for the 2010-2011 school year. The Montville Board of Education elects, for the 2010-2011 school year, to permit the sale of all foods and beverages that are not legally permitted during the regular school day if the following conditions are met:
1. The sale of foods and beverages in connection with an *event* occurring *after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend*.
 2. The sale of foods and beverages is at the *location of the event*.
 3. The foods and beverages are *not sold from a vending machine or school store*.

B. Levesque reported that the plan has to be updated annually.

- Motion:** That the Board complies with Public Act 06-63, an act concerning Healthy Foods & Beverages in School for the 2010-2011 school year. The Montville Board of Education elects, for the 2010-2011 school year, to permit the sale of all foods and beverages that are not legally permitted during the regular school day if the following conditions are met:
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Proposed by: Tom McNally
Seconded by: Jim Wood
Vote: Carried unanimously

- d. **Appraisal of a field trip: Adventure/Travel Club to Gettysburg, PA, from June 23-25, 2010, 40 MHS students.**

Board members were apprised of this trip.

Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy Committee (James Wood).

J. Wood reported that the Committee met earlier this evening with the full Board and tabled discussion of Policy 2131: Superintendent of Schools. Board Policy 1330: Facility: Use of Schools was revised to create a new category, not-for-profit, non-community, for generating income.

- Motion:** That the Board approves revised Policy 1330: Facility: Use of Schools as proposed by the Policy Committee at its meeting earlier this evening.

Proposed by: Jim Wood
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

The Committee will bring to the full Board next month policy regarding sexual offenders and will continue discussion regarding Board bylaws.

b. Educational Evaluation Committee (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that the Committee met on May 11 and had an informational session.

c. Montville Education Foundation (Deborah Reed-Iler).

D. Reed-Iler reported that the MEF had its first annual art show on Saturday, May 14, but the event was not well attended due to great weather that day. The annual golf tournament will be held on July 12 and items are being solicited for gift baskets.

d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler).

D. Reed-Iler reported that she could not attend the last meeting as she could not get the time off from work. She said she would be attending the next LEARN meeting when the director's evaluation will take place.

e. CABA/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that, for the second year in a row, CABA will not increase its dues. He also said that preparations are in the works for the CABA Convention in November at the Mystic Marriott. The NSBA will hold its next convention in San Francisco.

f. School Building Committee (Todd Pomazon/Carrie Baxter).

T. Pomazon reported the Committee will meet tomorrow, May 19, and will discuss the promenade tile issue at the high school. P. Aubin or B. Levesque will attend.

g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).

T. McNally reported that the next meeting is Thursday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m.

h. Capital Improvement Committee (Tom McNally).

At the March Board meeting, T. McNally reported that the Committee will not meet this year but will be reinstated next year. This item will remain on the agenda.

i. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that the Bureau had a successful spaghetti dinner a few weeks ago. He also reported that level funding is expected from the Town. Also, the summer program is fully booked.

j. Administrative Monthly Reports.

Board members commented and asked questions of Administrators on their reports.

k. Chair's Remarks.

D. Rowley reported that he gave a tour of the district to the Superintendent and Board Chair of Region 16. He also attended three schools and had lunch at the high school on Staff Appreciation Day. Also, he and B. Levesque attended the program regarding Carl Wilkins. D. Rowley also attended three Board of Finance meetings and he and B. Levesque did a program on Cable Access Channel 22. At Mohegan School, he read to a third grade class.

l. Other.

There was no other business.

Item 10. Superintendent's Report.

a. Report from the Director of Student Services – Ms. Maynard.

D. Maynard reported that two new hires will move the department in the right direction. She is also working to clean up data for IEPs that will need to be sent to the State. D. Maynard also reported that she is finalizing the summer school staff and student list that has a high number of Tyl students.

b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.

B. Levesque reported that Joel Fariior will travel in Rwanda with Carl Wilkins this summer. He also read *Revenge of Rupelstiltskin* to a grade four class at Murphy School. A new Speech/Language Pathologist has been hired with a savings to the district. Hiring is ongoing for a science position at MHS and resumes are coming in for the Special Education Program Manager position. Also, the Committee for Student Management is still looking at programs for student data resources.

c. Monthly Update.

P. Aubin reported per data from the State Department of Education that Mohegan may be leaning toward being off balance. She also said that B. Levesque is leading the district improvement plan in addition to Race to the Top for which subcommittees and an action plan is being prepared to focus on priorities. P. Aubin also reported that she is finalizing Instructional Rounds with administrators with an upcoming meeting at Palmer Academy. She said that she would be participating in Instructional Rounds in Bethany and Woodbridge to identify and formulate an action plan to deal with issues witnessed by administrators' visits to classrooms. P. Aubin also commented that she has now spent a full day in each of the district school including touring the grounds. She also reported on her attendance at the NCERT Conference that dealt with technology and educational research with the same.

P. Aubin also reported that she attended some Staff Appreciation Day events and thanked all staff and volunteers who took part. Also, Title I communication was discussed at Parent Advisory. She also judged a public speaking event at Tyl between middle school students from Woodstock. She also participated in Read Aloud Day and read to a grade 5 classroom. In conclusion, P. Aubin reported that the Perkins Grant review took place today.

Item 11. Information items.

There were no information items to report.

Item 12. Citizens' comments (non-agenda items only).

Gary Murphy spoke about his granddaughter Meagan's attendance to hear Mr. Wilkins speak, the heartfelt report that she wrote about it, and her being asked to be a representative to start a program here in Montville. He also commented on students and texting. Also, as chair of the Board of Finance he stated that next week will be the "tell all week" regarding the Board budget.

Motion: That the Board goes into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss Personnel matters and invites Pamela Aubin, Brian Levesque, and Kathy Lamoureux to attend.

Approved by: Bob Mitchell
Seconded by: Steve Loiler
Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion: That the Board comes out of executive session at 8:10 p.m., with no votes taken.

Approved by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Steve Loiler
Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 13. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Approved by: Tom McNally
Seconded by: Jim Wood
Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Rowley, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Tom McNally, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved: _____