



SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Board Chair Wills Pike called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

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

Also participating were: Superintendent of Schools Dianne Vumback, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Flynn, Recording Secretary Pamela Rodgers, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Interim Business Manager John Spang, Director of Facilities Willie Quinones, Director of Technology Nic Savoie, Administrators Rob Alves, Ken Daniewicz, Amanda Brown, Greg Gwudz, Jessica Lilienthal, David Gollsneider, William Klinefelter, Theresa Gouveia, Jill Mazzalupo, and Liz Dumond.

Item 2. Discussion of the superintendent's proposed operating budget for 2025-2026

All materials presented can be found on the district website:

Board members' discussion focused on review and clarification on Budget Summaries: Object 116 Special Education, Object 117 Instructional Coaches, Object 130 grant, Object 410 Electricity, Object 425 – Library Services, Object 540- Telephone cost, Object 541 – mailing, Object 611 – Supplies for Instruction, Object 616 – Sports supplies, Object 641 – text books, Object 643 – Library Periodicals.

Discussed Pre – School option 3. Supports 5 days a week instruction from 9:00 – 1:00, as it stands would save 6K this is due to reduced busing cost.

Discussed the cost of new servers. (Nic Savoie)

Discussed the cost to upgrade to a new financial system, which would include access to an employee portal. (Cloud Based), when could we implement this new system?

Superintendent Vumback spoke to her recommendations for the budget including an ML Teacher, our AD requested a freshman Volleyball Coach, the need for an HR Director at Central Office, it consumes more time than I ever expected it to, most districts have a dedicated HR Director, this would go a long way of modernizing our district. What is the estimated salary for this position, DV – ranges from \$90K-150K, depending on how we fill the position. Lisa Terry: Is this a service that we could share with the Town? DV: I never

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considered that. Wills Pike: I like this idea very much; most districts have many more layers of staff. Freshman Volleyball coach seems like a no-brainer to me. Tina: I have a great deal of respect for HR People. Superintendent Vumback: We are relying on the attorneys for a lot. Bonnie Bacon: If you had an HR director would it save money on attorney fees? Yes, long-term it would but initially we would still be using the attorneys to ensure that things like our contracts align.

Motion to approve the superintendent's proposed operating budget for 2025-2026

Moved by: Wills Pike
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell
Vote: Carried (7-0)

Item 3. Discussion of the Board's five-year capital plan (2025 through 2030)

All materials presented can be found on the district website. Board members' discussion focused on 2025-2026 items.

Motion to approve the superintendent's proposed five-year capital plan (2025 through 2030)

Moved by: Wills Pike
Seconded by: Lisa Terry
Vote: Carried (7-0)

Item 4. Future agenda items

Next regular scheduled meeting on March 18th.

Item 5. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell
Seconded by: Lisa Terry
Vote: Carried (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Bob Mitchell, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____