



**MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 19, 2025 at 4:30 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, Montville High School

**Item 1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – 4:30 P.M.**

Board Chair Wills Pike called the meeting to order.

Board members attending were: Bonnie Bacon, Timothy Shanahan, Donna Funk, and Tina Grove. Superintendent Vumback, Assistant Superintendent Flynn, Director of Finance and Operations, Deborah Martin, Town Council Liaison, Joe Jaskiewicz, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Jennifer LeMay, and Andy Whitehouse (JH Architects). Absent: Bob Mitchell and Norman Sylvia

**Item 2. Citizens' Comments (regarding agenda items only)**

*None*

- a. Budget update: Deb Martin

*Deb Martin, Director of Finance and Operations, provided an update to the 2024-2025 and 2025- 2026 budgets.*

**Item 3. Unfinished Business**

- a. HVAC Update

*Director of Facilities Willie Quinones and Director of Finance and Operations Deb Martin provided an update on the current status of the HVAC project and extensions.*

- b. Consideration and action to approve payment of HVAC invoices in the amount of \$245,432.50 (Application 250013-001) and \$301,720 (Application 250014-001).

Motion: Moved to approve payment of HVAC invoices in the amount of \$245,432.50 (Application 250013-001) and \$301,720 (Application 250014-001) with address corrections.

Moved by: Wills Pike  
Seconded by: Tim Shanahan  
Vote: Carried (7-0)

- c. Consideration and action to approve the proposed change order for the Montville High School Track and Field Renovation in the amount of \$64,642.90 (Includes Utility Machine, Storage container, Mesh Walking Track Cover, 6' Fencing at Storage Building).

Motion: Moved to approve the proposed change order for the Montville High School Track and Field Renovation in the amount of \$64,642.90.

Moved by: Carol Burgess  
Seconded by: Tim Shanahan  
Vote: Carried (7-0)

*Discussion regarding the base for the storage container. The Board discussed the use of the Utility machine and whether it will be used for track maintenance only.*

- d. Consideration and action to authorize the use of funds from the non-lapsing funds account for the repair of the softball and baseball fields at Montville High School.

Motion: Moved to authorize the use of funds from the non-lapsing funds account in the amount of \$90,000 for the repair of the softball and baseball fields at Montville High School.

Moved by: Tina Grove  
Seconded by: Carol Burgess  
Vote: Carried (7-0)

*Current balance in non-lapsing account - \$512,862.65 (Provided by Deb Martin)*

- e. Capital improvement - update on projects approved during the June 25, 2025 meeting, including final pricing and progress. (Murphy Steps, MHS Wireless Access, Murphy Water Heaters, Accounting Software).

*Deb Martin Provided an update, stairs at Murphy, \$49,000, savings of \$4,000. Business software, cost \$60,273, which is an increase of the anticipated cost. We have had staff changes – a decision was made to delay until Deb was in place, working to bring payroll up to date with new staff member. Tech dept. faced some delays, and did some additional work to ensure security is in place. As the new payroll person becomes proficient, we will run side by side payrolls for the initial payroll. Carol appreciates the approach Deb is using.*

*Willie – Water heaters are in place and piped, one part is on backorder, will be in next week. Murphy stairs – vendor was not available to complete this summer hoping to line up for the fall.*

*Nic's report - Wireless access – all 96 access points at MHS have been installed and configured. Will identify shortfalls once full staff returns to work.*

- f. CAFE – Discussion and possible action.

Motion: Moved to table the discussion to the September 16 Board meeting full Board is present to participate in the vote and decision.

Moved by: Carol Burgess

Seconded by: Wills Pike

Vote: Carried (7-0)

#### 4. New Business

- a. Consideration and action to approve the Agreement Between General Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Local No. 493. and Montville Board of Education.

*Will bring to the September meeting – not ready yet, no action taken.*

- b. Discussion and possible action on 2025-2026 Board Goals.

*Superintendent Dr. Dianne Vumback, presented four overarching goals for the Board's consideration for the Board and subsequently the Superintendent's and districts goals: Talent, Academics, Culture, Operations.*

*Carol Burgess – Questioned the racial imbalance across the three elementary schools.*

Item 5. Board Remarks

*The Board shared remarks*

Item 6. Future Agenda Items

- CAFE – September
- Results of Reading program from last year

**Item 3. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn

Moved by: Tim Shanahan

Seconded by: Tina Grove

Vote: Carried (7-0)

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Bob Mitchell, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

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