



MINUTES

Date: September 16, 2025

Location: Library Media Center, Montville High School

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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.

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence – Chairman Wills Pike called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board Members Attending: Bonnie Bacon, Timothy Shanahan, Norman Sylvia, Tina Grove, Carol Burgess, Erika Striebel, and Bob Mitchell. Superintendent Vumback, Director of Finance and Operations, Deborah Martin, Director of Facilities Willie Quinones, Town Council Liaison, Joe Jaskiewicz and Student Representative Dmitri Charles were also in attendance. Absent were Assistant Superintendent Andrea Flynn and Board Member Donna Funk. Administrators: Rob Alves, David Gollsneider, Will Klinefelter, Ken Daniewicz, Jessica Lilienthal, Liz Dumond, Kristen Brewer, Theresa Gouveia and Amanda Brown were in attendance.

2. Alterations to the agenda - *None*
3. Citizens' Comments (regarding agenda items only) - *None*
4. Letters and Communications – *Bob Mitchell confirmed that he had no communications to share with the Board. Wills Pike shared that he had one request from Amy Geary, asking if she could attend the meeting.*
5. Approval of the Consent Calendar

[Minutes, June 25, 2025](#)

[Minutes July 15, 2025](#)

[Minutes, August 19, 2025](#)
[July 2025 Financial Reports](#)
[June 2025 Financial Reports](#)

Motion: To approve the consent calendar.
Moved by: Bob Mitchell
Seconded by: Tim Shanahan
Vote: Carried (8-0)

- a. Budget update: Deb Martin

Deb Martin, Director of Finance and Operations provided an update of the 2025-2026 budget and projected that the district will land within said budget at the end of the fiscal year.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. HVAC updates

Director of Maintenance, Willie Quinones, shared an update on the progress made at Murphy and Oakdale Schools, with both the Air Conditioning and DOAZ systems that are being installed. The project at Mohegan School will be going out to bid the week of October 5, 2025. Montville High School Project will go out to bid the following week. The final color-coded layout for Tyl Middle School has been received, it is being reviewed and then will go out to bid, accordingly. The project for The Palmer School is in the hand of the estimator, at this time.

- b. Continued discussion and possible action – 2025-2026 Board Goals

Superintendent Vumback discussed this at our August meeting. As a reminder, they are the overarching goals that will represent the work we do as a district, focusing on Talent, Academics, Climate and Operations.

Motion: To approve the 2025-2026 Board Goals as presented
Moved By: Robert Mitchell
Seconded By: Wills Pike
Vote: Carried (8-0)

- c. CAFE, continued discussion and possible action – Membership

Motion: To allocate the funds to join CAFE.

Moved by: Robert Mitchell
Seconded by: Carol Burgess

Wills Pike requested Roll Call Vote:
Streibel – Aye
Sylvia – No

Bacon – Aye
Burgess – Aye
Mitchell – Aye
Grove – No
Shanahan – Aye
Pike – No

Vote: Carried (5-3)

- d. Second Reading of new or revised policies, possible action:
- New Policy 5131.911 Connecticut School Climate Policy
 - New Policy 5126 Restorative Practice Response
 - New Policy 1190 School Security and Safety Plan
 - New Policy 1250 Visitors and Observations in Schools

Superintendent Vumback presented the second read of the above revised policies and invited discussion and questions from the board.

Motion: To approve the new and revised policies after the second reading.

Moved by: Robert Mitchell

Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan

Vote: Carried (8-0)

7. New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action to appoint a delegate from the Board to the [CCTV Advisory Council](#)

Superintendent Vumback shared that Montville's Mayor Bunnell contacted the Superintendent's office looking for a Board representative for the CCTV Advisory Council of Eastern CT. Members who are interested were directed to obtain further information about what the appointment entails from the website.

- b. Consideration and action to approve the Agreement Between General Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Local No. 493. and Montville Board of Education as recommended by the negotiating committee.

Deb Martin was pleased to announce that on Saturday, 9/13/25 the above contract was ratified. Copies of the contract were ready and available for signatures; however, members were given the option to visit Central Office to review the contract, prior to signing.

Wills Pike asked Deb Martin to inform the board about the revisions to sick leave beginning 10/1/25, that could impact staffing. Deb Martin reviewed the revisions to the CT Paid Sick Leave.

Motion: To approve the Agreement Between General Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Local No. 493 and Montville Board of Education.

Moved by: Wills Pike

Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan

Vote: Carried (8-0)

- c. Consideration and action to waive Board approval on change orders to the HVAC project of \$10,000 or less.

Motion: To amend motion that Board approval on change orders to HVAC project of \$10,000.00 or less, to \$50,000.00 or less be waived.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell

Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan

Vote: Carried (8-0)

Motion: to waive Board approval on change orders to the HVAC project of \$50,000 or less.

Moved by: Wills Pike

Seconded by: Carol Burgess

Vote: Carried (8-0)

8. Information Items

Superintendent Vumback referred to Donna Funk's request in August to get an update on the progress with students with CKLA. With both Andrea Flynn and Donna's absence this evening, this matter will be postponed.

9. Committee and Liaison Reports

- a. Montville Education Foundation – Bonnie Bacon reports that last meeting was Monday, 9/15/25. *Figures from golf tournament are still pending, but it was considered a success. Entering new grant cycle. Mini grants will be for up to \$2,000 and grants will be up to \$20,000. Rubric for mini grant is being modified. November meeting will be when awards are decided.*
- b. LEARN – Bob Mitchell reports that last meeting was Thursday, 9/11/25. *LEARN will have a new property. October/November meeting will be able to report the number of students*

- from Montville that are attending various LEARN schools.*
- c. CABE/NSBA – discussed earlier.
 - d. Montville Youth Services Bureau – Timothy Shanahan reported the last meeting was Thursday, 9/11/25. *Youth Action Council will be publishing their Stall Street Journal and distributing it at MHS. Focus is on Mental Health & social media.*
 - e. Student Board Representatives - – *D’Mitri Charles presented on behalf of Student Representatives. [September 16, 2025 BOE Student Report](#)*
 - f. Principals’ Report

David Gollsneider – Palmer is off to a positive start. Having the Teacher of the Year in the building is contributing a great energy to the building. A new sign revealing the approved name, The Palmer School, will be installed on Friday, 9/19/25. The Masonic Lodge will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary on Saturday, 9/20/25.

Rob Alves – MHS is off to a positive, exciting start. The addition of the Transition Academy has been great. The opportunity to reconnect with staff and students has been great for all us.

Greg Gwudz – Tyl is off to a tremendous start. Back to School Night had great attendance with positive feedback from families. Our 6th Grade Orientation was standing room only. XC is off to a great start and we have 12 clubs up and running. Recognized Jessica Lilienthal for her efforts with schedules, intervention planning and attendance initiatives.

Liz Dumond – Echoed others comments that Murphy is also off to a positive start. Noted that the contributions by students at convocation was powerful and moving. On behalf of all 3 elementary schools, shared that TNT – the new teacher project funded by a grant has been great. The coaches are incredibly organized and efficient. Recognized the extensive efforts the secretaries handling registrations go through, especially when it comes to coordinating on behalf of students who attend a Magnet School.

Will Klinefelter – Kids and staff are enthused to be back. 195 families (90%) attended Open House. PTO did a great job with the scavenger hunt. Commended Theresa Carter at the Bus Garage for navigating all the construction on that side of Town, making the beginning of the school year as smooth as possible.

10. Report on District Operating Plan

- a. Report from the Superintendent – Dianne Vumback, Ed.D.

Superintendent Vumback reported that the district was off to an extremely positive start. On the first day for students, Kristin Brewer, Andrea Flynn, Deb Martin and herself visited all the schools. Staff and students were excited to be back to connect with one another. The buildings looked great. Dr. Vumback shared that she is excited about the new talent that was hired. Everyone is off to a great start with tracking attendance, which is especially important at the beginning of the year. It was also shared that the busses were cleared at 4:28 today, which is amazing. Dr. Vumback will be uploading all of the beginning of the school year reports to board members so they can read the exciting things that are happening.

Superintendent Vumback praised the new Transition Academy at MHS and said they will tour it after the next meeting.

11. Citizens' comments - None

12. Remarks – Board Chair - None

13. Future agenda items

Bob Mitchell proposed that Deb Martin's Budget Report be moved to its own line item. Superintendent Vumback responded that they are looking at changing the agenda format through policy, and that is part of the consideration.

Timothy Shanahan asked when the track and field project will be completed. Wills Pike asked Rob Alves to respond. Rob Alves responded that there is fencing to be completed and a storage facility. And most importantly they are waiting on signage. Chairman Pike confirmed that this is the most important part because the rules have not changed and they need to be followed. Once the signage has arrived and is installed, the gates will be open to the public. Wills Pike recognized there are two future agenda items and deferred to Dianne Vumback.

Dianne Vumback confirmed the future items are:

- *Presentation on student outcomes as a result of the implantation of CKLA (October)*
- *Fall Technology Presentation (November)*

14. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Bob Mitchell

Seconded by: Timothy Shanahan

Vote: Carried (8-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wills Pike, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Bob Mitchell, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

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