

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
August 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order.

Board Chair David Rowley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were Carrie T. Baxter, Sandra Berardy, Steve Loiler, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Deborah Reed-Iler, James Wood and David Rowley. Tom McNally and Todd Pomazon were absent.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin, Assistant Superintendent Brian Levesque, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Director Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Mary Jane Dix, Mark Johnson, Jeff Newton, Sheila Reagan, and Town Council Liaison Gary Murphy.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: That the Board goes into executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Proposed by: Jim Wood
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion: That the Board comes out of executive session at 6:30 p.m., with no votes taken.

Proposed by: Carrie Baxter
Seconded by: Steve Loiler
Vote: Carried unanimously

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

There were no citizens' comments.

Item 4: Letters and communications.

In T. McNally's absence, D. Rowley reported on a letter received from the State Department of Education regarding a compliance review of the high school on May 18, 2010, per the Carl D. Perkins Improvement Act of 2006—Public Law 109-270. The district must respond to the final report by September 3, 2010. D. Rowley also referenced a letter from Mike McLaughlin who asked to be a part of the middle school principal search. M. J. Dix is acting as interim principal at Tyl.

Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.

Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar, as written.

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

Item 6. Unfinished Business.

- a. It is recommended that the Board of Education review/approve revisions to Policy 5128, Procedures Concerning Requests from Parents to Educate Their Child at Home.**

J. Wood reported that the Committee spoke about Policy 5128 at the Board's May, June, and July meetings and made appropriate changes to it. P. Aubin added that there are currently 26 students within the district who are being schooled at home.

Motion: That the Board approves revisions to Policy 5128, Procedures Concerning Requests from Parents to Educate Their Child at Home.

Proposed by: Sandy Berardy
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carried unanimously

- b. It is recommended that the Board of Education review/approve the District Improvement Plan.**

B. Levesque reported that the committee working on the District Improvement Plan met with the E&E Committee back in June and made requested revisions, including the identification of personnel responsible for specific plan items and oversight of said items. The committee who worked on the plan agreed to monitor it and continually update it over the next four (4) years.

Motion: That the Board approves the District Improvement Plan.

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

Item 7. New Business.

- a. Apprise of a field trip: Montville High School, Boys Soccer, Rutland, VT, soccer match, 20-25 students, September 3-5, 2010. This date has been changed to August 23-29, 2010.**

The Board was apprised of the trip.

- b. Apprise of a field trip: Enrichment Program, Nature's Classroom, Greenfield, N.H., September 27 – October 1, 2010.**

The Board was apprised of the trip.

- c. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept and adopt final adjustments to the 2009-2010 budget as presented.**

The Board received a year end report for fiscal year 2009-2010 showing a budget balance of \$18,572.57 that was turned back to the Town. A water heater was purchased for Tyl Middle School and taken off the Capital Improvement request. Technology, equipment, and energy conservation measures were purchased. In response to a question by S. Berardy, K. Lamoureux explained that the funds for the removal of trees at Mohegan School were encumbered.

Motion: That the Board accepts and adopts the final adjustments to the 2009-2010 budget, as presented.

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

d. It is recommended that the Board of Education review/approve the agreement between General Teamsters Local No. 493 and the Montville Board of Education for the contract year beginning September 1, 2009.

The Board agreed that this item would be tabled for discussion in executive session at the end of the meeting.

e. It is recommended that the Board of Education review/approve the Board of Education Goals for 2010-2011.

The middle school principal search was added to Item 2.

Motion: That the Board approves the 2010-2011 Board of Education Goals.

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

f. It is recommended that the Board of Education review the draft of the Regional Calendar for 2011-2012.

P. Aubin reported that the Southeastern Connecticut Association of School Superintendents(CAPSS) met and discussed formalizing a regional school calendar that would include magnet schools. The draft calendar given to the Board for review shows 180 days and districts would add days as needed and two (2) Professional Development days that will be uniform. The calendar also includes a 4-day long President's Holiday weekend, spring vacation, imbedded Professional Development days. At the meeting the cost of transportation was discussed in addition to inviting magnet schools, technical schools and parochial schools to be a part of the plan for regionalization.

g. Review of district and school Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports for the 2009-2010 school year.

B. Levesque reported that the AYP reports for the district are "a mix of good and bad news" and reinforces why district improvement is needed. He explained how school AYP affects district AYP and stated that Mohegan School had achieved AYP for the second year in a row under safe harbor as did Murphy School and Oakdale School with no subgroups. Tyl School until last year had not met AYP in five (5) years and has successfully met AYP for the second year in a row with safe harbor and was one of the six (6) middle schools in the state that came off the list for improvement. B. Levesque praised the staff at Tyl for all their efforts. He further reported that MHS did not achieve nor did the district on a whole.

h. Superintendent's evaluation.

Motion: That the Board tables the Superintendent's evaluation for discussion in executive session.

Proposed by: Steve Loiler

Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler

Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 8. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy Committee (James Wood).

J. Wood reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and reviewed Policy 6146.3, Instruction: Diploma of Academic Distinction. The revisions to the policy will address students' cumulative work and progress over time changing the percentage from 15% to 20% particularly for students who have never had an exam grade below a C. The Committee also worked on the language on Board Policy 9160, Student Representatives on the Board of Education to reflect current practice and continued its review of the Board Bylaws.

b. Educational Evaluation Committee (Robert Mitchell).

No meeting was held.

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

D. Reed-Iler reported that the MEF held its annual golf tournament on August 12. She said that the grant cycle amount will decrease due to reduced proceeds from the event. A strategic planning session will be conducted for the tournament next year. D. Reed-Iler also commented that representatives of the MEF attended all open houses and budget hearings.

d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler).

D. Reed-Iler reported that the next meeting will be in September.

e. CAFE/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that the next CAFE meeting will be in September.

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

B. Levesque reported that the Committee did not meet this summer and is eager to close out the project.

g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).

There was no report.

h. Capital Improvement Committee (Tom McNally).

There was no report.

i. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell).

B. Mitchell reported that the next meeting is in September.

j. Administrative Monthly Reports.

Board members praised and commented on the monthly reports.

k. Chair's Remarks.

There was no report.

l. Other.

There was no other information to report.

Item 9. Superintendent's Report.

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

- Seventy-two special education students were involved in summer school.
- 174 out of 191 or 91% of regular education students that were registered attended summer school this year.
- IDEA data has been submitted and there were two (2) unexpected placements with DCF.

b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.

- Plans are underway for the new school year.
- A new, web-based data system for students will be implemented this year and training will be conducted with staff throughout the fall. With the new system, teachers can do grading, and students can log in to access homework.
- The Tyl principal search committee will meet on September 20 to review applications and then conduct interviews on September 28 and 29. Board members J. Wood and S. Loiler will sit on the committee and D. Rowley will be a substitute.
- Board representatives D. Reed-Iler and B. Mitchell will serve on the high school principal search committee. The committee will review applications on September 18 and conduct interviews on September 22 and 23.

c. Monthly Update – Mrs. Aubin

- Will attend a superintendent's' meeting on August 18 with the Commissioner of Education.
- The federal government has passed the Jobs Act, and Connecticut will receive \$110,486,654. Most of the money allocated to Montville Public Schools is expected to be reserved until next year when ARRA stimulus funds will expire. District enrollment will be monitored and, if needed, Jobs Act funds will be used to hire additional teachers to ensure acceptable class sizes.
- Connecticut was not a recipient of funds from the Race-to-the Top initiative, but Montville is prepared as a result of the District Improvement Plan.
- Enrollment for the Adult Education enrichment program has declined over the past few years, and funds are insufficient to offer the enrichment portion of Adult Education.
- Letters were sent home to parents addressing concerns about the effect of the Oxoboxo Bridge closure on district transportation.
- A final statement was read regarding Coach Tanner's arrest on Friday, August 13 that will be submitted to *The Day* and *The Norwich Bulletin*. Coach Tanner's suspension and a meeting thereafter with the team, families, and the coach were discussed.

Item 10. Information items.

Reference was made to the final report on the artificial turf at the high school.

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

J. Fariior commented that he was glad that the Board took immediate action regarding the coach issue.

Item 13. Adjournment.

Motion: That the Board goes into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy
Seconded by: Steve Loiler
Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion: That the Board comes out of executive session at 7:55 p.m., with no votes taken.

Proposed by: Steve Loiler
Seconded by: Sandra Berardy
Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 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: _____