



MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 18, 2025

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Montville High School, Library Media Center

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carol Burgess

Donna Funk

Tina Grove

Joseph Socha

Robert Mitchell, Jr.

Wills Pike

Timothy Shanahan

Angela Sherbanee

Erika Striebel

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Dianne Vumback (Superintendent), Andrea Flynn, Deb Martin, Willie Quinones, David Gollsneider, Rob Alves, Ken Daniewicz, Tim Dilweg, Amanda Brown, Theresa Gouveia, Greg Gwudz, Jessica Lilienthal, Jill Mazzalupo, Liz Dumond.

- I. Call to Order (Superintendent Vumback) 6:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
- III. Board Reorganization
 1. Introduction of New Board of Education Members: Angela Sherbanee and Joseph Socha
Superintendent Vumback introduces and welcomes Angela Sherbanee. Newly elected Joseph Socha was not in attendance at the time.
 2. Election of Board of Education Officers

Superintendent Vumback asks for nominations for the position of Board Chair

a. Chair

Bob Mitchell nominates Wills Pike. Tina Grove seconds the nomination.

Tim Shanahan nominates Carol Burgess. Erika Striebel seconds the nomination.

RECORD OF VOTES:

Wills Pike: Bob Mitchell, Tina Grove, and Wills Pike voted for Wills Pike.

Carol Burgess: Donna Funk, Erika Striebel, Angela Sherbanee, Tim Shanahan and Carol Burgess

Carol Burgess elected BOE Chair by a vote of 5-3. (Joseph Socha was not present at this point in the meeting)

A five-minute recess was called for Administration to confer with the newly elected chair and reorganize seating.

Upon resuming the meeting, Chair Carol Burgess requested a Vice Chair be appointed and opened discussion on the matter.

Motion to appoint Vice Chair made by Tim Shanahan, 2nd by Erika Striebel.

Carried (7-2) Mitchell and Grove opposed.

b. Secretary

Angela Sherbanee nominates Tim Shanahan. Wills Pike seconds the nomination. Wills Pike moves to close nominations. Bob Mitchell 2nds. Carried (8-0)

VOTE

Timothy Shanahan was the sole nominee. No vote was taken.

Timothy Shanahan elected BOE Secretary.

Chair Burgess calls for a five-minute recess to reorganize seating.

c. Committee assignment surveys

Policy Vacancies

E&E

Communications

Each Board member received a survey and was asked to leave the completed survey with Dianne or return them to Jen LeMay on or before November 27.

IV. Consent Agenda

1. Special Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2025
2. Regular Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2025
3. Policy Meeting Minutes– October 21, 2025
4. Financial Report - September 2025

Motion by Tim Shanahan and seconded by Bob Mitchell to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The Motion passed unanimously. (9-0).

V. Communications

1. Letter – Tricia Hatcher

Secretary Tim Shanahan read a letter from Tricia Hatcher of 76 Massapeag Rd., Uncasville.
[Letter- Tricia Hatcher](#)

Chair Carol Burgess referred to Superintendent Vumback to address these concerns.

Superintendent Vumback shared that she and Willie Quinones were made aware of concerns about broken equipment and this matter was immediately addresses. Superintendent Vumback offered that after conferring with the Attorney, the playground at Mohegan is compliant with statutes. Vumback also had an initial conversation with Deb Martin about exploring potential grant opportunities and potentially including new playground equipment in the Capital Plan.

VI. Public Comment - none

VII. Student Representatives' Report

[BOE Student Rep. Reports](#)

VIII. Superintendent's Report

1. Marvels Presentation

Jill Mazzalupo, Principal at Oakdale Elementary, presents Evelyn Dale.

Liz Dumond Principal, Murphy Elementary, presents Logan O'Hearn, Willamys and Martinez Rios.

2. Presentation of Secondary State Assessments

[Presentation of Secondary State Assessments](#)

3. Public Act 25-93, Annual report from the Superintendent

Superintendent Vumback shares that the relevant information has been made available on Google Drive in compliance with the State Statute that requires superintendents to share the number and name of all community-based organizations that are contracted to provide support services to students. Also included are organizations that provide work/internship opportunities to students. Lastly, there is a report of certified and non-certified staff attrition by school/position.

[Public Act 25-93, Annual Spt. Report](#)

4. Impact of academic guidelines on participation in extracurricular activities – Update

Rob Alves explains the shared data, outlining the success they are seeing with this more stringent policy in place.

[MHS Academic](#)

IX. Director of Finance & Operations Report

1. 2025-2026 Year to Date Financial Report – need DM's report.

2. HVAC Update

Willie Quinones provided an update on the ongoing HVAC project throughout the District. Murphy and Oakdale: All equipment has arrived. DOAZ systems are at the riggers. New Base Curbs are assembled and on location. The air conditioning units are scheduled to be up and running on Friday at Oakdale, and Wednesday at Murphy. Mohegan – MHS bids have closed. Reference checks should be completed by the end of the week. A meeting will be scheduled with the building committee. The meeting will approve and award the contract.

Tyl-Palmer projects are slated to go out to bid in the beginning of the new year.

X. Committee Updates

1. Montville Education Foundation – did meet but BOE rep is not included as they were determining grant winners.

2. LEARN – Bob Mitchell shared that at recent meeting they were able to meet with legislation and discuss the daunting requirement of transitioning to completely electric busses by 2030. LEARN also closed on the property in Waterford that will be opening in 2027 as an Early Childhood Center. Groundbreaking should be in January.

3. CABE/NSBA – Carol Burgess shared that the convention takes place this week, Thursday and Friday. Encourages all who can, to attend.

Bob Mitchell shares that the NSBA convention will be in San Antonio, TX, April 10-12 and that if possible, the Board should try and send a representative.

4. Montville Youth Services Bureau – Tim Shanahan shared that the Annual Basket Raffle is

underway and they have already raised \$2,000.00. In addition, the MYSB is collecting food for both the Union Baptist Church and Social Services.

XI. Action Items

1. Act on the 2026-2027 District calendar as recommended

Motion by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Tim Shanahan to approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar as presented. The Motion passed unanimously. (9-0).

2. Act on the proposed 2026 Board and Committee meeting dates (Policy, E&E, Communications) for submission to the Town Clerk before December 31, 2025.

Motion by Tim Shanahan and seconded by Bob Mitchell to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Education and Committee dates as presented. The Motion passed unanimously. (9-0).

4. Act on the Second Readings of BOE Policies

- a. Repeal - P9325.2 Order of Business/Agenda
- b. Repeal - P6114.81 Emergency and Disaster Preparedness
- c. New - P5170 Title IX
- d. Update - P3323 Competitive Pricing/Bidding
- e. Repeal - P4118.231/4218.231 Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco
- f. Replace - P4118.232 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug-Free Workplace
- g. Repeal - P5145.4 Non-Discrimination
- h. Replace - P5145.4 Non-Discrimination Students
- i. Repeal - P4152.6/4252.6 FMLA
- j. Replace - 4152.6/4252.6 FMLA
- k. Repeal - P4111 and 4211 Recruitment and Selection
- l. Replace - P4111.1 Recruitment and Selection; Affirmative Action
- m. Repeal - P4118.11/4218.11 Non-Discrimination
- n. Replace - P4118.11 Non-Discrimination – Employees

Motion by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Timothy Shanahan to approve the Policy changes as presented. The Motion passed unanimously. (9-0).

XII. Board Information Items

1. 2025 CABE/CAPSS Convention, November 21, 22
2. Mandatory New Board Member Training December 9, All Day Event
3. Board Retreat, Proposed for December 10, 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Vumback shared that not everyone is available on the 10th. Alternate dates were presented and discussed. New date will be Wednesday, January 7th with a start time to be determined (between 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm).

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Timothy Shanahan and seconded by Bob Mitchell to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously. (9-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Terni (Board Clerk)