



MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Montville High School, Library Media Center

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Carol Burges
Donna Funk
Tina Grove

Wills Pike
Timothy Shanahan
Angela Sherbanee

Erika Striebel
Robert Mitchell, Jr.

ABSENT:

Joseph Socha

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Dianne Vumback (Superintendent), Andrea Flynn, Deb Martin, Kristin Brewer, and Willie Quinones, David Gollsneider, Rob Alves, Ken Daniewicz, Tim Dilweg, Amanda Brown, Greg Gwudz, Jill Mazzalupo, Liz Dumond, Will Klinefelter.

- I. Call to Order, Board Chair
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence
- III. Consent Agenda
 1. Special Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2025
 2. Regular Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2025
 3. Financial Report - October 2025

Before approving the consent calendar, Chairman Burgess asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Tim Shanahan asked that the Education and Evaluation committee be added to Section IX. Committee Updates.

Motion by Tim Shanahan and seconded by Wills Pike to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. The Motion passed unanimously. (8-0).

- IV. Communications – None
- V. Public Comment – Benjamin Kip (spelling) of 1905 Upper Maple, Dayville, CT, sales rep from Sullivan Tire introduced himself and asked to please leave his information. He would like the opportunity to meet and discuss potentially working with the bus garage in the future. Chairman Burgess accepted his information for consideration.
- VI. Student Representatives' Report

Tiana Bamber and D'Mitri Charles provided the Board with updates of events taking place throughout the district, since the last meeting.
[BOE Student Rep. Reports](#)
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 1. Marvels Presentation- Secondary
Principal Rob Alves, MHS, presented 3 students as Montville Marvels. Ashlynn Audoin (Gr. 12), Tiana Bamber (Gr. 12), and D'Mitri Charles (Gr. 11).

Principal David Gollsneider, The Palmer School, presented Drake Easler.

Principal Greg Gwudz, Tyl Middle School, presented Azlan Tanveer (Gr 7).

Kristin Brewer, Director of Special Services, presented Theresa Carter, the district's Transportation Director as a Montville Marvel.

2. District Technology Plan

Director of Technology, Nic Savoie presented 2026-2027 Projections for the IT Budget, and reviewed the 5-year plan that is perpetually updated. The full proposal can be found in the Board materials.

3. Educator Evaluation and Support Plan Amendment Approval

Assistant Superintendent Andrea Flynn reviewed the proposed revisions that had been submitted to the State Department and have received approval.

Motion by Bob Mitchell and seconded by Angela Sherbanee to approve the changes to Educator Evaluation plan as submitted. The Motion passed unanimously. (8-0).

4. Discussion of 2026-2027 Budget Process

Superintendent Dianne Vumback outlined the process for new and existing Board members. The 2026/27 Budget is upon us. After assessing enrollment, the budget is built from there. Special Education, as in the past, will have a big impact. Deb Martin is compiling fixed costs and contractual obligations. The proposed budget will be presented in the beginning of March. Board Members will be provided a Budget Binder, detailing all information needed. The Capital Improvement Plan will be presented in February, with tours scheduled as needed.

In other exciting news, Superintendent Vumback shared that Montville High School has been named to the Advanced Placement Honor Roll for the 2024-25 School Year. This is an incredible honor, which further opens up opportunities for expanded course offerings.

Also, the Montville Education Foundation awarded a total of \$25,500 in both full and mini grants. Their incredible generosity is greatly appreciated. As are the efforts of the teachers who put forth the effort to complete the grant process, and the administrators who support them.

VIII. Director of Finance & Operations Report

1. 2025-2026 Year to Date Financial Report

Director of Finance and Operations, Deb Martin provided a YTD Financial Report, informing the Board, that at 50% through the year, our spending is as follows:

- *Currently 41% spent*
- *40% Encumbered*
- *19% Uncommitted*
- *Non-lapsing fund balance is \$512,863.00*

Deb Martin also shared that the HR/Payroll programs have been successfully converted to the Cloud. The next project to undertake is TCM, which will allow for comprehensive electronic documentation.

2.HVAC Update

Director of Maintenance, Willie Quinones updated the Board with regard to the ongoing District HVAC projects.

- *Murphy and Oakdale Elementary Schools*
 - *VRFs are fully installed*
 - *3 out of 5 DOAZ systems are installed at Oakdale – the remaining installations will be completed over Spring Break*
 - *DOAZ installations at Murphy will take place over Spring Break*
- *Mohegan Elementary and Montville High School*
 - *Bids have been awarded to Nutmeg Companies*
 - *Kickoff meeting to be held Wednesday, January 21, 2026.*
- *Tyl Middle School*
 - *Bids went out, and an open walk thru was held on 1/13/26. Bids are due back on 1/27/26 and will be opened in the Central Office Main Conference Room.*
- *The Palmer School*
 - *Architects and engineers still finalizing, and then will go out to Bid.*

The 2% funds that were allocated to projects in the fall have been utilized as follows:

- *Murphy Elementary*
 - *Hot water heaters have been and installed, and are providing redundancy.*
- *Montville High School*
 - *Baseball and Softball fields have been re-done, including new fencing on the baseball field*

The project to replace and improve the front stairs at Murphy Elementary will take place in the spring.

IX. Committee Updates

1. *E&E - Tim Shanahan, reports that he has been appointed Chair of the committee. The addition of AP Calculus to class offerings at MHS is a possibility. This would be at no cost to the District. Career Pathways – Programs such as EMT and CAN are also being discussed. Next meeting will be 4/21/26.*
2. *MEF - Carol Burgess, shared that the committee met on 1/12/26. They are actively seeking new members to continue their tremendous efforts.*
3. *LEARN –Bob Mitchell, confirmed that at their 1/8/26 meeting, bid packages were opened and the committee was thrilled to learn that at the moment, the new Early Childhood Education building project is coming in at \$10 million under projection. Ground breaking is still expected to take place late January, early February.*
4. *CABE/NSBA –Carol Burgess, reminded members that the retreat will be taking place on 1/20/26 in Hartford. Also, a legislative breakfast is being hosted at Kelly Middle School on 1/14/26.*
5. *Montville Youth Services Bureau – No Report*

X. Board Information Items – None

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Tim Shanahan and seconded by Bob Mitchell to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously. (8-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Terni (Board Clerk)