

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE  
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
September 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Item 1. Call to order.**

Board Chair David Rowley called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were Carrie T. Baxter, Sandra Berardy, Steve Loiler, Tom McNally, Robert Mitchell, Jr., Todd Pomazon, James Wood and David Rowley. Deborah Reed-Iler was absent.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Pamela Aubin, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Brian Levesque, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Director of Facilities Matt Bialowas, Director of Food Services Heidi Buchholtz, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Margaret Tripp, Administrators Thomas Amanti, Lorilyn Caron, Jason Daly, Mark Johnson, Jeff Newton, Tatiana Patten, Sheila Reagan, and Eileen Richmond, Student Board Representatives Matthew Clark and Jessica Semmelrock, Mayor Joseph Jaskiewicz, Town Council Board Liaison Gary Murphy, MEA President Joel Fariior, State Senator of the 20<sup>th</sup> District Andrea Stillman, and State Representative of the 139<sup>th</sup> District Dr. Kevin Ryan.

**Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Presentation: B) Introduction of New Staff by Administration.** *(This item was moved up on the agenda without objection.)*

Administrators introduced new staff as follows:

**Mohegan School:**

Lindsay Simkowski  
Johanne Vicki Haynes  
Brenda Hankard

Speech and Language Pathologist  
Part-time Kindergarten  
Library Media Specialist

**Oakdale School:**

David Autencio  
Christina Nissen

Grade 5  
Part-time Kindergarten & Part-time Gifted  
& Talented Teacher

**Dr. Charles E. Murphy School:**

Annemarie VanCleave  
Karen Navarre

Grade 5  
Kindergarten

**Montville High School:**

Allyson Butler	Spanish
Kimberly Estep	Chemistry
Matthew Fiano	Business
Deborah Hally	School Psychologist
Ellen Woodward	Teacher of the Deaf

**Districtwide:**

Dawn Davis	Preschool/Elementary	Special Services
	Program Leader	

**Presentation: A) Reception, 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year – Doug Couture.**

- P. Aubin introduced Doug Couture, the 2010-2011 Teacher of the year and read a biography of his academic accomplishments and his life “beyond the school walls.”
- D. Couture was congratulated by Anna Wojick, last year’s recipient of the award. Senator Andrea Stillman greeted D. Couture on behalf of the CT State Senate.
- Representative Dr. Kevin Ryan extended congratulations and read and presented Mr. Couture with a proclamation on behalf of the CT General Assembly and the absent legislators, Senator Edith Prague and Representatives Tom Reynolds and Betsy Ritter.
- Mayor Joseph Jaskiewicz presented a Certificate of Appreciation on the behalf of the Town of Montville.
- D. Rowley presented the “golden apple,” a tradition in the district that will be engraved with D. Couture’s name and kept in his classroom during the year.
- D. Couture introduced his family and read a speech that he had written and given at the beginning of the year and then expressed his thanks to the Board and his colleagues.

The meeting recessed briefly at 6:30 p.m. for a reception in D. Couture’s honor and resumed at 6:50 p.m.

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

There were no hearing of delegates and citizens.

**Item 4: Letters and communications.**

T. McNally reported on a letter received from CABA to D. Rowley thanking the district for its decision to continue its CABA membership.

**Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.**

**Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.**

<b>Proposed by:</b>	Bob Mitchell
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Tom McNally
<b>Vote:</b>	Carried unanimously

**Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.**

Student Board Representatives Matthew Clark and Jessica Semmelrock gave a report to the Board as follows:

1. The first three weeks at the high school has had an amazing start. Each grade had met with administration and advisors and discussed procedures and activities for the school year. The freshmen are transitioning well and are comfortable with their new surroundings.
2. Back-to-School Night will be held on September 23 at 6:30 p.m. Parents are invited to attend their student's classes and meet their teachers. Board members are invited and refreshments will be served.
3. September 16 and 17 were picture days at the high school.
4. Friday, September 24, is Staff Development Day and students will have a half-day.
5. The Environmental Club will participate in an Environthon this year that will include several Saturday workshops around the state and a final field day in competition in May. It will also participate in National Coastal Cleanup, Saturday September 25 at the Montville Conservation Center.
6. The Drama Club has chosen their cast for "The Curious Savage" to be held on November 18 and 19.
7. Spirit Week is October 12 – 15 with the Homecoming Game against Bacon Academy on the 15. The Homecoming Dance is on October 16.
8. College visits set up by Mrs. Ingolia will be held in the Career Resource Center with all four CT State Universities, UConn, Quinnipiac and 17 other colleges participating.
9. The A Cappella Choir began rehearsing two weeks ago.
10. Melissa Smith and Alexis Buck were nominated and selected as the CT representatives of the Congressional Academy of America History and Civics sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. They each received a \$500 stipend for their attendance.
11. This year there are 224 athletes participating in fall sports. The football team won against New London on Saturday, September 18, 21-19 at the Coast Guard. Boys soccer had a 4-0 win against Ledyard. Tyler Leeman scored each goal and is 3 goals away from breaking the high school scoring record this season.

**Item 7. Unfinished business.**

- a. **It is recommended that the Board of Education review the report regarding spring and summer maintenance projects as submitted by the Director of Facilities. (6 – School Health/Safety).**

P. Aubin reported that the school grounds look great and added that there should be a reduction in the electric bills in 2-3 years as a result of lighting replacement.

**Item 8. New Business**

- a. **It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the Annual Report for 2009-2010 and forward it to the Mayor. (7 – Positive community relationships)**

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the Annual Report for 2009-2010 and forwards it to the Mayor.

**Proposed by:** Sandy Berardy  
**Seconded by:** Tom McNally  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- b. Discussion of support for CABE's Resolutions that "Supporting Secondary School Reform" be broadened to read: "CABE urges the State Legislature to support the implementation of school reform in a comprehensive manner by addressing issues such as funding, collective bargaining and curriculum development." (1 – Advocacy)**

**Motion:** That the Board of Education supports CABE's Resolution concerning Supporting Secondary School Reform be broadened to read: "CABE urges the State Legislature to support the implementation of school reform in a comprehensive manner by addressing issues such as funding, collective bargaining and curriculum development."

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Jim Wood  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

- c. Report of the 2010 CMT/CAPT testing. (4 – Student Achievement).**

B. Levesque and L. Pallin gave a PowerPoint presentation showing general trends—comparing same cohort and progress over time, areas of strength, and areas that need improvement.

- d. It is recommended that the Board of Education appoints a CABE Director for Area 9.**

**Motion:** That the Board appoints Bob Mitchell as the Area 9 CABE Director.

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Steve Loiler  
**Vote:** Carried 6 – 0; 1 abstention – Bob Mitchell

- e. It is recommended that the Board of Education appoints a CABE Delegate Assembly delegate and alternate.**

**Motion:** That the Board appoints Bob Mitchell and Jim Wood as CABE Delegate Assembly delegate and alternate, respectively.

**Proposed by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Carrie Baxter  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

B. Mitchell reported that the Assembly would be held on November 18, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. at the Mystic Marriott.

**Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.**

**a. Policy Committee (James Wood).**

J. Wood reported that the Committee did not meet but would next month to continue its review of the bylaws.

**b. Educational Evaluation Committee (Robert Mitchell).**

B. Mitchell reported that no meeting was held.

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

B. Levesque reported that the MEF is trying to coordinate a schedule for the second round of grant recipients. The third round of grants will be October 30. He also reported that the Foundation is selling 100 skybox seats for a Brad Paisley/Darius Rucker concert at Mohegan Sun. The cost of the tickets is \$100.

**d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler).**

D. Reed-Iler forwarded the minutes for the last LEARN meeting. Kevin Sally is the Teacher of Year for the Multi-cultural Regional Magnet School.

**e. CABA/NSBA (Robert Mitchell).**

B. Mitchell reported that he was unable to attend the last CABA Director's meeting.

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

T. Pomazon reported that the August Committee meeting was cancelled and bills were approved via email.

**g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally).**

T. McNally reported that the Advisory Council is working on its bylaws.

**h. Capital Improvement Committee (Tom McNally).**

At the March 2010 Board meeting, T. McNally reported that the Committee will not meet this year but will be reinstated next year. This item will remain on the agenda.

**i. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell).**

B. Mitchell reported that the first meeting was held on September 9. He said that the after-school program has 55 slots and there are 27 children on the waiting list. On November 24, a pancake breakfast will be held at the Mohegan Firehouse. The annual penny drive to support the Youth Action Fund is conducted September – December. Billboards in Town are bringing attention to the dangers of drunk driving. The Bureau meeting is the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. D. Rowley asked C. Baxter if she would like to serve on the Montville Youth Services Bureau Advisory Committee. C. Baxter agreed to do so.

**j. Administrative Monthly Reports.**

P. Aubin said that the reports will begin again next month.

**k. Chair's Remarks.**

D. Rowley reported that he is working on getting a spot on Cable Access Channel 22 for the Board of Education. He also commented that he was pleased that agenda items now referenced to Board goals.

**l. Other.**

T. Pomazon reported that he will be participating in the Heart Walk on October 3.

**Item 10. Superintendent's Report.**

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

- 288 special education parent surveys were mailed but only 62 were returned, for a total of 21.5%, which was the state average. Only 15 or 24.2% were returned with open-ended comments. Four (4) of the comments were positive, and the remainder reflected areas in need of improvement.
- Staff members attended training regarding the new fee-for-service that is the result of an audit that showed that Medicaid funds were inappropriately claimed for a variety of reasons. The revisions also include a change in the way studies are done.
- There have been concerns with parents whose children have been identified as gifted and talented. Space restrictions and teacher availability have resulted in a waiting list. The first meeting with parents of grades 4 and 5 students was held. The meetings will be held regularly throughout the year.
- M. Tripp, Georgetta, D. Maynard will attend State training on Thursday, September 23 to learn about the integrative management system of the CSDE.
- Applications are being reviewed for a nurse vacancy. Interviews will be conducted next week.

**b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.**

- He is waiting on guidance from the State on Title I, II, and III. He received an email today with the new entitlement amounts with a due date of October 30. Grants will be written for the same.
- A data conversion for X2 Aspen is in progress and the go live date is November 15.
- Meetings have taken place with the search committees for principal vacancies at MHS and Tyl. MHS interviews will take place this week and the Tyl interviews next week.

**c. Monthly Update – Mrs. Aubin.**

- Comments were made regarding the opening day reports. She enjoyed the welcome back that was attended by D. Rowley and the Mayor.
- Student enrollment is down by only two students since last year although there are nine (9) more students at Mohegan and 21 more students at Murphy than last year; however, there are 27 fewer high school students.
- Interviews will be conducted in the next two weeks for administrative positions at MHS and Tyl.
- Schools will participate in the Read-to-Ride Program.
- She will be attending a meeting at LEARN on creating an insurance consortium.

- There have been favorable comments from area superintendents concerning the proposed regional calendar.
- Mystic Seaport received grant to work with grade 4 students. P. Aubin will be talking to Mystic Seaport staff about internships for MHS students as well.
- Teacher negotiation meetings will soon begin. The Board is asked to email M. Tripp if they can attend.

**Item 11. Information items.**

There were no information items to report.

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

Gary Murphy praised the Board for its efforts for maneuvering the school buses around town and staying on schedule given several road closures.

**Motion:** That the Board goes into executive session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

**Approved by:** Steve Loiler  
**Seconded by:** Tom McNally  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

**Motion:** That the Board comes out of executive session at 8:16 p.m., with no votes taken.

**Approved by:** Tom McNally  
**Seconded by:** Steve Loiler  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

**Item 13. Adjournment.**

**Motion:** That the meeting is adjourned.

**Approved by:** Jim Wood  
**Seconded by:** Todd Pomazon  
**Vote:** Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 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:** \_\_\_\_\_