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**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
April 12, 2011 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, Deborah Reed-Iler, Steve Loiler, Tom McNally, Todd Pomazon, James Wood and David Rowley. Robert Mitchell, Jr. 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 and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Director Kathy Lamoureux (6:40 p.m.), Administrators Lorilyn Caron, Jason Daly, Mary Jane Dix, Chad Ellis, Mark Johnson, William Klinefelter, Jr., Jeff Newton, Tanya Patten, Sheila Reagan, and Eileen Richmond, Student Board Representatives Jessica Semmelrock and Matthew Clark, Town Council Liaison Gary Murphy and Joel Farrior, MEA President.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: A) Montville Marvels.

Mohegan School: Principal Lorilyn Caron recognized Kalli Campbell for her commitment in making spelling a priority and putting forth extra effort each week to improve her spelling grades. Anastacia Riordan was also recognized for using her own savings, getting donations from friends at church, and donating \$50.25 to the Pennies for Patients Program. Board member Steve Loiler presented these certificates.

Oakdale School: Principal Mark Johnson recognized Cathy Brush for her initiative, heartfelt enthusiasm, and superior compassion and Alexander Sobanko for his hard work and positive results over the course of the school year. These certificates were presented by Board member Jim Wood.

Dr. Charles E. Murphy School: Principal Jeff Newton recognized Brandon Apicelli, Gabrielle Archibald, and Mason Whittaker for going above and beyond as helpers, assisting with Murphy's after-school clubs. For her dedication in going to Murphy School every afternoon for the past three years to help call buses over the PA system, Briana Angell was recognized. Board members Carrie Baxter and Deb Reed-Iler presented their certificates.

Leonard J. Tyl Middle School: Principal M. J. Dix and Assistant Principal Bill Klinefelter recognized Ryan Rubino for being an enthusiastic and supportive member of the Chain Links Club and doing whatever it takes to help get the club's projects off the ground. Katelyn Banta was also recognized for being a peer mentor and tutor and an excellent role model for other students.

Montville High School: Principal Chad Ellis and Assistant Principals Jason Daly and Tanya Patten recognized Linda Chapman for her tireless work in the counseling office. Loren Rickards was also recognized for his often "unsung" role as student leader and his

wide participation in school activities. Board member Sandy Berardy presented these certificates.

Palmer Academy: Principal Sheila Reagan recognized Travis Kalin for being a guest speaker in the Child Development class, discussing the proper ways to care for a baby and the difficulties attached to being a young parent. Board member Tom McNally presented this certificate.

Presentation: B) The Montville Integrated Pre-school: An Evolution in the Making – Oakdale School.

Principal Mark Johnson introduced Ms. Toland, Ms. Montalvo, and Ms. Green who gave a PowerPoint presentation about the pre-school program that serves 30 students. The tuition-free school readiness program integrates special needs students with their peers and is made successful with family involvement.

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

Mary Chapman, who has a senior at MHS, Susan Rickers, and five others involved with Project Graduation petitioned the Board to reschedule the senior drug/alcohol-free party and the date for graduation to Friday, June 17, instead of Tuesday, June 21.

Item 4: Letters and communications. (8 – Communications/Marketing)

None

Item 5. Approval of Consent Calendar.

Motion: That the Board approves the Consent Calendar.

Proposed by: Sandy Berardy
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 5b. Budget Projection—Kathy Lamoureux. (3—Budget/Resources)

P. Aubin presented the quarterly budget report as of March 3, 2011, with the Board having expended and encumbered \$22,349,526 or 61.62% of the \$36,270,035 annual budget appropriation. She said there were no major issues to report, but all areas will be continually monitored.

Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.

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

1. Fifty-eight MHS students visited 28 elementary Pre-K to second grade classrooms and read stories and planned interactive activities for Read Across America.
2. Dillion Babcock, Peter Lam, Zaria Margolis, and Tyler Richards of the Robotics Team, along with Mr. Couture will attend the Vex World Championships at the ESPN Sports Worldwide Complex.
3. The Academic Decathlon will hold a fundraiser through FlowerPowerFundraising.com in the hopes of winning the State competition next year and represent MHS and CT at the national competition in Albuquerque, NM, in April 2012.

4. After the kick off meeting on March 30, Mike Marelli, Ted Phillips, Wendy Halsey and students Carly Cave and Max Hart are all participating in the Mystic Seaport online learning community.
5. Culinary teachers accompanied 50 MHS culinary students to Johnson and Wales to tour their campus and culinary labs.
6. Carolyn Olczak took 50 art students on a field trip to the Con Schilippe Gallery at UCONN, Avery Point.
7. ECE human development students participated in the UCONN Poster Competition.
8. On April 14, an Empty Bowls fundraiser for hunger will be held in the art and culinary rooms from 4 – 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome.
9. Tashi Lhamo, who has been accepted at four colleges for Pre-Med, will be included in a PBS special on successful immigrants, produced by Adam Bowles.
10. The MHS Jazz Band will attend the Waterford annual jazz festival on April 29.
11. The Business Department will visit NYC on May 3rd to explore the financial district.
12. On March 30, a student leader anti-bullying workshop was held. Thirty students from student government, GSA, peer mediators, and seven faculty members and one parent watched a film entitled “Bullied.” Following the movie, there was a discussion about bullying and more meetings are to come about resolving bullying in school systems.
13. Administrators met with representatives of the Montville Youth Services Bureau, the Montville Police Department, and emergency services to plan this year’s mock crash scheduled for May 17.
14. On April 15, the GSA will host a day of silence to protest bullying and harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their supporters.
15. This past weekend the MHS Chamber Choir traveled to Heritage Music Festival in Annapolis, MD, and performed with bands and choirs from CA, VA, NJ, NY, MA, and MD. MHS received the Maestro Award presented to Louis Gaedt as an outstanding soloist and the Gold Rating having scored 93 out of 100 on the national rating system for the festival. The score also earned MHS an invitation to perform in the elite concert series, “Festival of Gold” at Carnegie Hall and St. Bartholomew’s in NYC. The Festival Director informed the choir that it was the 1st time that a rookie group had walked away with a superior rating. The Spirit of Annapolis Award is presented to the school who best represents its community and school. The Choir also performed in the Naval Academy Chapel. The students who participated were Dillion Babcock, Alexis Buck, Matt Clark, Louis Gaedt, Alicia Gilbride, Christy Hagerty, Anna Hilbie, Chelsea Lorraine, Jessica McCombs, Jon Mowan, Torin Radicioni, Sean Rahusen, Jade Robagna, Zach Scovish, Rachael Skinner, Jamie Sullivan, Sam Todd, Jordan Varley, and Alina Williams.
16. ECE American Studies 2 had a successful overnight trip to NYC where they saw the off-Broadway play, Avenue Q, and enjoyed it immensely. They were so successful at fundraising that their cost was only a total of \$100.
17. Mr. Lamperelli has now completed the requirements for certification as an ECE teacher of Modern Europe and will begin teaching the course next year.
18. On April 29th, American Studies II is sponsoring a family-oriented sock hop from 6-9 p.m. at the high school and the proceeds will go to the Healy family for their second battle with leukemia. The dance is open to the public.
19. The baseball and softball teams are undefeated.

Item 7. Unfinished business.

a. Update on 2011-2012 budget. (3—Budget/Resources)

- **Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing, Board of Education Budget, Montville Town Hall Council Chambers.**
- **Thursday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing, Town Government Budget, Montville Town Hall Council Chamber.**

P. Aubin reported that she received communication on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, from Mayor Jaskiewicz recommending a 0% increase of the 2011-2012 Board budget. K. Lamoureux commented that the Mayor is reconsidering that communication. The Board was encouraged by D. Rowley to attend the upcoming budget meetings. G. Murphy confirmed a special town meeting will be held for the Mayor to present the Town budget on April 13, 2011.

b. Consideration and action to approve overseas field trip: Montville High School, Spanish Classes, 4, 4H and ECE, Barcelona, Spain, 10 students, Spring Break 2012. (4—Student Achievement)

Motion: That the Board approves an overseas field trip by the MHS Spanish Classes, 4, 4H and ECE, Barcelona, Spain, 10 students, Spring Break, 2012.

Proposed by: Tom McNally

Seconded by: Jim Wood

Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 8. New Business

a. Consideration and action to approve revisions to Board of Education Policy 5141.22, Communicable/Infectious Diseases, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (6-School Health/Safety)

Motion: That the Board approves revisions to Board of Education Policy 5141.22, Communicable/Infectious Diseases, as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler

Seconded by: Tom McNally

Vote: Carried unanimously

b. Consideration and action to approve new Policy on Social Networking (4000 Series) as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (6—School Health/Safety)

Motion: That the Board tables the new Policy on Social Networking (4000 Series), as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

Proposed by: Jim Wood

Seconded by: Steve Loiler

Vote: Carried unanimously

- c. Consideration and action to approve revisions to the School Resource Officer, PK-12, job description as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting. (6—School Health/Safety)**

Motion: That the Board approves revisions to the School Resource Officer PK-12, job description as recommended by the Policy Committee at this evening's meeting.

Proposed by: Tom McNally
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

- d. Consideration and action to schedule a reception to honor its retirees on May 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. and approve the writing of resolutions for the retirees. (8—Communication/marketing)**

Motion: That the Board approves a reception on May 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. to honor its retirees and approve the writing of resolutions for the retirees.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Tom McNally
Vote: Carried unanimously

- e. Consideration and action to authorize the superintendent to apply for interdistrict cooperative grants and state and federal grants for various educational programs. (3 -- Budget/Resources)**

Motion: That the Board authorizes the Superintendent to apply for inter-district cooperative grants and State and Federal grants for various educational programs.

Proposed by: Tom McNally
Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler
Vote: Carried unanimously

- f. Consideration and action to cancel the June 21, 2011, regular Board of Education meeting. (A Special Education meeting will be scheduled for late May or early June.) (8—Communication/marketing)**

Motion: That the Board approves the cancellation of the June 21, 2011, Regular Board of Education meeting. (A Special Meeting will be scheduled for late May or early June.)

Proposed by: Jim Wood
Seconded by: Steve Loiler
Vote: Carried unanimously

- g. Consideration and action to confirm June 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at 6:00 p.m. for Montville High School graduation. (4 – Student Achievement))**

The Board discussed the proposal made by the Projection Graduation earlier this evening to move graduation to Friday, June 17 and its impact on final exams, the number of students who attend the graduation party, and the Tyl graduation.

Motion: That the Board confirm the date of June 21, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. for Montville High School Graduation.

Proposed by: Jim Wood

Seconded by: Tom McNally

Vote by Hand: Todd Pomazon

(In favor)

Carrie Baxter, Sandra Berardy, Deborah Reed-Iler, Steve Loiler, Tom McNally, David Rowley, and Jim Wood *(Opposed)*

Vote Defeated

Motion: That the Board proposes June 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., for the Montville High School graduation.

Proposed by: Tom McNally

Seconded by: Steve Loiler

Vote: Carried unanimously

h. Appraisal of a field trip: Nature's Classroom, Greenfield, NH Enrichment Grades 4-8, approximately 50 students, October 3-7, 2011. (4 – Student Achievement)

Board members were apprised of this trip.

D. Rowley proposed amending the agenda and added without objection, Item 8i, Consideration and action to appoint a Board member to the custodial negotiations committee.

i. Consideration and action to appoint a Board of Education member to the custodial negotiations committee.

Motion: That the Board appoints Steve Loiler to the custodial negotiations Committee.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler

Seconded by: Tom McNally

Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy (James Wood). (1 – Advocacy)

J. Wood reported that the Committee met earlier this evening and discussed revisions to School Resource Officer and Communicable/Infectious Diseases policies and heard the new Policy on Social Networking. The Committee also finally completed examination of the bylaws.

b. Educational Evaluation (Robert Mitchell). (5 – Monitoring District/School Improvement)

T. Pomazon reported that the Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the 2010-11 high school course enrollment and heard about a new course for 2012-2013, Digital Illustration.

c. Montville Education Foundation (Deborah Reed-Iler). (7 – Positive Community Relationships)

D. Reed-Iler deferred to B. Levesque as she was unable to attend the MEF meeting. He reported that grant applications close on April 30. The Foundation also discussed the golf tournament that will be held at River Ridge on August 8, 2011. B. Levesque reported that employees can now make a donation via payroll deduction.

d. LEARN (Deborah Reed-Iler). (1 – Advocacy)

D. Reed-Iler reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday morning, April 14.

e. CABA/NSBA (Robert Mitchell). (1 – Advocacy)

There was no report as B. Mitchell was away attending the NSBA Conference.

f. School Building Committee (Todd Pomazon/Jim Wood). (6 – School Health/Safety)

T. Pomazon reported that a meeting was not held.

g. MetroCast Communications Advisory Council (Tom McNally). (8 – Communication/Marketing)

T. McNally reported that at the March meeting he was appointed as vice-chair of the Council.

h. Montville Youth Services Bureau (Robert Mitchell). (7 – Positive Community Relationships)

No report.

i. Administrative Monthly Reports. (5 – Monitoring District/School Improvement)

These reports were submitted to the Board in their packets. S. Loiler commented that he still reads and enjoys the reports.

j. Chair's Remarks.

D. Rowley reported the following:

- The response date for the Senior Prom at the Waters' Edge is April 15 and the Board is asked to contact M. Tripp with their response.
- He, B. Mitchell, and T. Pomazon attended the Meet the New Principal event for Chad Ellis a few weeks ago.
- He is reading a guide received from CABA entitled "Who's in Charge."

k. Other.

None

Item 10. Superintendent's Report.

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

D. Maynard reported on the following:

- The IDEA grant is due and current allocations and data is being reviewed.
- Measures are being discussed regarding autistic students.

b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.

B. Levesque reported on the following:

- Apprised the Board of a field trip by the Robotic team who won 1st prize in the State competition and would be leaving on April 13 to attend the national competition at Disney World.
- The Aspen Family Portal will be piloted at Tyl for the remainder of the school year and letters have been sent to parents explaining how to access the parent portal. The portal will begin at the high school in the fall. The elementary aspect of the portal is being edited to conform to the elementary grade book. At D. Reed-Iler's suggestion, a presentation will be given to the Board.

c. Monthly Update.

P. Aubin reported on the following:

- The Administrator Evaluation Committee has met to identify priorities, distribute tasks and assignments and discuss steps to ensure that our evaluation process is differentiated for levels of experience and roles of administrators. The group is hoping to align the process to a rubric that supports the administrator's role in school improvement.
- The District Improvement team met for their monthly meeting to review progress to date. Brian Levesque presented on district data and all principals will reflect on annual progress in August. They will use this information to present to staff during August professional development prior to the first day of school.
- Mrs. Aubin met with Dare Officer, Karen Moorehead and Kathy Lamoureux to begin planning for the community application of the "Safe Routes to School" grant. The goal is to increase the number of students able to safely walk to school rather than traveling by bus. This grant would fund planning and sidewalk construction, however we discussed a cost/benefit analysis would be in order to see if this is practical for Montville.
- Mohegan Elementary School will be recognized for their high participation rate in the Governor's Reading Challenge (see the Information items). As you recall, Mohegan School received a Montville Education Foundation grant to support Raising Readers in 2009-2010. It is likely that this parent involvement initiative was instrumental in encouraging students to read at home and subsequently raising student participation in reading during the summer.
- Mrs. Aubin attended the NCERT conference where superintendents from around the country participate in sharing research based practice and attend sessions with nationally recognized speakers such as Mike Ford, co-author of the Life Cycle of Leadership, Robert Marzano, Rudy M. Castruita (USC)- who presented on "Strategies Superintendents Utilize to

Address Global Challenges in the 21st Century “ and Elle Anderson-author of Renewal Coaching.

- Mrs. Aubin also attended the Connecticut Superintendent’s Network annual retreat at Harvard University. This group of 24 Connecticut superintendents, meet at least monthly to participate in Instructional Rounds. The annual meeting provides the group with an opportunity to review progress in Instructional Rounds process and suggest modifications to the Network’s work such as the Affinity Protocol which we are using in our Montville Administrative Rounds.

Item 11. Information items.

This item was discussed earlier this evening.

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

Joel Farrior commented that on May 4 at 6 p.m. Carl Wilkins will speak to the student body as he did last year on his witness to the genocide in Rwanda

Rose Bushwack, her son, and another student addressed the bullying incurred by her son as a student at the high school.

Gary Murphy commented that he is awaiting the Mayor’s budget to the Town Council and suggested that the Board voice their opinion about the proposed cut to its budget. He also commented on a spaghetti dinner at Oakdale and an ice cream social that he attended in district.

Item 13. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Proposed by: Sandy Berardy

Seconded by: Todd Pomazon

Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Rowley, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Tom McNally, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Gloria J. Gathers, Recording Secretary