

**TOWN OF MONTVILLE
MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 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, Robert Mitchell, Jr., James Wood and David Rowley.

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, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Margaret Tripp, Administrators Lorilyn Caron, Mary Jane Dix, Chad Ellis, Amy Espinoza, Mark Johnson, William Klinefelter, Jr., Sheila Reagan and Tanya Patten, Student Board Representatives Matthew Clark and Rachel Orbe, and Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance.

All stood and pledged the flag.

Presentation: A) Montville Marvels.

It is recommended that the Board of Education acknowledge the following students, teachers, and community members in the areas noted:

Leonard J. Tyl School: Principal Mary Jane Dix and Assistant Principal Will Klinefelter, Jr. recognized Kevin Murtha for being an excellent role model for other students. Eleanor Page was also recognized for her participation in the Chorus, Chamber Choir and Jazz Band, and for being a gifted musician who is always willing to help others. These certificates were presented by Board member Sandy Berardy.

Montville High School: Principal Chad Ellis and Assistant Principal Tanya Patten recognized Linda Tomaszek for her service to Montville High School through her continued involvement in the Parent Advisory Group (PAG). Brendan Wood was also recognized for his incredible performance at the holiday concert and for his day-to-day positive attitude. Board member Steve Loiler presented the certificates. B. Wood played a piano selection for the assembly.

Presentation: B) Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) 2011 Recognition

**Letters: John Delaney, Zachary Foley, Andrew Fratoni, Paul Hanrahan,
Samantha Iler, Christopher Lamperelli, Timothy Lamperelli, Connor
Leeman, Jennifer McNamara, Rachael Orbe, and Asimay Sosa.**

Principal C. Ellis and Assistant Principal T. Patten presented recognition letters to John Delaney, Zachary Foley, Andrew Fratoni, Paul Hanrahan, Samantha Iler, Christopher Lamperelli, Timothy Lamperelli, Connor Leeman, Jennifer McNamara, Rachael Orbe, and Asimay Sosa. These students achieved the highest scores on all four subsets of the 2011 CAPT.

Presentation: C) A Focus on Flexible Grouping—Leonard J. Tyl Middle School.

Principal M.J. Dix introduced the sixth grade language arts team, Jamie Cannata, Erin Donovan, April Parady, Nikki Stelik and Kara Tiven, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on flexible grouping. They discussed student interventions used to assess individual student needs for reading. The presentation identified the rationale, grouping process, modifications—scaffolding

support for students, and the challenges and positives of the initiative. M. J. Dix commented that the program has been “tremendously successful and has raised CMT scores.”

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

None

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: Tom McNally

Seconded by: Deb Reed-Iler

Vote: Carried unanimously

Item 6. Report from Student Board Representatives.

Student Board Representatives M. Clark and R. Orbe gave a report to the Board as follows:

1. School clubs participated in the holiday spirit of giving. The high school sponsored the annual Toys for Tots from December 5th thru December 18th.
2. The Montville Arts Café hosted their annual used book sale in the high school lobby from December 5th thru December 23rd with the proceeds going towards an Arts Café event later in the year.
3. The American Studies II class sold cards, flower, beads and carol grams to send to friends at school and the proceeds will go toward the annual trip to New York City in April.
4. At the Honor Roll Breakfast on December 13, 172 students were congratulated by teachers, counselors and administrators.
5. In December, the MHS Chamber Choir performed at the Niantic Winter Festival, Montville Tree Lighting ceremony, and at the Crystal Mall. On December 19th, a concert was held with all of the school choirs.
6. Students Anna Hilbie, Corey Lorraine, Joan Miller and Jade Romagna were chosen to be members of the Eastern Regional Choir.
7. A band concert was held on December 12th. Cleora Ohar and Helena Sun were recognized for their recent selection to the Connecticut Eastern Region Orchestra and the Concert Band.
8. On February 2nd, a presentation will be held for the parents of 8th grade students who will be attending MHS next year.
9. On Friday, January 20th, a face painting fundraiser will be held to raise funds for the GSA.
10. Mid-term exams begin on January 24th and end on January 27th.
11. On Wednesday, February 8th, at 6:30 p.m. there will be an informational night for students along with their parents who are interested in AP and ECE classes.
12. The junior English classes will take a class trip on Wednesday, February 8th, to view *Macbeth* as they will be reading the play after exams.
13. On Friday, February 24th, Mrs. Salazar’s English classes and Mr. Wainwright’s history classes will visit Newport, RI, to visit the mansions.

14. Four MHS ELL students have received early acceptance to Johnson & Wales and the University of Connecticut and others are waiting notice from Three Rivers Community College and UCONN.
15. The MHS Student Government participated in Project Polar Express 2011 that sponsored an anonymous family through the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut.
16. On December 22nd, the Physical Education Department participated in the Regional P.E. collaborative field trip to Fitch High School that included a tour of the Fitch P.E. Department that culminated with a Pickle Ball Charity Tournament.
17. A successful coat drive was held by the GSA and NHS in December and donations from it were distributed through Montville Social Services.
18. Mr. Dawe's Law class will hold a mock trial on January 18th and Tyl students will act as jury.
19. The annual MHS Poetry Out Loud Competition will occur on Thursday, February 9th.

Item 7. Unfinished business.

a. Report of the Ad Hoc Kindergarten Feasibility Committee. (8—BOE Knowledge)

P. Aubin publicly thanked the Committee that consisted of Carrie Baxter as the BOE representative, P. Aubin, B. Levesque, D. Maynard, L. Pallin and K. Lamoureux from Central Office, the elementary principals, Kindergarten teachers: Barbara Gaudette, Robin Tamburrino, Jennifer Werling, ESL teacher-Lisanne Kaplan, Language Arts Consultant-Suzanne Lopresto, and parent representative Jackie Meislitzer. The Committee presented a PowerPoint of the research conducted regarding full-day kindergarten—cost, staff, DRG school visits, special education and ELL aspect, closing the achievement gap and a more relaxed paced curriculum. The Committee deemed that full-day kindergarten could be implemented with current staff and at no additional cost. This topic will be voted on by the Board at its February meeting.

b. Continued discussion of budget development, 2012-2013.

P. Aubin reported that she and B. Levesque are “crunching the numbers” to present the 2012-2013 budget to the Board at its budget meeting in February.

Item 8. New Business

a. Set the date for the Special Meeting of the Board of Education Saturday Budget Workshop for Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Motion: That the Board sets Saturday, February 11, 2012, for the Special Meeting of the Board of Education Saturday Workshop, at 9:00 a.m. in the MHS Library/Media Center.

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

Item 9. Committee and liaison reports.

a. Policy (James Wood). (6 – Advocacy)

J. Wood reported that no meeting was held but the Committee would meet on February 14.

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

B. Mitchell reported that they discussed the full-day Kindergarten program at their meeting.

c. Montville Education Foundation (Steve Loiler). (7 – Positive Community Relationships)

S. Loiler reported that a road race in affiliation with the Town Recreation Department will be held on July 15, 2012. Also, the annual report was completed, volunteers are being sought and upcoming events include the annual golf tournament in August and the Soprano's Last Supper event at the Montville Polish Club on Saturday, February 25th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

D. Reed-Iler reported that the Superintendent of Stonington Public Schools discussed the continuance of Community Classroom for 18-21 year olds to work in the community that saves money and produces quality work. She also reported that Dr. Secombe announced her retirement effective November 1, 2012.

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

B. Mitchell reported no meeting was held. He also commented that the NSBA Convention would be held this April.

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

There was no report from T. Pomazon.

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

T. McNally reported that the \$500 grant routinely given will be used for scholarships.

h. Capital Improvement Committee (6—School Health/Safety)

T. McNally said the committee has not yet met, and we should remove this from the agenda as a standing committee.

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

B. Mitchell reported that a meeting was held on January 12th and the Juvenile Review Board will be revitalized.

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

Board members commented favorably to administrators on the content of the report.

k. Chair's Remarks.

D. Rowley reported that he would be interviewing Matt Bialowas and Steve Carroll on January 18th regarding the facilities.

l. Other.

None

Item 10. Superintendent's Report.

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

D. Maynard reported that Oakdale School was selected as one of twenty schools for the 2011-2014 Cohort for the Connecticut State Personnel Development Grant, a three-year commitment.

A Leadership Launch will be on January 27 at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell. Using CT's SRBI Framework, this integrated model of literacy instruction and behavior support will promote the improved achievement of all learners, particularly those of color and students acquiring English.

b. Report from Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Levesque.

B. Levesque reported that he sits on the Aspen Advisory Board that will meet all day tomorrow, January 18, to discuss future releases. He will also attend an all-day meeting on January 19th regarding the CMT and CAPT during the morning and afternoon, respectively. He also apprised the Board of a field trip by the Montville Adventure Club to Crawford Notch for fifteen students and three chaperones on February 3-5, 2012.

c. Monthly Update.

P. Aubin reported that the full-day kindergarten study was complete, two budget forums for the 2012-2013 school year were conducted, and the district now has a 10-year low lock-in price for natural gas. She has also been meeting with principals regarding mid-year performance and principals have shared progress on non-tenured staff.

Item 11. Information items.

Murphy elementary students made flower bouquets and went to the Backus Radiation Therapy unit to donate them in honor of Traci Hart.

Item 12. Hearing of delegates and citizens (regarding agenda items only).

Mark LaFrance of Oakdale commented on the presentation for full-day kindergarten stating it would be an adjustment for younger kindergarteners.

Mayor McDaniel commented that second grade students from Oakdale visited departments in the Town Hall which the staff loved. He hopes that there will be more visits.

Mrs. Dole, a Town resident, asked if the transition from kindergarten for a 4-year old is disruptive. She also asked about the social aspect, dynamics, and monitoring for the proposed full-day kindergarten.

Motion: That the Board goes into executive session to discuss personnel matters and invite in the Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and staff member.

Proposed by: Jim Wood
Seconded by: Sandy Berardy
Vote: Carried unanimously

The Board went into executive session at 7:46 p.m.

Motion: That the Board comes out of executive session with no votes taken.

Proposed by: Deb Reed-Iler
Seconded by: Carrie Baxter
Vote: Carried unanimously

The Board came out of executive session at 8:41p.m.

Item 13. Adjournment.

Motion: **That the meeting is adjourned.**
Proposed by: Sandy Berardy
Seconded by: Tom McNally
Vote: Carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:41p.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: _____