

**SPECIAL MEETING - MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
January 9, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Item 1: Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting opened 5:30 p.m. Board of Education members in attendance were Sandra Berardy, Robert Mitchell, Todd Pomazon, David Rowley, and James Wood. Also in attendance were Superintendent Pamela W. Aubin, Director of Special Services Donna Maynard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux and Administrators Amy Espinoza, Mark Johnson, and Jill Mazzalupo. Town Council members present were Candy Buebendorf and Laura Tanner, along with members of the community.

**Item 2: Budget suggestions, 2013-14**

D. Rowley mentioned that there will be another budget forum on Friday, February 1 at the Montville Senior Center and that the Board's budget workshop will be held on Saturday, February 9. He then introduced Board of Education members and explained that the purpose of this meeting was for community input. D. Rowley said that last evening's budget forum resulted in some very worthwhile suggestions. P. Aubin introduced staff members and gave an overview of the budget assumptions, constraints, guidelines and priorities.

Discussion was held on the following items:

- Support of implementation of full day kindergarten
  - Request for a half day option for some students
  - Recommendation of transition from half day to full day after a month or so for all students
- Education system experienced by parent, including half day kindergarten, was "good enough" for today's students and programs such as Project O should be offered in college if a student elected to do so.
- Efforts to focus on continuous improvement
  - Asked for Town Council support for those efforts
  - Support for full day kindergarten, Project O and the use of funds at the end of the year to address unfunded capital improvement items
- Exploration of green energy solutions to achieve cost savings
- Regional approach to participation in Project O or other similar programs
- Board of Education decision making process and procedures
  - Request for the Board to follow their own policies/by-laws
  - Concern that the trends over the past five years have resulted in a 27% increase in the per pupil expenditure for Montville
  - Questioned the need for such an extensive reduction in force last spring
- Expansion of preschool opportunities for more students to better prepare them for kindergarten
- How does Montville benchmark against other districts on a variety of quality indicators?

**Item 3: Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela W. Aubin  
Superintendent of Schools