



**MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
August 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order.

Board chair Robert Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the Montville High School Library. Board members present were Carrie Baxter, Sandra Berardy, Daniel Boisvert, Monica Pomazon, and Robert Mitchell. Board members Joseph Aquitante, Steven Loiler, Collen Rix, and James Wood were absent.

Also present were Superintendent Brian Levesque, Assistant Superintendent Laurie Pallin, and Patrice McCarthy from CAFE.

Pledge of Allegiance

All stood and pledged the flag.

Order of Agenda Items

Motion: That the Board move agenda item 5 (Consideration and action to nominate a representative for the CAFE Delegate Assembly) to agenda item 3.

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy

Seconded by: Carrie Baxter

Vote: Carried (vote 5-0)

Item 2. Nomination of Robert Mitchell for the CAFE position of President

Motion: That the Board nominate Robert Mitchell for the CAFE position of President.

Proposed by: Dan Boisvert

Seconded by: Sandra Berardy

Vote: Carried (vote 5-0)

Item 3. Consideration and action to nominate a representative for CAFE Delegate Assembly:

Motion: That the Board postpone nomination of a representative for the CAFE Delegate Assembly until the October Meeting:

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy

Seconded by: Monica Pomazon

Vote: Carried (vote 5-0)

Discussion about the role and purpose of the Delegate Assembly took place, and Patrice McCarthy from CABA mentioned that CABA is conducting online training to ensure the meeting focuses on policy rather than procedural issues.

Item 4. Discussion of Board of Education Goals, 2017-18, with Patrice McCarthy, CABA

Chair Robert Mitchell turned the goal-setting process over to Patrice. Patrice used items which were mentioned by Board members in their Board of Education self-evaluation to inform goal setting. Patrice directed Board Members to reflect on current goals, celebrate progress and determine next steps. Board members suggested two additional goals: 1. To maintain positive relationships with staff through the collective bargaining process and 2. To ensure professional development for Board members related to their professional responsibilities. One goal, "Create an adhoc Communications Committee" was discontinued since it has been completed. Discussion about other goals focused on ways to improve communication with the community. Patrice will write up changes to the goals and their approval will be on the September Board agenda.

Item 5. Results off Self Evaluation, Board of Education members.

Patrice reviewed three areas of disparity raised by Board members in their self-evaluations: 1. Collaboration with other boards and agencies in the community, 2. Issues around use of social media and confidentiality and dealing with conflict, 3. Shared understanding of the chain of command in the Board / Superintendent relationship and identification of the spokesperson for the Board. It was agreed by all to engage CABA to conduct training for Board members in these areas at the October 17, 2017 meeting and to invite all candidates who are running for the Board in the November elections to attend that training.

Item 6. Adjournment

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy

Seconded by: Carrie Baxter

Vote: Carried (vote 5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Mitchell, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Carrie T. Baxter, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____