

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
February 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**

2017-2018 Board of Education Goal:

To engage in a cycle of continuous improvement to ensure all students are educated with high standards and achieve at the highest levels of learning in the Montville Public Schools.

Item 1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Robert Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., all stood and pledged the flag. Board Chair Robert Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville High School Library/Media Center. Board members present were; James Woods, Sandra Berardy, Colleen Rix, Steven Loiler, Monica Pomazon, Daniel Boisvert, Joseph Aquitante and Dana Ladyga.

Also present were Superintendent of Schools Brian Levesque, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin, Director of Special Education, Paula LaChance, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators Jill Mazzalupo, Jeffrey Theodoss, Jason Daly, Mary-Jane Dix, Denise Dunning, Amy Espinoza, William Klinefelter, Heather Sangermano, Jennifer Russell, and Phil Orbe.

Item 2. Community Comments. None

Item 3. Board discussion regarding the continued purchase of yearbooks for the board at a cost of \$630.

Motion: To approve the purchase of one yearbook to be stored at the Board of Education Offices.

Proposed by: Monica Pomazon
Seconded by: Dana Ladyga
Vote: Carried (vote 8 -0)

Item 4. Consideration and action to approve the encumbrance of \$90,000 from the Board of Education non-lapsing account to fund the Leonard J. Tyl School Water System Improvement, State Project #086-0091 CV. Once the project is complete the balance of any remaining encumbered money from this project will be liquidated back to the Board of Education non-lapsing account.

Motion: To approve the encumbrance of \$90,000 from the Board of Education non-lapsing account to fund the Leonard J. Tyl School Water System Improvement, State Project #086-0091 CV. Once the project is complete the balance of any remaining encumbered money from this project will be liquidated back to the Board of Education non-lapsing account.

Proposed by: Sandra Berardy
Seconded by: Joe Aquitante
Vote: Carried (vote 8 -0)

Superintendent Levesque advised that all four bids received were over the \$480,000 which was already appropriated. The only way to complete this project is to appropriate the anticipated overage of \$90,000. We contacted the State and they indicated that they will still honor the re-imbusement rate of 68%. Bob Deluca, the engineer for the Town, explained how the cost of the project changed so dramatically and the assumptions which were made which caused this, the scope of work did not change. There were many unknowns with the project which caused his estimate to come in too low. The State recommended the \$90,000 as a safe number.

This new number is good because it is based on the actual bids received. There is a 20% contingency built into this number and we are hopeful that not all of this money will be used but will be returned to the non-lapsing account. This project solves all of the water problems at both Tyl, the bus garage and the high school.

Item 5. Presentation/discussion on the Superintendent's proposed budget for 2018-2019.

Motion: That the board entertains a motion for discussion.

Proposed by: Joe Aquitante
Seconded by: Colleen Rix
Vote: Carried (vote 8 -0)

Superintendent Levesque presented three budget scenarios and emphasized that scenario one, which was built off of the 2017-2018 budget which was originally funded by the Town of Montville, is the one which he supports. It is his belief that based on the information regarding the funding of ECS money that the State will again cut ECS funding to Montville and the board will likely be faced with difficult decisions once again this spring. The intention of providing three budget scenarios was to provide The Board with the time necessary to consider all of the options when facing possible cuts. The presentation may be found in its entirety on the district web site under the 2018-2019 budget.

Board Comments; Sandra Berardy; As a Board Member it is my responsibility to keep programs and I don't want to keep hacking away. We need to think of where we should be, what we should be adding and how will we come up with more money. We need to fight for that and do what's right for the school system first. Looking at a bottom line number does hurt kids. Twenty-five students in a class should be examined and revised. Monica Pomazon; Wants to work to find a balance between some cuts and trying to keep what we have. Chair Bob Mitchell; I am proud of what we have and the achievement of our students. I'd love to bring back what we have lost, like Spanish at the Elementary

Schools. Our next meeting is February 21st where we will take public comment and consider options. Dan Boisvert; agrees with the comments made by Sandra. Chair Bob Mitchell asked the remaining board members if they had additional comments, there were none.

Item 6. Adjournment.

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Proposed by: Daniel Boisvert
Seconded by: Joe Aquitante
Vote: Carried (vote 8 -0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Mitchell, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Colleen Rix, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____

It is anticipated that the Board will enter into executive session to review confidential documents and to discuss an issue of collective bargaining.

An executive session was not called during the meeting.