

Town of Montville Finance Committee

Special Meeting Minutes for

May 31, 2018

5:00 P.M.

Room 203

Councilor Pike called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. He also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Councilor McNally, Councilor Jaskiewicz, Mayor McDaniel and Finance Director Hart.

Remarks from the Public: none

Councilor McNally moved, second by Councilor Jaskiewicz, to approve the minutes of the 5/15/18 meeting. Motion passed.

Superintendent Pallin discussed the MBR figure of \$37,511,814. She explained that using the July 2017 allocation of \$37,660,619 and adding the additional ECS Grant funds from the State of \$673,689, the 2019 allocation would be \$38,334,308. The BOE request of \$37,981,380 is below this amount. She listed the various cuts that have been made through the years. She stated that further cuts would jeopardize programs. Councilor McNally stated that at the last meeting the committee had discussed funding the BOE at \$37,200,000 and they funded several capital items that were requested. He feels that funding the budget at \$37,660,619 is well above MBR and he is confident the Board will be able to work with this amount. Councilor Jaskiewicz and Councilor Pike expressed concern with the transfers made by the BOE at year end. The Board explained that these were due to outsourcing for drivers. Councilor Pike stated that receiving this new information at such a late hour was unacceptable. Kathy Lamoureux said this information was given to the committee for consideration and she understands that it is late in the game.

Councilor Pike moved, second by Councilor McNally, to fund the Board of Education budget at \$37,660,619. Motion passed.

Remarks from the public: Tony Siragusa of Hillcrest Drive questioned why Town employees couldn't fill in for the bus drivers when needed. The Superintendent explained that the bus drivers go through a great deal of training before they can drive the buses.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Theresa Hart, Director of Finance