

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER
April 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

2018-2019 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.

Minutes are informational only; no votes or actions were taken.

Item 1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began at 4:05 P.M. Present were: Superintendent Laurie Pallin, Board member Jim Wood, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, and Parent Representatives Gretchen Brochu, Heidi Koning, Heather Lunny, and Director of Transportation Kerry Tetreault.

Item 2. Discussion regarding issues with transportation and possible solutions.

Issues facing the transportation department were discussed:

- a. Finite number of drivers
- b. New drivers require at least 3 months to be licensed
- c. Finite number of mini-busses / vans for special education transport
- d. Narrow time window between runs for high, middle and elementary schools
- e. Need to transport across whole town to special elementary school programs
- f. Number of special arrangements parents request results in mistakes
- g. Need to transport from across entire town to magnets and other choice schools.
- h. Inconsistencies in route times

By trying to meet everyone's needs and failing to, we are generating dissatisfaction with our transportation services.

A number of possible solutions to address our current inability to transport all students in a timely fashion were reviewed and will be brought to the full Board at the May 21st meeting. Solutions need to result in the need for fewer buses and the creation of shorter routes given the current local and national shortage of bus drivers.

Item 4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. with no votes or actions taken.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robert Mitchell, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Colleen Rix, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____