

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Montville Senior Center
January 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

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.

Board Chair Sandra Berardy introduced Board members and administrators who gathered to hear input regarding the 2020-2021 budget process from senior citizens present at the Montville Senior Center. Board members present were: Robert Mitchell, Monica Pomazon and Jim Wood.

Also present were Superintendent Laurie Pallin, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback and Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux.

Sandra Berardy and Laurie Pallin briefly described the budget process and constraints which the Board faces.

2020-2021 Budget input from community members:

Senior citizens present asked questions and provided feedback regarding their priorities. One person present questioned the veracity of the enrollment figures which the district provided and disputed the number of certified teachers the district employs. He was urged to set up a meeting to review this data more closely with the superintendent. Others expressed concern about the outdated technology at the middle and high school levels stating that they believed it was a priority to provide students with newer devices. A concern was raised that settling union contracts with low wage increases might hurt our ability to hire and retain the best employees. A question was posed regarding the costs for special education. The importance of investing funds to maintain our buildings was raised.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Berardy, Chair
Montville Board of Education

Monica Pomazon, Secretary
Montville Board of Education

Minutes Approved: _____