

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEONARD J. TYL MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER  
January 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.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.**

**Item 1. Call to order**

Board Chair Sandra Berardy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at Leonard J. Tyl Middle School. Board members present were: Dana Ladyga, Robert Mitchell, Monica Pomazon and Jim Wood.

Also present were Superintendent Laurie Pallin, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Director of Facilities Steve Carroll, Principal M.J. Dix, and Assistant Principal Jason Daly. MHS Principal Heather Sangermano and Assistant Principal Rob Alves joined the group at 5:30 when the meeting moved to Montville High School

**Item 2. Tour of Leonard J. Tyl Middle School**

Steve Carroll discussed, and Board members observed, items at Tyl in need of repair that are recommended for inclusion in capital improvement requests. These include the Tyl roof and roof units, the boilers, the parking lot, the gym floor, carpet, and window caulking.

*Board members then moved to Montville High School where they were joined by parents for the Budget Forum.*

**Item 3. 2020-2021 Budget input from community members**

Parents spoke about their priorities for inclusion in the budget. Four parents were present and all spoke of the importance of providing access to updated computers and technology for all students especially at the middle and high school levels. They also expressed the desire for continued investment in school security and in resources for students' mental health including an additional social worker. One parent mentioned that the reintroduction of middle school sports has improved morale and that the opportunities provided by afterschool activities in combination with services provided by the late buses are very important.

There was a discussion about the need to work with teachers before any investments in technology are made to ensure that teachers have input in the devices requested and that curriculum and instructional strategies take advantage of the integration of increased access to technology.

**Item 4. Tour of Montville High School**

Steve Carroll discussed, and Board members observed, items at MHS in need of repair that are recommended for inclusion in the upcoming capital improvement requests. These include repair to the tennis courts and related tree removal, resurfacing of the track, regrading and leveling the baseball field, and repair of the SE entrance access road to MHS.

**Item 5. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn.

Proposed by: Robert Mitchell

Seconded by: Monica Pomazon

Vote: Carried (vote 5 -0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Berardy, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Monica Pomazon, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

***Minutes Approved:*** \_\_\_\_\_