

**SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Montville High School Library Media Center  
March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Board of Education Goals**

**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 Sandra Berardy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Montville High School Library. Board members present were Robert Mitchell, Sheelagh Lapinski, Carol Burgess, Monica Pomazon, James Wood, and Steven Loiler. Board members Joe Aquitante and Dana Ladyga were absent.

Also present were Superintendent Laurie Pallin, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux, Administrators M.J. Dix, Jill Mazzalupo, Amy Espinoza, Paula LaChance, Robert Alves, Steve Carroll, Heather Sangermano, Will Klinefelter, David Gollsneider, and Laura Zurell. and Town Council members Kathy Pollard, Timothy May, and Mayor McDaniel.

**Item 2. Comments regarding agenda items only**

None

**Item 3. Consideration to set a date for the final CABA Lighthouse Workshop. Available dates are March 24th, 31st and April 7th**

The Board discussed the available dates and elected to set March 31st as their first choice, April 7<sup>th</sup> as second choice.

**Item 4. Consideration and action to approve the proposed Capital Improvement projects.**

Motion: Consideration and action to approve the proposed Capital Improvement projects as presented.

Proposed by: Steven Loiler  
Seconded by: Monica Pomazon  
Vote: Carried (vote 7-0)

*Steve Carroll provided an explanation of each item in the capital plan. Jim Wood – Could a bus garage van be re-purposed and used to replace the maintenance van? Monica – Thanked Steve for providing explanations of all capital projects during the building tours.*

**Item 5. Discussion and possible action for recommendations and changes / approval of the proposed budget for 2020-2021, with submission to the Town by March 15, 2020**

Motion: Consideration and action to approve the proposed 2020-2021 budget for a total of \$40,034,735.94 as presented and submit to the Town by March 15, 2020.

Proposed by: Jim Wood  
Seconded by: Monica Pomazon  
Vote: Carried (vote 7-0)

*Laurie provided explanations of objects which Board Members had emailed questions about: 114, 330, 510, 560, 561, 562, 563, 810.*

*Sandra asked whether we still thought leasing Chromebooks was the best choice for technology needs. Laurie explained that it was.*

**Item 6. Citizens' Comments**

*Michelle Cure, has a student at Oakdale and one at Ledyard VoAg: I read the article in The Day and I am in support of the requests made by the Superintendent, we need more in-house social workers. As the parent of a special needs student Social Workers are a required service in today's world with peer pressure, bullying and divorces. Students with issues need someone to talk to. I also feel that Chromebooks are the best thing since ice cream, they are valuable to students and have great capabilities. They really help the students to stay organized. My son brings his Chromebook home every day. I would also like to share my concerns regarding transportation. My 14 year old is picked up at 5:30 a.m., he walks to Chapel Hill from Ct. Blvd in the dark to catch the bus to Norwich Tech. and I feel it is unsafe. There is another girl in the neighborhood in the same situation.*

**Item 7. Adjournment**

Motion: That the meeting is adjourned.

Proposed by: Steven Loiler  
Seconded by: Bob Mitchell  
Vote: Carried (vote 7-0)  
The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Berardy, Chair  
Montville Board of Education

Monica Pomazon, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

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