



**MONTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
SUPERINTENDENT'S LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
May 14, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.**

Item 1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Chair Monica Pomazon called the meeting to order at **5:15 p.m.** All stood for the pledge. Committee members present were Sandra Berardy, Monica Pomazon and Robert Mitchell. Also present were Superintendent Laurie Pallin and Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback.

Item 2. Communications to students / families regarding COVID-19 planning (including awards and end of the year events).

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming events at the elementary, middle and high school levels. We reviewed possible scenarios to ensure we appropriately celebrate students (awards night and other end-of-year activities) while following the guidelines of the CDC, State Department of Education and Uncas Public Health. High School graduation was discussed in detail in terms of possible options, input received from students and families and next steps needed before determining the best course of action to take which includes reviewing and adhering to expected guidance from the CSDE. A meeting with safe-grad was occurring following this meeting to discuss a joint effort to recognize and celebrate seniors throughout town.

Item 3. Communication regarding the 2020-2021 budget

We reviewed the outcome of the recent Town Council Meeting adopting the 2020-2021 Board of Education budget and the impact it will have on school operations in light of the safety measures to be implemented in the upcoming school year. We had a discussion of the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act that is to provide \$269,000 in fund to support areas impacted by the disruption and closure of schools due to the pandemic. With the potential costs associated with resources needed for our return to school next fall (whether in-person, virtually, or hybrid): blended learning, personal protection equipment, social, emotional and academic support for students, labor management concerns, etc. the discussion entailed the need to explore solutions as this funding would likely not adequately support all that may be needed.

Item 4. Discussion of future agenda items

None were identified.

Item 5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm

Proposed by: Robert Mitchell
Seconded by: Sandra Berardy
Vote: Carried (vote 3-0)

Respectfully Submitted by,

Monica Pomazon
Communications Committee Chair