

**Town of Montville Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order
Chairman May called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in honor of our military
3. Roll Call
Present were Councilors Leonard Bunnell, Sr., Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, Tim May, Kathleen Pollard, and Joseph Rogulski. Absent was Councilor Colleen Rix. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.
4. Special Recognitions/Presentations – *none*
5. New Business
 - a. **Resolution #2021-10. THE TOWN OF MONTVILLE HEREBY RESOLVES** to approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Montville Board of Education and Montville Education Association for the period September 1, 2021-August 31, 2024.

Motion made by Councilor Bunnell, seconded by Councilor Pollard. Discussion: Councilor Jaskiewicz reported that, per the memo from Superintendent Laurie Pallin, the BOE entered mediation and an agreement was reached. The agreement was subsequently reviewed by the Attorney. He stated that the numbers are competitive with those of other school districts in the State. 64% of the teachers will not receive a step increase, but will receive a pay increase; others will receive an 8.26% step and pay increase. The primary issues included the language changes, including the development of a committee to develop the procedures and protocols for bus duty and the workload of special education teachers. Councilor Jaskiewicz was unable to confirm whether the agreement was included in their FY2021/22 budget that was presented at last night's meeting. It was noted that the agreement would not become effective until September 1, 2021. Councilor Caron noted the difference in the 13% to 15% cost-share for medical insurance for the town vs. 20% to 22% for the BOE. Mayor McDaniel stated that the agreement is not out of line and explained that the 8.26% step and pay increase is a compounded rate over the term of the contract. Roll call vote, 6-0, all in favor. Voting in Favor: Councilors Bunnell, Caron, Jaskiewicz, Pollard, Rogulski, and May. Voting in Opposition: None. Resolution passes.

6. Remarks from the Public with a three-minute limit – *none*

7. Remarks from the Councilors and the Mayor

Councilor Jaskiewicz expressed his appreciation to the Board of Education (BOE) for allowing him to take part in their discussions, which he found very interesting.

Councilor Caron thanked Councilor Jaskiewicz for his ongoing efforts and updates during the process.

Chairman May thanked the BOE for their time and efforts, Councilor Jaskiewicz for attending the meetings and keeping the Councilors informed, and all of who were involved.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilor Jaskiewicz, seconded by Councilor Caron, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville

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