

## SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

### Electronic Zoom Meeting

#### Item 1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Sandra Berardy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board members attending were: James Wood, Carol Burgess, Sheelagh Lapinski, Monica Pomazon, and Wills Pike. Board Members Bob Mitchell, Dana Ladyga and Joe Aquitante were absent.

Also participating were: Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin, Assistant Superintendent Dianne Vumback, Director of Special Education Paula LaChance, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Jennifer LeMay, Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux and Administrators Jill Mazzalupo, Amy Espinoza, Will Klinefelter, M.J. Dix, Jason Daly, David Gollsneider, Amanda Brown, Theresa Gouveia, Heather Sangermano and Rob Alves.

*Hearing of delegates and citizens (regarding agenda items only)*

None

#### Item 2. Discussion and possible action regarding school learning model at the secondary level.

Motion: To approve the Superintendent's proposed secondary re-entry plan.

Moved by: Jim Wood  
Seconded by: Carol Burgess  
Vote: Carried (6-0)

*Superintendent Pallin shared plans for students to return to school four days per week at the secondary level. The region continues to see a decline in positive cases. The number of cases seen in the district also continue to decline. The results of the recent survey for secondary students and parents were also shared. Grade 6 students will begin to attend 4 days a week on March 22 and grades 7, 8 students will begin on March 29. The high school will phase students in by need. The first group of students phased in will come to school on March 22, a second group will be phased in on April 5<sup>th</sup> and remaining students will begin on May 3.*

*MHS and Tyl continue to work on plans for the return of students. Tyl students are in cohorts for the most part and travel together, we are unable to cohort at the high school.*

*The K-1 students returned four days this week; that transition is going well. We will continue our phase in for March.*

*Jim: The HS students who wish to come back before May 3<sup>rd</sup>? Heather: We will look at those students more closely for the April 5<sup>th</sup> phase-in.*

*What will we do with students who are at risk who do not want to return? Heather: We have been very successful by meeting with students, families and our team to get the students back to the four day schedule.*

*Wills: I support getting the students back in school.*

**Item 3. Consideration and action to reinstate the Palmer Principal position and appoint David Gollsneider as Principal effective July 1, 2021**

Motion: To reinstate the Position of Principal at Palmer, appointing David Gollsneider as Principal effective July 1, 2021.

Moved by: Monica Pomazon  
Seconded by: Sheelagh Lapinski  
Vote: Carried (6-0)

**Item 4. Discussion and revision of existing mask policy**

Motion: To revise the existing Mask Policy removing gators as an acceptable mask for staff and students.

Moved by: Jim Wood  
Seconded by: Carol Burgess  
Vote: Carried (6-0)

**Item 5. Consideration and possible action to approve the proposed Capital Improvement Projects.**

Motion: To approve the Capital Improvement Projects as proposed and submit them to the Town

Moved by: Monica Pomazon  
Seconded by: Wills Pike  
Vote: Carried (6-0)

**Item 6. Discussion and possible action to consider recommendations and changes / approval of the proposed budget for 2021-2022, with submission to the Town by March 15, 2021**

Motion: To approve the proposed budget for 2021-2022, reducing it by \$24,808 to \$39,952,910 with submission to the town before March 15, 2021.

Moved by: Monica Pomazon  
Seconded by: Jim Wood  
Vote: Carried (6-0)

*Superintendent Pallin shared two possible reductions to the budget including dropping the NSBA membership and a return of premium for Worker's Compensation.*

*Wills Pike: I recommend that we remove the cost for the laptop leases and use the funds from the current year to transfer to this account to purchase the laptops. Kathy Lamoureux responded that*

*this might be possible, but we need more time to determine whether funds are available. Just today, we had an unexpected \$10,000 expense due to some flooding at Tyl and we are also currently completing boiler work at Tyl which was unbudgeted.*

Citizens Comments

*None*

**Item 9. Adjournment**

**Motion: To adjourn**

Moved by: Monica Pomazon  
Seconded by: Wills Pike  
Vote: Carried (6-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Berardy  
Board Chair

Monica Pomazon, Secretary  
Montville Board of Education

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