



**Montville Board of Educaiton  
Meeting of the Policy Committee  
Superintendent's Large Conference Room  
April 20, 2021 - MINUTES**

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

Committee Chair James Wood called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

Board members Monica Pomazon, Wills Pike, and Sandra Berardy were present

Board member Joe Aquitante was absent

**Item 2: Discussion and review of policy No. 6146.3; Diploma of Academic Distinction**

*Jim Wood asked for an explanation of why the letters received by parents were sent and whether this has occurred in the past. Heather and Laurie explained that typically each year a few parents raise concerns about their students' eligibility for the Diploma of Academic Distinction or National Honor Society, but that we have always held firm in following the criteria in the policies. Wills and Monica both expressed agreement that they were opposed to changing the policy in April of the students' senior year, given that students have been working for four years with an understanding of the policy as written. They also noted that the policy has been in effect since 1986 and we have administered the policy as written since that time. All Board members agreed that they would not recommend a change to the policy at this time. They did express interest in reviewing the whole policy in the future, but did not support changing it ten weeks before graduation. Sandra mentioned the possible use of a portfolio to demonstrate excellence in the future rather than a set of grades, GPA or class rank. Board members asked that we revisit the policy to look at the philosophy behind it and include students in that process.*

**Item 3: Discussion and review of Policy No. 5123; Promotion/Acceleration/Retention**

*Dianne presented the suggested changes to the attendance policy which included striking language referencing attendance criteria for requiring retention and updating the credit requirements to advance in grade levels at the high school.*

***Motion: To accept the changes to Policy 5123 as presented and to bring the policy changes to the full Board for ratification***

Moved: Wills Pike

Seconded: Monica Pomazon Vote: 4-0

**Item 3: Future agenda items**

*Review Policy 6146.3 and consider a substantive change to the way students might demonstrate excellence meriting special recognition at graduation*

**Item 4: Adjournment.**

Motion: To adjourn

Moved: Monica Pomazon

Seconded: Wills Pike Vote: 4-0