

Town of Montville Town Council  
**Public Hearing Board of Education Budget Minutes**  
**Thursday, April 29, 2021**  
6:00 p.m. – Montville Town Hall, Town Council Chambers

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## 1. Call to Order

Deputy Chair Caron called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

## 3. Roll Call

Present were Councilors Leonard Bunnell, Sr., Billy Caron, Joseph Jaskiewicz, and Colleen Rix and Joseph Rogulski by remote access. Absent were Councilors Tim May and Kathleen Pollard. Also present was Mayor Ronald McDaniel.

## 4. Public Hearing

### TOWN OF MONTVILLE NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

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**Revenue Summary 2021-2022**

Description	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ADOPTED	2021 ESTIMATE	2022 DEPT.REQ.	2022 MAYOR PROP
PROPERTY TAXES	42,158,756	43,344,353	43,344,353	48,487,113	44,147,370
LICENSES & PERMITS	1,138,667	859,500	859,500	882,200	882,200
REVENUE USE MONEY/PROPERTY	291,792	266,000	266,000	32,780	30,000
REVENUE OTHER AGENCIES	121,766	231,364	231,364	245,148	245,148
STATE GRANTS SCHOOL	13,289,641	13,216,242	13,216,242	13,215,974	13,215,974
STATE GRANTS UNSPECIFIED	3,194,386	3,193,040	3,193,040	4,877,789	4,877,789
CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	440,034	386,700	386,700	412,000	412,000
MISC REVENUE	2,510,031	1,373,500	925,000	867,000	867,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>63,145,073</b>	<b>62,870,699</b>	<b>62,422,199</b>	<b>69,020,004</b>	<b>64,677,481</b>

**Expenditure Summary 2021-2022**

Description	2020 ACTUAL	2021 ADOPTED	2021 ESTIMATE	2022 DEPT.REQ.	2022 MAYOR PROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,313,715	2,489,636	2,499,936	2,785,036	2,484,098
INTERGOVT CONTRIBUTIONS	74,300	74,300	74,300	204,942	85,800
FRINGE BENEFITS/INSURANCE	4,649,561	5,145,800	5,053,000	5,255,700	5,106,000
DEBT SERVICE	4,938,703	5,073,180	5,073,180	5,039,516	5,039,516
LAND USE	244,451	289,428	289,428	292,729	292,729
HUMAN SERVICES	636,044	671,644	671,644	745,606	690,537
CULTURE AND RECREATION	371,981	406,150	406,650	427,427	425,695
PUBLIC SAFETY	5,314,328	5,088,542	5,391,542	5,470,644	5,436,412
PUBLIC WORKS	3,799,396	3,860,215	3,860,215	3,964,482	3,934,482
EDUCATION	38,086,073	39,271,804	39,271,804	39,886,140	39,886,140
CAPITAL	563,240	500,000	500,000	4,947,782	1,296,072
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>60,991,792</b>	<b>62,870,699</b>	<b>63,091,699</b>	<b>69,020,004</b>	<b>64,677,481</b>

Detailed copies of the budget by department are available at the office of the Town Clerk or online at [www.montville-ct.org](http://www.montville-ct.org).  
Dated at Montville, Connecticut, this 14th day of April 2021.

*Ronald K. McDaniel*  
Mayor

*Timothy May*  
Town Council Chairman

*Theresa Hart*  
Finance Director

Deputy Chair Caron introduced Board of Education Chairperson Sandra Berardy and Superintendent of Schools Laurie Pallin who spoke on behalf of the proposed FY 2020-2021 Education Budget.

BOE Chairperson Berardy stated it is the same as every year (referring to her name and address) and said it is another year for their budget and as usual the BOE had several meetings to set the budget right and come up with an accurate one for review. The number of grants received by the Board of Education this year caused some confusion with the thinking that they may offset the normal BOE budget. Those grants are streamlined for individual programs and do not offset what would be presented in the normal BOE budget which Superintendent Pallin will explain. This year there was a meeting with the subcommittee of the Board of Ed and the subcommittee of the Finance Committee to clear up questions they had. The numbers of the Mayor's budget look good and we hope they will remain as he proposes.

Superintendent of Schools Pallin expressed appreciation for Mayor McDaniel's proposal to fully fund the Board of Education operating budget. Steps in preparation of the budget included determining next year's cost without additional services and all possible reductions, specifically contractual salary increases, estimated benefit increases, purchased services, and supplies; in addition to, savings due to eight (8) teacher retirements and resignations and an estimated decrease of out-of-district transportation costs. The increase of \$465,405 in the 2022 budget over the 2021 budget was based upon student enrollment and student learning needs. Funding from the Esser Grant, instead of the operating budget, to be used for replacement of part-time paraprofessionals to full-time, an ELE coach, and teacher leaders and a full-time SRO at Tyl. Over a period of time, the BOE scrutinized and reduced the budget including pandemic related measures such as replacement and lease of technology for distanced learning, to pay for CIP requests for 2022 reduced from \$2 million to \$1,295,157.00, and to reduce salaries and benefits for bus drivers. The FY 2021-2022 BOE request is for an increase \$554,336 or 1.3%, from their FY 2020-2021 budget, totaling \$39,816.40. Superintendent Pallin highlighted the Esser Grant as a means to accelerate and support student learning and accommodate the loss of academic skills as a result of the pandemic. She thanked Business Manager Kathy Lamoureux for her work in preparing the budget and welcomed questions.

Deputy Chair Caron asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak regarding the Board of Education Budget for FY 2021-2022.

Board of Education Member Pike, 79 Pheasant Run, Oakdale stated he understood both sides of the Board's budget as a former Town Councilor and now as a Board of Ed member and spoke of credibility, responsibility, effort in the process, and his having been a financial critic for years under three (3) former superintendents. He spoke of the \$605,000 transfer back to the Town 2% Fund accounted for last year and of its current balance of \$330,000, a total cost of \$1 million when compared to the education cost for that of a special education per student at \$150,000 or more. He also commented on the very detailed grant as having a 3-year time period that is being used for Covid expenditures and the hiring of temporary teachers. Board of Education Member Pike wholeheartedly endorsed the FY 2020-2021 BOE Budget and expressed hope for the support of the Town Council.

No comments were received by email nor from attendees online.

#### 5. Adjournment

Motion by Councilor Bunnell; seconded by Councilor Jaskiewicz to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Discussion: none. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by: Gloria J. Gathers (for Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville.)

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