

**Regular Meeting (Wednesday, September 2, 2020)**

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**Members present**

Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

**Members absent**

Ronald Tourigny, Matthew Vance, Amy Morton, James Cournoyer, Edward Simms

**Officers of the School Committee Present**

Dr. Sheila Harrity

**School district personnel present**

Thomas Browne, Principal, Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal, James Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs, Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs, Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology, Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator, Tammy Crockett, Business Manager, Michael Gormley, Facilities Director, Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM**

1. Opening Items

Information: A. Open Meeting Law Disclosure

Information: B. Call to Order

Information: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: D. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: E. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2020 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Abstain: James Boone, John Mollica, Maureen Ward, John Columbus, Toni Phillips

Action, Minutes: F. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 5, 2020 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Brian Walker, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Abstain: James Boone, John Mollica, Maureen Ward, John Columbus, Toni Phillips

## 2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

Superintendent Harrity reviewed all the COVID-related grants Monty Tech has applied for and has been awarded, totaling \$543,140.00. She gave a school opening update which included results from the parent/student survey for Opt Out and Transportation Options.

She informed the committee that Monty Tech has established a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Fitchburg and Leominster who will be providing child care assistance for Monty Tech employees who need it. She also gave a Summer Projects Update as well.

Superintendent Harrity announced that Monty Tech has a first-ever articulation agreement with Becker College. This comprehensive agreement acknowledges student achievement in the Monty Tech Veterinary Science program, and awards up to 13 college credits to qualified students.

Action: B. Memorandum of Agreement with MRTA

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MRTA AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

## 3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Principal's Monthly Report

Principal Browne updated the committee on Freshman Orientation.

Information: B. Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report

The Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report was presented for perusal.

Information C. Faculty Guide

The Faculty Guide was presented for perusal.

## 4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Anne Marie Cataldo, Early Childhood Program, will retire November 20, 2020 after 31 years.

**Information: B. Resignation**

Carlos Carrion, an evening custodian, has resigned effective August 18, 2020.

Tracy Figueiredo, a grooming instructor, has resigned effective August 3, 2020.

Tonia Spacciapoli, a part-time school psychologist, has resigned effective August 17, 2020.

Lea McDonald, the practical nursing program support manager, has resigned effective September 7, 2020.

Lauren Hatfield, a part-time physical education instructor, has resigned effective August 26, 2020.

**Information: C. Appointment**

Beth Ortega, Leominster, has been hired as an English Instructor.

Hannah Britten, Westminster, has been hired as an English Instructor.

Shane Brogan, Westminster, has been hired as a House Carpentry Instructor.

Nicola Melekov, Westminster, has been hired as a Part-time School Psychologist.

Jason Yeagle, Princeton, has been hired as the School Nutrition Director.

Lisa DeNapoli, Westminster, has been hired as a Cosmetology Instructor.

**5. Reports by Subcommittees**

**Information: A. Financial Planning**

Dr. Ward stated that the Financial Planning Subcommittee met prior to the school committee meeting. The Subcommittee fully supports Action Item B. Deposit into Transportation Revolving \$300,000 from FY20 state aid transportation receipts.

**Action, Information: B. Policy – EBCFA – Face Coverings**

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE DISPENSE OF THE FIRST READING OF POLICY EBCFA AND APPROVE AS A SECOND READING.**

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

**Action, Information: C. Policy - EBC-S – COVID Related Issues**

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE DISPENSE OF THE FIRST READING OF POLICY EBC-S AND APPROVE AS A SECOND READING.**

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Action, Information: D. Policy – IHBHE – Remote Learning  
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE DISPENSE OF THE FIRST READING OF POLICY IHBHE AND APPROVE AS A SECOND READING.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Information: E. Workforce

## 6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Financial Statements are in the packet for perusal.

Action, Discussion: B. Deposit into Transportation Revolving  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE DEPOSIT OF \$300,000 INTO THE TRANSPORTATION REVOLVING FUND FROM FY20 STATE AID TRANSPORTATION RECEIPTS.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Maureen Ward.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus  
Abstain: Barbara Reynolds

Action, Information: C. Acceptance of the FY21 Summer and Vacation Learning Program Grant  
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE FY21 SUMMER AND VACATION LEARNING PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,600.00.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Action, Discussion: D. Acceptance of ESSER Grant  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (ESSER) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,565.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

## 7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals

Information: D. School Committee Comments

Information: E. Correspondence/Reports

## 8. Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair Forty-Eight Hours Before the Meeting

## 9. Closing Items

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Maureen Ward, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Meeting adjourned at 8:21