

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, April 5, 2023)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, and Whitney Marshall

Members absent

Jeanne Bartlett, Donna Lafayette, William Brassard, Ronald Tourigny, Robert Campbell, Peter Capone, James Cournoyer, Petersham Vacant

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: C. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Information: D. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: E. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2023 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

Abstain: Sara Dilg, Whitney Marshall

Action, Discussion: F. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2023 AS AMENDED.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

Abstain: Sara Dilg, Whitney Marshall

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Monty Tech's own, Jenelle Remy from Graphics Communications, won first place with her National Trading Pin Design.
- Monty Tech Now Has TWO 2023 SkillsUSA Winners - Last year Jenelle Remy This year, she upped her game and won first place for the NATIONAL Skills USA Trading Pin design.

- 36 Monty Tech students visited the campus of Keene State College. Keene State College currently articulates up to 12 credits for vocational students which provides a significant savings to our students.
- Monty Tech has once again partnered with Heywood Hospital and the Montachusett Suicide Prevention Task Force and will be hosting the Ride of Your Life event on campus in August of 2023.
- Monty Tech received the Student, Teachers and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program. The grant recipients will use their awards to conduct threat assessments and deploy crisis intervention teams.
- Monty Tech has submitted the FY24 Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant application. Monty Tech is requesting funding in the amount of \$500,000 to purchase commercial kitchen equipment that is updated, and to purchase a food truck, which will allow instructors to develop all-new curriculum in street food, quick service and community service opportunities.
- Monty Tech completed and submitted its Student Opportunity Act update
Monty Tech recently partnered with Care Solace to support its mission of helping students, families and our community to enhance the accessibility to mental health care and substance use treatment.
- Monty Tech will be partnering with Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport and Society to provide professional development for faculty and student regarding a respectful school culture.
- Monty Tech Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament - June 16, 2023 at 12:00.
- Superintendent Browne responded to member questions regarding his Superintendent's Entry Report.

Action, Information: B. School Choice

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO ACCEPT SCHOOL CHOICE STUDENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR FOR GRADES 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Abstain: Sara Dilg

Action, Information: C. Out of State Field Trip CAD/Drafting and Design

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE AN OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR 12 CAD/DRAFTING AND DESIGN STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND TO ATTEND THE MANSIONS TOUR ON MAY 5, 2023.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report is attached to the agenda for perusal.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

- Monty Tech held its Annual Open House on March 9th.
- ELA Next Generation MCAS was held March 28-29
- Members received a copy of the recipients of the John and Abigail Adams scholarship award.
- Members received a list of the students who qualified for the states SkillsUSA Competitions to be April 27-29 in Marlborough
- Monty Tech participated in a Tiered Focused Monitoring in March. During their visit, DESE was able to speak directly with our students and staff, see use of assistive technology, see methods to ensure inclusive practices, and complete student record reviews.

Information: C. Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report - In the packet for perusal

Information: D. Graduation/Drop Out Rate - Principal Carlson reviewed the graduation/drop-out rate for school year 2022.

Information: E. Program Advisory Notes will be further discussed at the May meeting.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Information: B. Resignation

Erica Shorts, LPN Financial Aid/Program Manager, has resigned after 3 months.

Information: C. Appointment

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE FOR A SECOND READING, CA - ADMINISTRATION, CB - SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR, CBB - RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT, CBH - SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTORS CONSULTING ACTIVITIES, CEA - SCHOOL COUNCIL, CHA - DEVELOPMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF PROCEDURES, CHCA - APPROVAL OF HANDBOOKS AND DIRECTIVES, CE - ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCILS, CABINETS, AND COMMITTEES, AND REMOVAL OF OUTDATED, REDUNDANT, OR DIFFERENTLY INCORPORATED POLICIES CEA-E - SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, CEA-R1 - CONDUCT OF SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS, AND CEA-R2 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Abstain: Sara Dilg

Action, Information: B. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE FOR A FIRST READING, BEDH - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Discussion: C. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair

Paying MASC to host our policy manual was discussed.

Action, Information: B. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE SEND THE PROPOSAL TO PAY MASC TO HOST THE POLICY MANUAL TO THE FINANCIAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE FOR STUDY REPORT.

Motion by James Boone, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: Motion fails

Aye: James Boone

Nay: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Abstain: Sara Dilg

Tabled in order to allow for additional study.

Information: D. Capital Improvements - Diane Swenson Chair

Information: E. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair

Information: F. Student Advisory - Melanie Weeks Chair

Information: G. Scholarship (Ad hoc) - Barbara Reynolds Chair

Information: H. Meeting Recording (Ad Hoc) - William Brassard Chair

Information: I. Financial Planning - Eric Olson Chair

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Information: B. Acceptance of Grant - Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,200 TO COMPLETE A SCHOOL SAFETY AUDIT AND DEVELOP CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Whitney Marshall.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Information: C. Audit Report

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Action, Discussion, Information: B. Reorganization of School Committee

MOVE THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND ELECT THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS, ERIC COMMODORE, CHAIR, JOHN COLUMBUS, VICE CHAIR, THOMAS BROWNE, SECRETARY, JULIE MARYNOK, RECORDING SECRETARY, JEFF GALLANT, TREASURER, BARBARA REYNOLDS, ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Abstain: Sara Dilg

Information: C. School Committee Chairman Report

Information: D. School Committee Information or Proposals

Action, Information: D. School Committee start time change proposal

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS START AT 6:00 PM

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Whitney Marshall.

Discussion ensued. Motion withdrawn.

Information: E. School Committee Comments

Information: F. Correspondence/Reports

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

9. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Meeting adjourned at 8:51