

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, August 3, 2022)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Members absent

James Cournoyer, James Boone, Tamara Estes, Peter Capone, John Mollica, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Officers of the School Committee Present

Thomas Browne

School district personnel present

Dr. Sheila Harrity, Assistant Superintendent, Dayana Carlson, Principal, Tammy Crockett, Business Manager, Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology, Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs, Victoria Zarozinski, Student Support Services, Michael Gormley, Facilities Director, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 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 JUNE 1, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Abstain: John Columbus, Jessica Schanz

Action, Information: F. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Ronald Tourigny.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Abstain: John Columbus, Robert Campbell, Jessica Schanz

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Three students, accompanied by Monty Tech staff, participated at the 2022 SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, held in Atlanta, Georgia.
- The school has begun the transition to a new Student Information System, PowerSchool.
- On Thursday, July 28th, Superintendent Browne and Principal Carlson were invited to a meeting at Fitchburg State University by President Richard Lapidus to discuss potential partnerships.
- Monty Tech has been awarded \$109,988 from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center.
- Friday, July 22, Monty Tech was invited to Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School, where Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, and members of the Workforce Skills Cabinet awarded Monty Tech the Skills Capital Grant of \$399,546 for HVAC & Prop. Maintenance.
- Monty Tech has applied for a \$1,887,127 Lab Modernization Grant. These funds would be used to establish an "After Dark" program that would provide up to 80 students in partnering districts with access to vocational training opportunities in Electrical and Carpentry. Selected Districts, Fitchburg Public Schools, Gardner Public Schools, and Narragansett Regional School District, will collaborate with Monty Tech to outline the terms of this program, providing students who will remain enrolled in their home district with training opportunities.
- There will be a Grand Opening celebration of the Monty Tech Freight Farm, Friday, September 16th at 9:00 am.
- The Monty Tech Foundation will hold its annual Superintendent's Dinner on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at the Doubletree Hotel in Leominster.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Principal's Monthly Report

Monty Tech held its Summer Camps

- Boost Camp
- AP Boost Camp
- Rising Freshmen Academy
- Summer School
- Vocational Summer Camp

Information: B. Post-Graduation Plans Class of 2022 - The post-graduate plans for the Class of 2022 were reviewed.

Information: C. Freshman Enrollment - In the packet for perusal.

Information: D. Special Education Program Advisory Committee Meeting Notes - In the packet for perusal.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Information: B. Resignation

Kelsey Bowen, School Counselor, has resigned effective June 20, 2022, after 5 years.

Brendan Curran, HVAC/Property Maintenance Instructor, has resigned effective June 28, 2022, after 6 years.

Samantha McGuane, English Instructor, has resigned effective July 1, 2022, after 13 years.

Jonathan McInerney, Vocational Specialist, has resigned effective June 30, 2022, after 1 year.

Information: C. Appointment

Melissa Hall, Westminster, has been appointed to the position of Technology Instructor at a salary of \$92,415.00

Robert Needham, Fitchburg, has been appointed to the position of Electrical Instructor at a salary of \$91,030.00
Diana Marchand, Leominster, has been appointed to the position of School Counselor at a salary of \$86,898.00
Matthew Marchetti, Ashburnham, has been appointed to the position of English Instructor at a salary of \$78,926.00

Seth Michaud, Hubbardston, has been appointed to the position of Welding Instructor at a salary of \$68,027.00

Mauro Gimenez, Westminster, has been appointed to the position of Math Instructor at a salary of \$63,357.00

Jonathan Lashua, Templeton, has been appointed to the position of School Counselor at a salary of \$60,933.00

Jamie McEvoy, Ashburnham, has been appointed to the position of School Counselor at a salary of \$56,089.00

Anne Souza, Lowell, has been appointed to the position of Physics Instructor at a salary of \$53,998.00

Adam Becotte, Fitchburg, has been appointed to the position of Special Education Instructor at a salary of \$51,982.00

Drew Curry, Gardner, has been appointed to the position of Maintenance at a salary of \$27.57/hour

Craig Belletete, Ashburnham, has been appointed to the position of Custodial/Maintenance or at a salary of \$20.16/hour

Clarissa Simmers, Winchendon, has been appointed to the position of Evening Custodian at a salary of \$20.16/hour

Tracy Steel, Milford, has been appointed to the position of Groomer at a salary of \$22.00/hour

Kathryn Schmidt, Westminster, has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal at a salary of \$101,000.00

Alicia Spinney, Pepperell, has been appointed to the position of Vocational specialist at a salary of \$32,958.00

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A SECOND READING, SECTION I:
INSTRUCTION: IHBEA**

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz
Nay: John Columbus

Action, Information: B. Policy 2

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A SECOND READING, SECTION K:
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RELATIONS: KA, KEC as amended, AND KDB**

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Information: C. Policy 3

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A SECOND READING, SECTION L:
EDUCATION AGENCY RELATIONS: LB AND LDA.**

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: D. Policy 4

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A FIRST READING, SECTION J:

STUDENTS: JB, JFABD, JFABE, JFABF, and JKAA

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Nay: John Columbus

Information: E. Capital Improvements

Information: F. Workforce

Information: G. Student Advisory

Information: H. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

Information: I. Financial Planning

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion: B. Approval of Deposit into Transportation Reimbursement Revolving Fund

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE OF DEPOSITING \$75,000 RECEIVED FROM STATE AID TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 INTO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT REVOLVING FUND PER M.G.L. CHAPTER 71 SECTION 16C AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 233 OF THE ACTS OF 2014

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: C. Acceptance of Mass Life Science Grant

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM MASS LIFE SCIENCES CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,734 FOR STEM EQUIPMENT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: D. Acceptance of FY23 Skills Capital Grant

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE GRANT FROM MASS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$399,546 TO BENEFIT THE HVAC/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: E. Acceptance of FY23 Perkins Program Improvement and Equipment Grant

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE FY23 PERKINS PROGRAM IMPROVE AND EQUIPMENT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,610 TO BENEFIT SEVERAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Eric Olson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: F. Acceptance of Donation (Anonymous)

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$370,000 TO BENEFIT AUTO BODY/COLLISION REPAIR PROGRAM AND CABINETMAKING PROGRAM.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Eric Olson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: G. Approval of Lease - Business Tech

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE 3-YEAR LEASE WITH CONNECTION FINANCIAL SERVICES (GOVCONNECTION) IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$23,208.64 FOR A TOTAL OF \$69,625.92 WITH A \$1 BUY OUT OPTION FOR DELL DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: H. Approval of Lease - CAD/Drafting

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE 3-YEAR LEASE WITH CONNECTION FINANCIAL SERVICES (GOVCONNECTION) IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$37,836.59 FOR A TOTAL OF \$113,509.77 WITH A \$1 BUY OUT OPTION FOR DELL COMPUTERS FOR CAD/DRAFTING PROGRAM.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Action, Discussion: I. Approval of Lease - Chromebooks

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE 3-YEAR LEASE WITH CONNECTION FINANCIAL SERVICES (GOVCONNECTION) IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$48,976.43 FOR A TOTAL OF \$146,929.29 WITH A \$1 BUY OUT OPTION FOR DELL CHROMEBOOKS FOR FRESHMEN CLASS.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Ronald Tourigny.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Chairman Commodore would like to have more members involved with subcommittees.

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, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Barbara Reynolds, second by Melanie Weeks.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Donna Lafayette, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Jessica Schanz

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM