

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, August 2, 2023)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Members absent

Diane Swenson, Jeffrey Raymond, Pete Capone, Petersham-Vacant, Harvard-Vacant, Holden-Vacant, Hubbardston-Vacant

Officers of the School Committee present

Thomas Browne

School district personnel present

Dayana Carlson, Principal, Ryan Rege, Director of Vocational Programs, Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator, Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs, Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services, Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Legal Counsel

None

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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 7, 2023, AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Barbara Reynolds, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes

Abstain: Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Eric Olson

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 7, 2023 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Barbara Reynolds, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes
Abstain: Eric Olson, Robert Campbell, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Congratulations to Kiana Cintron, a 2023 graduate from the Graphics Communications program, was announced as a National Gold Medal winner in the T-Shirt Design Competition.
- Monty Tech is creating a new instructional position, namely a Professional Skills Instructor. This Perkins Grant funded position would provide push-in instruction to our vocational programs with the explicit purpose of developing the student's skills that go above and beyond the technical skills.
- Monty Tech has submitted an application to become a DESE/NOCTI test site. Specifically, we have offered to host the test administration for the following content areas – Auto Body & Collision Repair, CAD Drafting, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, Electrical and Welding.
- Monty Tech has been awarded a \$500,000.00 Sen. Kenneth Donnelly Workforce Success Grant by ComCorp to be used to supplement our purchase of a new Auto Body spray booth.
- Monty Tech has partnered with McKenzie Engineering, Bohler Engineering and Control Point Associates and will be presenting to the Fitchburg Planning Board on August 22nd. The district has chosen to call our After Dark Program - Montachusett Vocational Partnership (or MVP) Academy.
- Based on the CVTE admissions regulations 603 CMR 4.03(6), amended by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, Monty Tech reviewed its Admissions Policy for potential biases. The district must submit an attestation form by October 1, 2023. The proposed revisions are outlined in the updated Admissions Policy JF included under the Policy Subcommittee Report, Agenda Item 5A.

3. Principal's Report attached the packet for perusal.

Post-Graduation Plans Class of 2023 - The post-graduate plans for the Class of 2022 attached for perusal.

Information: C. Freshman Enrollment attached for perusal.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Joe Baldassare, Evening Custodial Supervisor, will retire on November 27, 2023, after 3 years.

Diane Brady, Accountant, will retire on June 30, 2024, after 15 years.

Roger Bellerose, IT Instructor, retired on June 30, 2023, after 14 years.

Dean Lepkowski, Engineering Instructor, will retire on January 26, 2024, after 10 years.

Information: B. Resignation

Chelsea Gaudet, a Paraprofessional, has resigned after 4 months.

Samantha McGuane, Data Analyst and Accountability Coordinator, has resigned after 9 months.

Information: C. Appointment

Cheryl Koula, Ashburnham, Practical Nursing Program Support Manager at a salary of \$29.76/hour

Alethea Trundy, Westminster, Instructional Technologist at a salary of \$101,888

Stephanie Vogel, Westminster, Long-Term Substitute School Nurse at a salary of \$185/Day

Carrie Shepard, Hopedale, Cosmetology Instructor at a salary of \$70,392

Elizabeth Raymond, Athol, Mathematics Teacher at a salary of \$75,076

Claire Frasier, Barre, Science Instructor at a salary of \$86,591

Andrea Corrado, Westminster, Practical Nursing Education Program Administrator at a salary of \$110,000
Autumn Kelly, Jefferson, CTI Program Manager at a salary of \$29.13/Hour

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE FOR A FIRST READING, THE UPDATED ADMISSIONS POLICY JF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DESE REGULATION 603 CMR 4.00 WHICH REQUIRES ANNUAL APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICTS ADMISSIONS POLICY BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Motion by Barbara Reynolds, second by Whitney Marshall. Discussion ensued.

Final Resolution: Motion fails

Aye: Eric Commodore, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall

Nay: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, William Brassard

Motion by Ronald Tourigny, seconded by Michael Hurley to table Policy JF.

Final Resolution: Motion fails

Aye: James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber,

Nay: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Melanie Weeks, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Abstain: Eric Olson

Information: B. Capital Improvements - Diane Swenson Chair - No report

Information: C. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair - No report

Information: D. Student Advisory - Melanie Weeks Chair - No report

Information: E. Scholarship (Ad hoc) - Barbara Reynolds Chair - No report

Information: G. Financial Planning - Eric Olson Chair - No report

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion: B. Acceptance of Donation - Mary Roberts for Electrical

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A DONATION FROM MARY ROBERTS, LANCASTER, MA OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$8,000 TO BENEFIT THE ELECTRICAL PROGRAM.

Motion by James Boone, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Action, Information: C. Acceptance of Grant

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE COMMONWEALTH CORPORATIONS SENATOR KENNETH J. DONNELLY WORKFORCE SUCCESS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.

Motion by William Brassard, second by Whitney Marshall.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

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, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by James Boone, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM