

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, November 4, 2020)

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Members present

Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, William Brassard, and John Columbus

Members absent

Edward Simms, Toni Phillips, James Cournoyer, Maureen Ward, Whitney Marshall, Kathleen Airoidi

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 7:01 PM

1. Opening Items

Information: A. Open Meeting Law Disclosure

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 OCTOBER 7, 2020, AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Ross Barber, William Brassard, John Columbus

Abstain: James Boone, Peter Capone

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Superintendent Harrity updated the committee on the States COVID information.
- The school received notification of districts positive COVID cases. The district followed the protocols put in place including notification of families and Monty Tech staff. Superintendent Harrity contacted the Fitchburg Department of Public Health, DESE and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The recommendation was for Monty Tech to move to a remote learning model for two weeks.
- A flu clinic was held at the school for staff through Walgreens.

- Monty Tech will sponsor the Good Morning North Central event on November 13, 2020.
- The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has created a vocational admissions regulatory changes goal for this year. It states, “In collaboration with stakeholders, adopt necessary admissions regulations to promote equitable access to CVTE programs for students entering in the Fall of 2022.”
- The Commissioner has determined that for this school year only (2020-2021), if there are days when schools must close because of inclement weather or other emergencies, districts may choose whether to treat those days as “snow days” to be made up later or provide all students with remote learning on those days.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on December 8th and 10th.
- On November 20th we will submit a Career Technical Initiative grant that, if awarded, will provide training opportunities for 12 adult learners per semester at no cost in the welding trade.

Information: B. Superintendent-Director 2020-2021 Goals Presentation

Superintendent Harrity reviewed her goals with the committee.

- Professional Practice Goal: During the 2020-2021 school year, I will work closely with the district/school leadership team to address health and safety concerns, and continue to seek ways to implement strategies and supports that reassure our students and staff that their social and emotional safety is just as important as their physical safety.
- Student Learning Goal – Academic: Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, I will ensure academic instructors are provided with the time and resources necessary to revise curriculum and develop assessments to be delivered remotely. Instructors will be encouraged to review findings from the 2019-2020 Data Teams, to target areas in need of improvement, and will be provided time to work collaboratively to develop lessons and assessments that address those areas.
- Student Learning Goal – Vocational: During the 2020-2021 school year, a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) will be conducted that aligns to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s annual CVTE Reports and Perkins guidance documents. This assessment will examine student achievement data to target disparities in student performance among students who are members of subgroups or special populations, and will include recommended programs, processes and supports to address these disparities.
- District Improvement Goal: Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, I will oversee the provision of resources, infrastructure needs/assessments, and targeted supports necessary to successfully deliver high quality instruction in the district’s recently adopted Hybrid Learning Plan. As all students (hybrid and remote) are utilizing district-issued technology to complete academic and vocational coursework, and all teachers are on campus delivering instruction, it will be imperative that the district’s infrastructure remains sound, and that all instructors are provided with professional development opportunities, to enhance and expand the use of technology in the classroom/shop.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report

STUDENT COUNCIL- Elections have not been officially held yet.

ATHLETICS-A few of the fall sports teams began conditioning practices just prior to the switch to full remote learning. All of our athletes are looking forward to returning to their sports!

STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Nominations and elections for the Student Advisory Committee to the school committee have been completed.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

Monty Tech's meal program was expanded to include drop offs at all bus stops in our current remote schedule. Approximately 350 meals bags will be packed and delivered during the remote learning. Principal Browne has received emails from families expressing their thanks.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Appointment

Scott Lunny, from Athol, has been appointed to the evening custodian position at a rate of \$23.04 per hour

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Information: A. Financial Planning - None

Information: B. Policy - None

Action, Information: C. Workforce

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE TO ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED GOALS AS PRESENTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Melanie Weeks.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, William Brassard

Nay: John Columbus

Not Present at Vote: John Mollica

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion, Information: B. Health Insurance Rates

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVED THE PROPOSED MEDICAL AND DENTAL RATES FOR THE 2020-2021 PLAN YEAR AS PRESENTED

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, William Brassard, John Columbus

Abstain: Diane Swenson

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton, John Mollica

Action: C. Surplus Equipment

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE AUCTIONED

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, William Brassard, John Columbus

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

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 Mary Barclay, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, William Brassard, John Columbus

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm