

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, January 6, 2021)

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Members present

Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance (7:04), Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Members absent

Edward Simms, James Cournoyer

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 7:02 PM

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Open Meeting Law Disclosure

Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: D. Public Comment

Action, Information: E. Approval of Regular Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 AS AMENDED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Abstain: James Boone

Action, Information: F. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Abstain: James Boone

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Introduction of "Certificate of Excellence" students

William McLaughlin is from Holden and is a member of the Electrical program.

Camille Haas is from Winchendon and is a member of the Veterinary Science program.

Information: B. Superintendent-Director Update

- Superintendent Harrity reviewed this week's COVID Map
- MCAS Update - Students in grade 11 (class of 2022) will no longer participate in testing during the January/February window. Commissioner Riley is recommending to the Board that students in grade 12 who have not yet passed the MCAS, will have that requirement waived, substituting instead passage of an equivalent course. We are currently planning for students in grade 10 to take the MCAS in English and math in May 2021.
- NEASC 5-Year Focused Visit - This summer we received notification that Monty Tech will be participating in a NEASC five-year focus evaluation in the Spring of 2021. The completed report will be submitted on January 6, 2021, and the focused visit is scheduled to take place on March 1-3, 2021.
- Winter Sports - The 2020 winter seasons began for Boys'/Girls' Basketball and Boys'/Girls' Hockey. Try-outs have been completed and practices are underway.
- Holiday Baskets - On Wednesday, December 23rd, faculty and staff (led by Kathleen Hanson, School Social Worker) helped organize, prepare and deliver 32 Christmas Dinner Baskets to Monty Tech families.
- Grant Awarded – Monty Tech has received the Career Technical Initiative (CTI) Grant in the amount of \$125,000.00. The Monty Tech School of Continuing Education will provide training opportunities for adult learners at NO COST in the Welding and HVAC/Oil Burner Technician trades.
- Monty Tech will apply for the FY22 Skills Capital Grant. We may request up to \$500,000.00 for one year. The letter of intent was filed on December 28, 2020. The grant is due March 24, 2021.
- The District's auditors from Melanson Heath came out the week of December 7, 2020 to perform the annual school audit. It is anticipated that the reports from the audit will be available sometime in February or March 2021. No major issues or concerns were brought forward from the audit.
- The Monty Tech Virtual Parent Info Session was held on December 15th and was a well-orchestrated event, with more than 200 parents attending the virtual presentation. The recorded presentation has been posted to the website's homepage so that all prospective students and parents have access.

Information: C. Educational Technology Update

Ellen Gammel, Instructional Technologist, gave a presentation on the Ed Tech Tools Usage and Activity used by the Monty Tech staff and students.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

Student Council recently held their first virtual event, a Christmas Virtual Baking Competition.

JROTC - The underclassmen are currently working on improving volunteer skills with the help of upperclassmen in hopes of getting back into community service projects later this year.

The Student Advisory Council held its first meeting on December 16, 2020 and most likely its first virtual meeting in its history! Despite having to connect remotely, it was a great opportunity for all members to be introduced, share, and reflect.

SKILLS USA will be holding leadership competitions later this month.

Information: C. Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report/Attendance Report was in the packet for perusal.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Appointment

Kelly Booth has replaced Ann Marie Cataldo as Early Childhood Instructor

Kassidy Jones has moved from part-time to full-time Child Care Center Instructor

Allison Dumas has become the Child Care Center Director

A list of winter coaches was in the packet for perusal

Information: B. Resignation

Samantha Harding, an Engineering Instructor since August 2017, has resigned.

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Financial Planning

MOVE THAT THE COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCIAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 EDUCATIONAL PLAN IN TOTAL \$28,814,865 LESS REVENUES OF \$17,832,099 WITH A TOTAL ASSESSMENT OF \$10,982,766.

Motion by William Brassard, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Action, Information: B. Policy

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE AND VOTE TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF POLICY ACF - INTERPERSONAL/HUMAN RELATIONS.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Information: C. Workforce

A meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021

Information: D. Student Advisory

Met virtually on December 16, 2020.

6. Financial

Action, Information: A. Financials

Information: B. Results of Surplus Equipment Auction

Action, Information: C. Acceptance of the Safe and Supportive Schools Grant

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Action, Information: D. Acceptance of donation from CRC Line

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION OF AUTO BODY SUPPLIES WITH A VALUE OF \$1,500.00 FROM CRC LINE, OUT OF WORCESTER, MA

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

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. 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 Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm