

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, June 2, 2021)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Members absent

Amy Morton, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, James Boone, John Mollica, Maureen Ward, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

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, 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 7:06 PM

1. Opening Items

Information: A. Open Meeting Law Disclosure

Procedural: B. Call to Order

Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: D. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Information: E. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: F. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 5, 2021 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Information: G. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF MAY 5, 2021 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Dr. Harrity spoke about all the effort that went into holding a senior prom for the class of 2021 on Saturday, May 22nd. There were two sessions, one from 4:00 - 5:30pm and one from 7:30 - 9:00pm.
- The 50th Annual Commencement Ceremony was held Thursday, May 27, 2021.
- Monty Tech was awarded a Rapid Reemployment Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00. Monty Tech School of Continuing Education will provide NO COST CNA training program for 10 people in need of employment due to COVID layoffs. The program is a collaborative effort with North Central Career Center, who would qualify for a portion of the award (\$1,000+ per student), for their work in recruitment of participants and employment placement of program completers. This 150-hour training program will result in a number of certifications to ensure program graduates are prepared to enter healthcare careers. Certifications will include: OSHA 10, Basic Life Support for the Healthcare provider (CPR and AED), First Aid, Home Health Aide, and Certified Nurse Assistant.
- Diamond Turf removed the infield dirt and lowered the baselines. We purchased 65 ton of new red infield mix and leveled the surface. This will be the first phase of getting the field in everyday playing condition. Once school ends, Diamond Turf will come back and add loam and seed to the infield grass.
- On Friday, May 21st The Monty Tech Welding Program was approved as a Massachusetts Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Just having this designation opens us up for grant opportunities. They consider every Junior and Senior in the program a Pre-Apprentice, and will issue graduates certificates from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor & Workforce Development, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, documenting their completion of a Pre-Apprenticeship Program and hours. This will help if graduates find work with an Approved Apprenticeship Provider - who will then recognize these hours of training and advance them in the apprentice-training program and on the pay scale.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report - None

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

- Mr. Browne informed the committee members that this years student representative on the school committee was the top award recipient for the Class of 2021.
- Mr. Browne reviewed the SkillsUSA winners.

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

Action, Information: D. Proposed Edits to the 2021-2022 Student Handbook

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES FOR THE 2021-2022 STUDENT HANDBOOK AS SUBMITTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

General/Vocational Advisory Year in Review Notes - In the packet for perusal.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Dr. Sheila Harrity, Superintendent-Director, will retire September 23, 2022 after 8 years.

Information: B. Resignation

- Josh Machonis, Evening Maintenance, resigned effective May 14, 2021.
- Kimberly Viall, Math Instructor, will resign effective June 9, 2021.

Information: C. Appointment

- Emily Turner has been hired as the Engineering Instructor for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Yvonne Wandless, Long Term Substitute Science Instructor for the 2021-2022 School Year.

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Information: A. Policy - Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021.

Information: B. Capital Improvements

Action, Information: C. Workforce 1

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE THAT THE FULL COMMITTEE FOLLOW THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE WORKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE AND RATE THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR, DR. SHEILA HARRITY, AS EXEMPLARY FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Abstain: Robert Campbell

Information: E. Workforce 3 - The Final Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School's Teacher's Contract was attached for perusal.

Information: F. Student Advisory

Information: G. Scholarship (Ad hoc) - The Committee awarded a \$250.00 scholarship.

Information: H. Superintendent Search Ad-hoc - Brian Walker will chair the search committee.

Action, Information: I. Financial Planning

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ALLOW FOR UP TO \$550,000 FROM E&D TO BE USED TO OFFSET THE FY 21/22 BUDGET IF NEEDED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion: B. Surplus Equipment

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE ATTACHED LIST OF EQUIPMENT SURPLUS TO BE DISPOSED OF AS INDICATED ON THE LIST.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: C. Line Item Transfers

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AS ATTACHED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: D. Reappointment of Legal Counsel

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO RETAIN STONEMAN, CHANDLER AND MILLER, LLP AS THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 AND TO APPROVE THE LEGAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENT

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: E. Award of Paving Bid

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR DRIVEWAY PAVING TO LAZARO PAVING OF SHIRLEY, MA FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$57,845. FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED FROM ACCOUNT #1720 EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT SERVICES FY22.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: F. Approval of Lease-Advanced Manufacturing Desktops

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE 3-YEAR LEASE WITH GOVCONNECTION IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$12,352.02 FOR A TOTAL OF \$37,056.06 WITH A \$1 BUY OUT OPTION FOR 20 DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING SHOP.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: G. Approval of Lease-Information Technology Desktops

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE 3-YEAR LEASE WITH GOVCONNECTION IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$22,478.56 FOR A TOTAL OF \$67,435.68 WITH A \$1 BUY OUT OPTION FOR 24 DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SHOP.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: H. Approval of Lease-Graphics Communications Lab Desktops

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE 3-YEAR LEASE WITH APPLE FINANCIAL SERVICES IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$22,776.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$68,328.00 WITH A \$1 BUY OUT OPTION FOR 26 DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS LAB.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Peter Capone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: I. Approval of Lease-Business Technology Copier

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE 3-YEAR LEASE WITH XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$3,780.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$11,340.00 FOR A COPIER FOR BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Action, Discussion: J. Acceptance of Donation - LPA

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM LAMOUREUX PAGANO ASSOC.(LPA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1200 TO BENEFIT THE CAD/DRAFTING PROGRAM.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Action, Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE NOMINATE JAMES COURNOYER TO BE THE MONTY TECH VOTING DELEGATE TO THE MASC/MASS CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER WITH AN ALTERNATE OF MARY BARCLAY.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Matthew Vance.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE NOMINATE MARY BARCLAY FOR THE MASC/MASS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

Motion by John Columbus, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final resolution: So voted.

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips
Abstain: Mary Barclay

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. Executive Session

Action, Information: A. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3).

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 30A, SECTION 21(A)(3); TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LITIGATION IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BARGAINING OR LITIGATING POSITION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE CHAIR SO DECLARES AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, 5D, AND TO ADJOURN.

Motion by Brian Walker, second by Matthew Vance.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Entered into executive session at 8:24pm

Returned to open session at 8:38pm

Action, Information: 5D. Workforce 2

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE TO RATIFY THE MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION CONTRACT FOR MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEARS WITH THE CHANGES PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

10. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Peter Capone, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm