

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, June 7, 2023)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes

Members absent

Donna Lafayette, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Jeanne Bartlett, Pete Capone, Petersham Vacant, Robert Campbell, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Officers of the School Committee present

Thomas Browne

School district personnel present

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

Legal Counsel

Colleen Shea, Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP

Meeting called to order at 7:11 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 MAY 3, 2023 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Michael Hurley.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Tamarah Estes

Abstain: Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus

Not Present at Vote: John Mollica

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- As of June 7, 2023 136 Seniors and 93 Juniors are enrolled in the co-op program.
- With two more weeks in the regional budget season, Monty Tech has officially met the 2/3 threshold set by the district agreement to establish an accepted district budget for FY24.

- It was share that Lamoreaux-Pagano have completed the final design for the upcoming renovations at 270 Westminster Street.
- Superintendent Browne gave an update on 270 Westminster Street.
 - We continue to work with our partnering districts to earn the final approval for the After Dark designation.
 - On June 1st, the Monty Tech team including administrators and instructors were joined by representatives from LPA to participate in a pre-assessment meeting with city officials –
 - MT will still need to submit a full site plan and topography map to the Planning Board for their July 25th meeting.
- In December 2022, the newly renovated school store, The Dog House, was opened for business. Clearly, the marketing benefit of folks showing off the Monty Tech brand across our region is a huge benefit to the district.
- There are a number of planned capital projects this summer including the final section of paving for our parking lots, the replacement of HVAC piping, the completion of science lab renovations, renovation of senior courtyard, and landscaping at the front of the building.
- In support of our efforts to identify the districts core values and promote a supportive school culture Monty Tech has partnered with Northeastern University for a series of professional development trainings on Addressing Hate in Schools.
- Mr. Browne provided an update on the ongoing Vocational Admissions Legislation.
- Superintendent Browne reminded the committee of the Monty Tech Foundation Golf Tournament being held Friday, June 16, 2023 at 9:00.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Principal's Monthly Report - In the packet for perusal.

Information: B. Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement - None

Information: B. Resignation - None

Information: C. Appointment - None

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE FOR A SECOND READING, AC, ACA, ACAB, ACB, ACD, ACF, BCB, CG, CM, FE, AND FF.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

Abstain: Sara Dilg

Information: B. Capital Improvements - Diane Swenson Chair

Action, Information: C. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE THAT THE FULL COMMITTEE FOLLOW THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE WORKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE AND RATE THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR, THOMAS BROWNE, AS PROFICIENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Melanie Weeks, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Discussion, Information: D. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair

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 2023-2026 FISCAL YEARS WITH THE CHANGES PRESENTED.

Motion by Melanie Weeks, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: E. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE THAT THE FULL COMMITTEE FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE NONUNION PERSONNEL COMPENSATION FOR THE 2023-2026 YEARS.

Motion by Melanie Weeks, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: F. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKFORCE SUBCOMMITTEE TO UPDATE THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND THOMAS BROWNE, SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

Motion by Melanie Weeks, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Information: G. Student Advisory - Melanie Weeks Chair

Information: H. Scholarship (Ad hoc) - Barbara Reynolds Chair

Information: J. Financial Planning - Eric Olson Chair

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion: B. Increase to School Meal Prices for School Year 2023-2024

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 AS ATTACHED.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Discussion: C. Line Item Transfers

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Discussion: D. Award of Parking Lot Paving Bid #2024-01

The District Committee award the contract for Driveway Paving to The Hatch Group, Milford, MA for a total cost of \$89,413.24. Funds will be distributed from Account #1720, Extraordinary Maintenance Contract Services, FY 2023-2024.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Information: E. Award of Upgrade to Existing Boiler Room Piping #2024-02

Action, Discussion: F. Surplus Equipment

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE ATTACHED LIST OF ITEMS SURPLUS TO BE AUCTIONED.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Discussion: G. Approval of Freshmen Chromebook Lease

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE LEASE WITH INSIGHT FINANCIAL SERVICES (GOVCONNECTION) FOR 3 YEARS WITH AN ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$54,129.16 FOR FRESHMEN CHROMEBOOKS.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Discussion: H. Approval of Lease for Dell Computers

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE LEASE WITH INSIGHT FINANCIAL SERVICES (GOVCONNECTION) FOR 3 YEARS WITH AN ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$82,698.08 FOR DELL COMPUTERS

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Ronald Tourigny.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

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. Executive Session

Action, Information: A. MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21, 2. TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSION IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL OR TO CONDUCT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON UNION PERSONNEL, 3. DISCUSSION OF CONTRACT FOR MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (MRTA) MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEES

Motion by Eric Commodore, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Adjourned into executive session at 8:06PM

Returned to open session at 8:25PM

10. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Tamarah Estes.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27PM