

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, June 1, 2022)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes (8:07)

Members absent

James Cournoyer, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Officers of the School Committee Present

Dr. Sheila Harrity

School district personnel present

Thomas Browne, Principal, Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal, Ryan Rege, Director of Vocational Programs, Tammy Crockett, Business Manager, Michael Gormley, Facilities Director, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:03 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 VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 4, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Eric Commodore.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Abstain: Diane Swenson, Eric Olson

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Dr. Harrity reviewed the weekly level of community transmission COVID-19 data.
- Dr. Harrity gave an update on City/Town budget presentations through the month of June.
- FY23 Skills Capital Grant - Amount Awarded: \$399,546.00. The Monty Tech HVAC & Property Maintenance program will purchase new trainers that will help students troubleshoot and repair a number of industry-standard technologies, to include: domestic and commercial A/C Refrigeration systems, energy management training systems, heating/cooling systems, and environmental & alternative energy systems.

FY22 Grants Summary - Total written \$2,094,912.00, total awarded - \$1,336,116.00.

- The Fay Club - Having recently celebrated its 140th Anniversary, Fitchburg's Fay Club was in need of some repair, and called on the talents of Monty Tech's Masonry program to help rebuild a brick and iron fence.
- Senior Awards - On Tuesday, May 24, more than 130 students received recognition for their outstanding efforts at Monty Tech. Senior awards night is always exciting, but this year, more than \$450,000.00 in scholarships and tool & equipment grants were awarded to some truly deserving students.
- On Wednesday, May 25, 328 seniors graduated.
- Rotary Club of Fitchburg - Congratulations to Monty Tech's Rotary Club of Fitchburg Employee of the Year, Lauren Sanborn.
- For the first time ever, Forks Over Fitchburg, Fitchburg Access Television (FATV), and Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School collaborated on a televised cooking competition.
- Summer Projects - Freight Farm Installation and Dental Shop Renovation.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Principal's Monthly Report

- The Career Expo and Job Fair - Monty Tech was able to hold its second Job Fair & Career Expo providing employment opportunities to our students and the regional adult workforce.
- The Graphic Communication Seniors participated in a public showcase presenting their artwork.
- Annual Junior/Senior Prom – May 13th
- On Friday, May 13th, the Monty Tech Annual Junior/Senior Prom was held at Wachusett Mountain with the theme of “A Starry Night”.
- SkillsUSA State Awards Ceremony was held May on 3th.
- Fitchburg Rotary Club Employee of the Year Award – May 17th
- During a ceremony held at Fitchburg High School, the Fitchburg Rotary club recognized the accomplishments of a variety of civic and school employees.

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

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

Action, Information: D. Proposed Edits to the 2022-2023 Student Handbook

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CHANGES FOR THE 2022-2023 STUDENT HANDBOOK AS SUBMITTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Not Present at Vote: Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Information: E. General/Vocational Advisory Year In Review - Notes from each shop were in the packet for perusal.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Patricia Kozlowski, Guidance Counselor, will retire on June 30, 2022, after 11 years.

Information: B. Resignation - None

Information: C. Appointment - None

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A SECOND READING, SECTION I:
INSTRUCTION: IHAO

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Action, Information: B. Policy 2

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A FIRST READING, SECTION I:
INSTRUCTION: IHBEA.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Action, Information: C. Policy 3

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A FIRST READING, SECTION K:
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RELATIONS: KA, KCD, KEC, AND KDB

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Action, Information: D. Policy 4

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A FIRST READING, SECTION L:
EDUCATION AGENCY RELATIONS: LB AND LDA.

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Information: E. Capital Improvements

Action, Information: F. Workforce

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 2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Melanie Weeks, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Information: H. Student Advisory

Information: I. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

Information: J. Financial Planning

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion: B. Line Item Transfers

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE LINE ITEM TRANSFERS AS ATTACHED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Abstain: Tamarah Estes

Action, Discussion: C. Increase to school meal prices for School Year 2022-2023

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SCHOOL MEAL PRICES AS PRESENTED EFFECTIVE SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by John Mollica.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

Action, Discussion: D. Award of Parking Lot Paving Bid #2023-01

The District Committee award the contract for Driveway Paving to P.J. Albert of Fitchburg, MA for a total cost of \$82,250.00. Funds will be distributed from Account #1720, Extraordinary Maintenance Contract Services, FY 2022-2023.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

Action, Discussion: E. Surplus Equipment

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE ATTACHED ITEMS AS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TO BE AUCTIONED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Eric Commodore.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Action, Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Information: C. School Committee Comments

Information: D. School Committee Information or Proposals

Information: E. Correspondence/Reports

8. Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair Forty-Eight Hours Before the Meeting

9. Executive Session

Action: A. M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21, 2. TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL OR TO CONDUCT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21, 2. TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL OR TO CONDUCT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Eric Commodore.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

Adjourned to executive session at 8:41 PM

Returned to open session at 8:45 PM

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH DR. SHEILA HARRITY AS PRESENTED

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Mary Barclay.

So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

10. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Tamarah Estes, second by Ronald Tourigny.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Tamarah Estes

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM