

**MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
1050 WESTMINSTER STREET
FITCHBURG, MA 01420
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Members absent

Eric Commodore, Jada McConologue, Jeffrey Raymond, Michael Hurley, Robert Campbell, Tamarah Estes, Harvard-Vacant, Holden-Vacant

Officers of the School Committee present

Thomas Browne

School district personnel present

Dayana Carlson, Principal, Tammy Crockett, Business Manager, Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs, Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Legal Counsel

Garrett Gee, Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP

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 OCTOBER 4, 2023 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by James Boone, second by Ronald Tourigny.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan

Abstain: Diane Swenson, John Columbus

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Co-op Placements - As of the end of October we have 147 students out on Co-op.

- Professional Skills Training Update - The professional skills training and lessons that focus on strands 4, 5 and 6 have begun for all vocational programs.
- Monty Tech will be partnering with the Central Massachusetts STEM Network Ecosystem by organizing a virtual presentation on the essential connections between STEM learning and workforce development. The program on January 25, 2024.
- On October 5th, Monty Tech received a Career Technical Initiative grant for \$720,000 to help bolster our adult workforce training efforts in House Carpentry, HVAC and Plumbing.
- Monty Tech Foundation hosted a Comedy Night fundraiser to benefit the students of Monty Tech. The result was \$7,500 being added to our Foundation Scholarship fund.
- 270 Westminster Street Update - Monty Tech continues to work with officials and committees from the city of Fitchburg in order to be approved for the start of construction. MT met with the Conservation Commission during the Oct. 4th meeting. The District has applied for its Building Permit and we want to acknowledge Mayor DiNatale's generous willingness to reduce the permit fee by 62%.

MCAS Presentation - Christina Favreau reviewed Monty Tech's MCAS results

3. Principal's Report

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

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

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

4. Personnel

Information: A. Appointment

Instructional Coach and Assessment Coordinator, Taryn DiVito, Fitchburg, \$97,000.00

Engineering Technology Instructor, Josh Gikis, Westminster, \$79,097.00

Special Education Paraprofessional, Lynn Tocci, Leominster, \$23.74/Hour

Electrical Instructor, Daniel Brew, West Townsend, \$99,719.00

Vocational Specialist, Kaylee Chinchar, Jefferson, \$34,276.00

Information: B. Retirement

None

Information: C. Resignation

Jeff Bigelow, Evening custodian, has resigned after 2 weeks.

Alexander Thibeault, Electrical, has resigned after 4 years.

Travis Hull, Cafeteria, has resigned after 2 years.

Patrick White, Advanced Manufacturing, has resigned after 5 years.

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Information: A. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair - Meeting scheduled for November 9, 2023

Information: B. Capital Improvements - Diane Swenson Chair - Nothing to report

Information: C. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair - Nothing to report

Information: D. Student Advisory - Melanie Weeks Chair - Nothing to report

Information: E. Scholarship (Ad hoc) - Nothing to report
MOVE THAT RONALD TOURIGNY BE APPOINTED CHAIR OF THE SCHOLARSHIP (AD HOC)
SUBCOMMITTEE UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Melanie Weeks, second by Ross Barber.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Information: G. Financial Planning - Eric Olson Chair - Nothing to report

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements - In the packet for perusal

Action, Discussion: B. Medical and Dental Rates 2023-2024

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL RATES FOR 2023-2024 AS PRESENTED

Motion by Eric Olson, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard
Abstain: Diane Swenson

Action, Discussion: C. Acceptance of FY24 Perkins Grant

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION: SECONDARY (PERKINS) GRANT FOR FY24 FROM DESE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,198.

Motion by William Brassard, second by Eric Olson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Information: D. Result of Surplus Equipment Auction

Information: E. Student Activity Accounts Balance Report was attached.

Information: F. Opinion of Counsel Letter for lease in packet for perusal.

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. Executive Session

Action, Discussion: A. 4: To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto.

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21, 4. DISCUSSION THE DEPLOYMENT OF SECURITY PERSONNEL OR DEVICES, OR STRATEGIES WITH RESPECT THERETO.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Regular session ended at 7:48PM

Returned to regular session at 8:24PM

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

10. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Peter Capone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Columbus, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Meeting adjourned at 8:24PM