

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, October 4, 2023)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jada McConologue (6:37), James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Tamarah Estes

Members absent

Diane Swenson, John Columbus, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, 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, Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services, Katie Schmidt, Assistant Principal, Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Legal Counsel

Garrett Gee, Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP

Student Representative

None

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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 SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Tamarah Estes

Abstain: Eric Commodore, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Monty Tech currently has 132 students participating in the cooperative education program.
- Superintendent Browne gave an update on 270 Westminster Street. We attended the Fitchburg Planning Board on September 19, 2023 where our site plan was unanimously approved.
- Superintendent. Browne provided an accountability update on MCAS results. There will be a full presentation at a later meeting.
- Monty Tech has been selected as one of only fourteen commercial and industrial organizations across the Commonwealth as a 2023 Mass Save Climate Leader.
- In our continuing efforts to expand our post-secondary partnerships, Monty Tech has begun to forge a dual enrollment partnership with Worcester State University through the Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP). This program allows high school students the opportunity to access college level courses at no cost.
The partnership has resulted in the following courses:
Introduction to Digital Photography
Health & Nutrition
Introduction to American Sign Language
Personal Financial Planning
We will be exploring the opportunity to begin an early college program as well.
- Monty Tech has started a retail partnership with local CVS stores and Paper Stores through Good360 with the intent of creating an on campus pantry for students and families with need.
- Patricia Woodliff, Director of Adult Education & Workforce Development and Autumn Kelly, CTI Program Manager gave a presentation on Continuing Education. They highlighted some successful programs and shared considerations for the future.

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/Waitlist Reports (October 1 Data) - In the packet for perusal

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Information: B. Resignation

Tarah Garneau, Athletic Trainer, has resigned after 5 years.

Information: C. Appointment

Mary Roth, Athol, has been hired as the Program Assistant for Continuing Education.

Jason Lunn, Winchendon, has been hired as an evening custodial maintenance

Ethan Graham, Holden, has been hired as a paraprofessional.

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Information: A. Policy - Diane Swenson Chair - None

Information: B. Capital Improvements - Diane Swenson Chair - Meeting October 10, 2023

Information: C. Workforce - Eric Olson Chair - None

Information: D. Student Advisory - Melanie Weeks Chair - None

Information: E. Scholarship (Ad hoc) - None

Information: F. Meeting Recording (Ad Hoc) - William Brassard Chair - Meeting to be scheduled

Information: G. Financial Planning - Eric Olson Chair - None

6. Financial

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

Action, Discussion: B. Copier Lease

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR LEASE WITH OTS LEASING FOR 6 XEROX COPIERS WITH AN ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$27,221.04 FOR A TOTAL LEASE OF \$81,663.12

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jada McConologue, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Tamarah Estes

Action, Information: C. Acceptance of Donation - Tractor Supply

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A DONATION FROM TRACTOR SUPPLY FOR ASSORTED SUPPLIES ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$1,500.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Ronald Tourigny.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jada McConologue, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Tamarah Estes

Action, Information: D. Acceptance of Donation - Robert Fairchild

MOVE THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A DONATION FROM ROBERT FAIRCHILD OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES WITH AN ESTIMATED VALUE OF \$2,000 TO BENEFIT THE ELECTRICAL PROGRAM.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jada McConologue, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Tamarah Estes

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Chair Commodore welcomed new school committee members Jada McConologue, Petersham, and Scott Carignan, Hubbardston.

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. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Peter Capone, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Eric Olson, Jada McConologue, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Sara Dilg, Scott Carignan, Tamarah Estes

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM