

## **Regular Meeting (Wednesday, February 2, 2022)**

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### **Members present**

Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

### **Members absent**

Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, James Cournoyer

### **Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM**

#### 1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: C. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Procedural: D. Public Comment

Students from Health Occupations discussed their desire to have the EMT course for their senior year.

Action, Minutes: E. Approval of Minutes

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2022 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Abstain: James Boone, Ronald Tourigny

#### 2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Dr. Harrity reviewed the weekly level of community transmission COVID-19 data.
- On January 24, 2022, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's updated guidelines for COVID testing in schools. Previously, DESE was focused on efforts like the Test & Stay program and contact tracing as central methods of limiting the spread of COVID-19. Monty Tech executed those programs successfully, per guidance. However, based on the results of such programs, DESE has now determined that diagnostic testing efforts should transition from school-based to individual homes. The focus will now be to support school employees and students by providing at-home testing kits that will allow

for weekly COVID testing prior to coming to school. Moving forward, the only in-school testing will switch to symptomatic testing where students and staff who develop COVID-related symptoms while in school would be tested that day in the nurses' office. All families, faculty and staff should be aware that participation in the At-Home Antigen Testing and Symptomatic Testing program is voluntary. Faculty, staff and students may opt-in to the revised program at any point, by completing the survey form found at [www.montytech.net](http://www.montytech.net).

- The Monty Tech SIS Committee, has completed the gap analysis of PowerSchool, reviewing the entire list of questions with PowerSchool to understand how we are currently using our SIS. This work will ensure that when the system launches, it will include the reports needed, will be easy to use, and may be modified to create custom SIS pages. 7 members of the committee will participate in training from Feb. 7-10, 2022 at PowerSchool University.
- Career Technical Initiative (CTI) Grant, Round 5 Amount Applied for: \$599,970 Date Submitted: January 14, 2022 Anticipated Award Date: mid-February 2022.
- Submitted letter of intent for the FY23 Skills Capital Grant.
- Two student teams from Monty Tech were recently named state champions in the CyberPatriot competition. The students were honored for their excellence in technical skill, problem solving, and teamwork. After winning the state competition, the school's Open Division Platinum team—a group of five juniors from Monty Tech's Information Technology program—advanced to the semi-finals, which they completed from Monty Tech's campus on January 21. The top 28 teams from across the country will advance to the national competition in Maryland in mid-March.
- DESE has asked all schools with an Admission Policy to add language specific to student discipline and M.G.L. c. 71, §37H, §37H½, §37H¾.
- The Superintendent's Dinner has been postponed until September 21, 2022.

### 3. Principal's Report

#### Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report

- SkillsUSA- Held the annual awards ceremony just before break. Congratulations to all the students who placed and will move onto district competition. District competitions will be held in March.
- Co-op- Currently, we have 109 seniors and 11 juniors participating in our co-op program with their respective trades.
- Seniors who are interested in attending Mt. Wachusett Community College will have an opportunity to participate in Decision Day with admissions representatives from the college. Students will be able to speak with the admissions reps to get their questions answered and learn about their next steps in the process. This will take place on Feb 15, 2022.
- Freshmen have been placed in their shops and are excited to start learning their trades.

#### Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

- Jan. 6 – Military Awareness Night
  - Once again, the Guidance Department continues to provide interest-specific workshops to support our students' post-secondary plans and to ensure that there are opportunities for parental involvement in that decision-making process.

Military Awareness Night specifically provides an opportunity for students and families to meet with recruiters from each of the armed services in order to learn about potential military careers as well enlistment requirements.

- Jan. 13 – Feb. 10 - VIP Winter Session
  - Total students participating in the Winter Session – 262
- Jan. 24-Feb. 4 – ACCESS Exams
  - The ACCESS test is a computer-based, adaptive test for all K-12 students who have been identified as English Learners (ELs). The ACCESS test is administered each year in January. This assessment measures students' proficiency in learning the English language in four language domains: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing.

Information: C. Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report/Attendance Report

Action, Information: D. Vote to Approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar  
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Action, Information: E. Program of Studies

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR AS CORRECTED BY MR. BROWNE.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Nay: John Columbus

#### 4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Joseph Haggerty, Culinary Arts Instructor, has announced his retirement effective February 4, 2022, after 20 years of service.

Darrell Goodall, Welding Instructor, has announced his intent to retire at the end of the 2021-2022 school year after 24 years of service.

Information: B. Resignation

Information: C. Appointment

Ryan Rege, from Belchertown, had been appointed as Vocational Director at a salary of \$110,000

Austin Leary, from Gardner, has been appointed evening custodian at a salary of \$19.82/hour

Autumn Kelly, from Jefferson, has been appointed to position of Assistant Evening Continuing Ed, at a salary \$23.96/hour

Paul Ouellette transferred from evening custodian to day shift maintenance at a salary of \$27.17/hour

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MONTY TECH ADMISSIONS POLICY JF AS UPDATED FOR A FIRST AND SECOND READING SUBSEQUENTLY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING POLICY BGA.

Motion by Kathleen Airoidi, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Nay: John Columbus, Ross Barber

Abstain: John Mollica, Ronald Tourigny

Action, Information: B. Policy 2

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE FOR A FIRST READING, SECTION I: INSTRUCTION: IA, IB, IC-ICA, IHAMB, IJ, IJL, IJL-E, AND REMOVAL OF OUTDATED, REDUNDANT, OR DIFFERENTLY INCORPORATED POLICIES: IAB, IHAG.

Motion by Kathleen Airoidi, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Information: C. Capital Improvements

Information: D. Workforce

Information: E. Student Advisory

Information: F. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

Information: G. Superintendent Search Ad-hoc

Brian Walker shared the finalist's names and outlined the timeline for the interview process.

Information: H. Financial Planning  
Dr. Ward gave an update on the FY23 budget process.

## 6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion, Information: B. Acceptance of Donations  
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A \$20.00 DONATION FROM ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR PROJECT LEAD THE WAY.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Action, Information: C. COVID Stipend for Staff  
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE A \$1,000.00 COVID STIPEND TO BE PAID TO ALL STAFF.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Maureen Ward.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Nay: James Boone

Abstain: Ronald Tourigny

## 7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Action, Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals  
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE UP TO \$2500 FOR DIANE SWENSON TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL SKILLSUSA COMPETITION IN ATLANTA, GA IN JUNE 2022.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

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: A. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by Maureen Ward, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Jeanne Bartlett

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM