

## **Regular Meeting (Wednesday, March 3, 2021)**

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### **Members present**

Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson (7:46), Eric Olson, James Boone, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

### **Members absent**

Amy Morton, Edward Simms, John Mollica, Toni Phillips

### **Officers of the School Committee Present**

Dr. Sheila Harrity

### **School district personnel present**

Thomas Browne, Principal, Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal, James Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs, Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs, Donald Kitzmiller, Director of Technology, Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator, Tammy Crockett, Business Manager, Michael Gormley, Facilities Director, Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

### **Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM**

#### 1. Opening Items

Information: A. Open Meeting Law Disclosure

Procedural: B. Call to Order

Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: D. Public Hearing

The Public Hearing on the FY22 budget began at 7:09 PM

Business Manager Tammy Crockett presented the FY22 budget.

Public Hearing ended at 7:40 PM

Information: E. Public Comment

Information: F. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Action, Minutes: G. Approval of Minutes

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 3, 2021 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Abstain: James Boone, Matthew Vance

## 2. Superintendent-Director's Report

### Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Superintendent Harrity reviewed this week's COVID Map
- NEASC is in the process of conducting a Five-Year Focused Visit. The NEASC chair and one team member visited the school on Thursday, February 25th to meet with Principal Tom Browne, Assistant Principal Dayana Carlson, and English teacher Sam McGuane who served as the MT committee chair to learn more about Monty Tech and finalize the agenda for the virtual visit March 1-3, 2021. They also met with a group of students to learn more about Monty Tech from our students' perspective and for a physical tour of the building. Our students and staff, as always did an outstanding job representing our school. The actual visit is being conducted via ZOOM March 1-3, 2021
- On Monday, February 22, the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education held a Special Meeting to provide members with the opportunity to review and discuss Career/Vocational Technical Education, specifically the following:
  - Timeline for Amending the Vocational Admissions Regulations
  - CVTE Waitlist Data Collection and Analysis

The meeting included a presentation, providing Board members with an overview of MA CVTE programming, including:

1. Understand the CVTE Landscape
  2. Review CVTE Admissions Regulations
  3. Review Enrollment Trends
  4. Present Waitlist Data
  5. Provide Stakeholder Engagement
  6. Update and Next Steps
- The SaSS Team will review and reflect on existing district documents and data, survey results, and existing school climate. With an overarching focus on the impact of equity on creating safe and supportive learning environments, the SaSS Team will complete the DESE Self-Reflection Tool, make recommendations to school leaders for noted areas of improvement, and develop an action plan to be implemented beginning FY22. Surveys being conducted include:
    1. Grade 9 Teachers: Student Preparedness
    2. Grade 9 Students: Freshmen Struggles

The SaSS Team also has completed a preliminary self-assessment survey using the tool provided by the state.

- In partnership with LUK and the Department of Public Health, and as part of our STAND program (Students Taking A New Direction), on March 4th Monty Tech will welcome a virtual guest speaker from the Worcester County District Attorney's Office to present on cyber safety.
- Superintendent Harrity gave an update on the Capital Improvement Subcommittee meeting.

## 3. Principal's Report

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

- **STUDENT COUNCIL-** Student Council is in the midst of running "March Madness," a whole month of spirit to replace the normal spirit week that usually takes place in the fall.
- **SENIOR CLASS UPDATES-** Seniors are in the process of ordering caps and gowns. Also, all seniors have been invited to attend MWCC's Decision Day next Wednesday. This event provides an opportunity for seniors planning to attend MWCC to connect with an admissions counselor and learn more about what MWCC and their next steps in the enrollment process. This event will be held virtually this year.

- NHS- The National Honors Society is currently holding its annual Daffodil Days fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

- Principal Browne reported that the Fall II sports season has begun.
- Math Club had its first competition.
- Skills USA Virtual District Competitions will take place March 10, 2021.

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

Action, Information: D. Enrollment Quota for the Class of 2025

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE SETTING THE ENROLLMENT QUOTA FOR THE CLASS OF 2025 AT 355 STUDENTS AND AUTHORIZES THE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS TO ACCEPT UP TO 365 STUDENTS AFTER JUNE 1, 2021.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Information: E. Freshman Placement in packet for perusal.

#### 4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Information: B. Resignation

Information: C. Appointment

The Fall II sports coach recommendations list was attached.

#### 5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE FOR A SECOND READING, SECTION G: PERSONNEL, AND REMOVAL OF OUTDATED, REDUNDANT, OR DIFFERENTLY INCORPORATED POLICIES GCFA, GCFB, GCHA, GCIA, GDJ, and GDQ.

Motion by Matthew Vance to remove Policy GBD from the second reading, seconded by Ross Barber.

Final Resolution: Motion Failed

Aye: Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Boone, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Nay: Barbara Reynolds, Diane Swenson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

Nay: James Boone, Ross Barber  
Abstain: Matthew Vance, Ronald Tourigny

Discussion, Information: B. Capital Improvements subcommittee met on Feb 23, 2021 and approved the districts Capital Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Information: C. Workforce – Contract negotiations continues with the PR&R

Information: D. Student Advisory

Information: E. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

Action, Information: F. Financial Planning

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TENTATIVE FY22 BUDGET PLAN AS FOLLOWS:  
TOTAL BUDGET \$29,114,049 LESS REVENUES OF \$17,835,449 WITH TOTAL ASSESSMENTS  
OF \$11,278,600

Motion by Maureen Ward, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

## 6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Information: B. Acceptance of Donation - Fidelity

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$3,000.00 FROM  
FIDELITY BANK TO BENEFIT THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Maureen Ward.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: C. Acceptance of Donation -CNC Machines

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION OF 2 BENCH TOP CNC MACHINES  
FOR THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PROGRAM WITH AN ESTIMATED TOTAL VALUE  
OF \$10,000 FROM THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY EDUCATION HUB LOCATED IN  
WHITINSVILLE, MA

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Maureen Ward.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

## 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. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Maureen Ward, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM