

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, May 4, 2022)

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Members present

Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Members absent

Edward Simms, James Cournoyer, William Brassard, Eric Olson, Whitney Marshall, Diane Swenson,

Officers of the School Committee present

Dr. Sheila Harrity

School district personnel present

Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal, Ryan Rege, Director of Vocational Programs, Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator, Michael Gormley, Facilities Director, Victoria Zarozinski, Student Support Services, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Procedural: C. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Jeanne Bartlett, Harvard Representative, was introduced to the committee.

Procedural: D. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: E. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Jeffrey Raymond, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Abstain: James Boone, Kathleen Airoidi

Action, Information: F. Approval of Executive Session Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2022 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber
Abstain: James Boone, Kathleen Airoidi

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 May.
- Grand Awarded: Career Technical Initiative (CTI) Grant, Round 5 amount awarded, \$599,970 Grant will provide funding to deliver five new 200-hour training programs, running two cohorts over the course of the next two years.
- MCJROTC Scholarship Recipients - This Seniors Abigail Kirrane and Cassandra Olson were both selected to receive the NROTC Marine Option Scholarship through Norwich University. scholarship, valued at \$180,000 for each student, will cover all costs associated with attending Norwich University.
- Banking at Monty Tech - The has Workers Credit Union branch in the lobby closed, and in its place you will find a new Video Teller ATM with expanded capabilities.
- MAVA Outstanding Student - On April 14th, Kayla Sadowski (Fitchburg) was recognized at Mechanics Hall in Worcester, selected as Monty Tech's Outstanding Vocational Technical Student.
- School to Seniors Business Partnerships - Seniors Business Partnerships in the advanced manufacturing program receiving valuable tools and scholarship support this spring, thanks to are generous a grant from the Gene Haas Foundation. The \$12,000 award to Monty Tech will allow each graduating senior to as toolkit and scholarship, advancing the Foundation's mission to expand high-quality manufacturing technology training worldwide.
- 22 new CNAs: All 22 seniors in the Health Occupations program recently completed the Certified Nurse Assistants hands-on exam, and all 22 passed. Outstanding results for an outstanding program - 100% pass rate.
- The Monty Tech Graduation: With no restrictions on celebrating graduation ceremonies, we are happy to announce that Wednesday, May 25th we will host outdoor commencement exercises honoring our graduating Seniors.

Information: B. Superintendent-Director End of Year Update

Dr. Harrity reviewed her 2021-2022 Goals.

Action, Information: C. Out of State Field Trip

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE AN OUT-OF-STATE TRIP FOR 60 JROTC STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK, TRIANGLE VIRGINIA FROM JUNE 11 - JUNE 17 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THE MCJROTC ANNUAL SUMMER CADET LEADERSHIP CAMP.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Not Present at Vote: John Columbus

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report

- Student Council- Is working on a dance that they are sponsoring for underclassmen which will take place on June 3. Stu-co is also sponsoring senior spirit week starting next Monday, which will wrap up the seniors' final academic week.
- SkillsUSA- State competitions just concluded and students are awaiting results to see who will be attending the National competition in June in Atlanta, Georgia.
- The "Starry Night" Junior/Senior prom will be held Friday, May 13, 2022. Students are excited for the return of the prom which will be held at Wachusett Mountain this year.
- Student Support Services is sponsoring an awareness campaign this month in recognition of Mental Health Awareness month. Each Monday in May, counselors from Student Support will be in all lunches promoting awareness and education through a variety of activities and giveaways.
- Monty Tech will hold a job fair and career expo tomorrow, May 5 from 4-7 pm. Approximately 60 companies will be represented and this is an event that is open to the public.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

April 1-3 - Annual Monty Tech Drama Club Musical – Freaky Friday

- After several years of virtual performances only, the Monty Tech Drama Club returned to the PAC stage with three performances of Freaky Friday.
- April - Student-Driven Fundraisers – Throughout the month of April, several student driven fundraisers occurred with the assistance of a number of clubs and programs. Those included -
 - Daffodil Days – As part of their annual fundraiser in support of American Cancer Society, the National Honor Society raised \$1615 through the sale of daffodil bouquets.
 - Penny Wars – Through a competition organized by the National Honor Society between all vocational programs, student donations resulted in \$1055 dollars being donated to the Seven Hill Foundation, an integrated clinical, educational and community based support to children and adults with disabilities and significant life challenges in Fitchburg.
 - GEHM Bowl-a-thon - LEO Club members worked with the Gardner Emergency Housing Mission (GEHM) to help organize a Bowl-a-thon that was held on May 1st at the Gardner Ten Pins Bowling Alley.
 - Ukrainian Relief – Organized by Ava Welch, a Junior in our Health Occupations program, Monty Tech held a "bake sale" selling products made by our Paul Gosselin and our Culinary Arts students. Through their combined efforts, nearly \$2500 was donated to the International Red Cross.

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

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Information: B. Resignation

Andrew Maroni, Electrical Instructor since August 2021, has resigned effective May 6, 2022.

Information: C. Appointment

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES FOR A SECOND READING, SECTION I:
INSTRUCTION: IE, IHAO, IKFB, AND REMOVAL OF OUTDATED, REDUNDANT, OR
DIFFERENTLY INCORPORATED POLICY: IGC.

Motion by Kathleen Airoidi, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Mollica,
Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell,
Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Nay: John Columbus

Action, Information: B. Policy 2 - Withdrawn

Information: C. Capital Improvements - None

Discussion, Information: D. Workforce - The Superintendent-Director Evaluation tool and process was
discussed.

Information: E. Student Advisory - Meeting Thursday, May 5, 2022

Information: F. Scholarship (Ad hoc) - The scholarship drive was discussed.

Information: G. Financial Planning - None

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion, Information: B. Acceptance of Food Security Infrastructure Grant
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE FOOD SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,600 TO BRING A FREIGHT FARM TO THE SCHOOL
CAMPUS.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John
Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter
Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Action, Discussion, Information: C. Acceptance of Career Technical Initiative Round 5 Grant
MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE CAREER TECHNICAL INITIATIVE
ROUND 5 GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$599,970 TO IMPLEMENT ADULT TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED AND UNDEREMPLOYED ADULT WORKERS THROUGH
OUR SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John
Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter
Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Action, Information: D. Acceptance of Grant Haas Foundation

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A \$12,000 GRANT FROM THE GENE HAAS FOUNDATION TO BE USED FOR ADVANCED MANUFACTURING STUDENTS.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals - Mr. V. Edward Simms resignation letter from the School Committee was in the packet.

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 Peter Capone, second by Jeffrey Raymond.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Eric Commodore, James Boone, Jeanne Bartlett, Jeffrey Raymond, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Michael Hurley, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM