

## **Regular Meeting (Wednesday, October 7, 2020)**

*Generated by Julie Marynok on Thursday, October 8, 2020*

### **Members present**

Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, John Columbus, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, and William Brassard

### **Members absent**

Edward Simms, James Boone, Peter Capone

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

Dr. Sheila Harrity

### **School district personnel present**

Thomas Browne, Principal, Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal, 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 7:16 PM**

#### 1. Opening Items

Information: A. Open Meeting Law Disclosure

Information: B. Call to Order

Information: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: D. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: E. Approval of Minutes

**MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, John Columbus, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard,

Abstain: Amy Morton, Matthew Vance, Ronald Tourigny

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

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- In partnership with USDA, Monty Tech has started with free breakfast & lunch for all in-person students, and on October 5<sup>th</sup>, we were able to expand that to all students, even those learning remotely. Cafeteria Manager Jason Yeagle reported 299 students enrolled in the first week(s) distributions.

- School supporters Achla and Ashok Hingorany have committed to reimbursing the district for a new refrigeration unit in support of the program.
- FY21 Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant – Amount Awarded: \$323,160.
- FY21 Safe and Supportive Schools Grant – Amount Applying for: \$10,000.
- Superintendent Harrity reviewed COVID maps the administrative team has been monitoring.
- She stated that the Program Advisory Committee meetings were in progress this evening.
- She gave an update on the Boys and Girls Club Partnership.
- Superintendent Harrity reviewed upcoming events that have been cancelled/modified.

Action: B. Machine Technology Name Change

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MACHINE TECHNOLOGY NAME CHANGE TO ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY EFFECTIVE SPRING 2021.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, John Columbus, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

### 3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representatives Monthly Report

Abigail Sallila is the new student representative.

- Students are excited to be back in the building and despite the fact that nothing is normal about this year, things seem to be moving along as normal as possible.
- Student Council – Nomination forms have been sent and are due October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- JROTC – With the pandemic severely hindering the usual amounts of great community service, JROTC classes are spending their time doing research on leaders and great ways to have an impact on their community to prepare for when they are able to resume their extensive community service projects.
- STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE-Nominations and elections for the Student Advisory Committee to the school committee have begun. Interested students are in the process of completing nomination forms which are due later this week. Plans to distribute a “virtual” ballot to the student body to elect the remaining members will be completed in the next couple weeks.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

- Principal Browne appreciates the cafeteria staff and Mr. Yeagle for all the work preparing the free meals for the 299 students currently who are taking advantage of the program.
- Progress reports will be going out within the next two weeks.

### 4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

None

Information: B. Resignation

Hope Rideout, a Paraprofessional, has resigned effective September 30, 2020.

Information: C. Appointment

Subject	Name	Residence	Column	Step	Salary
1 .5 Physical Education	Marc Bowden	Worcester	4	15	\$43,972.00
2 S.T.A.Y. Para	Angela Chabot	Ashburnham	N/A	3	\$18.34/Hour
3 Paraprofessional	Alex Cochran	Fitchburg	N/A	1	\$16.64/Hour
4 Paraprofessional	Stephanie Welch	Westminster	N/A	1	\$16.64/Hour
5 PN Office Manager	Cheryl Koula	Fitchburg	3	3	\$24.61/Hour

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Information: A. Financial Planning

None

Action, Information: B. Policy - Admissions Policy JF

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE TEMPORARY MODIFIED ADMISSIONS POLICY JF REQUIRED DUE TO THE COVID SCHOOL CLOSURE IN SPRING OF 2020 FOR A SINGLE READING BASED ON THE UNANIMOUS RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Information: C. Workforce

- Met last night. Resuming negotiations with the Monty Tech Teachers PR&R Committee where we left off last spring.
- Superintendents Goals – If any school committee member wishes to submit suggested goals for the Superintendent, please do so by the end of the week.

\*Amy Morton left at 8:00 PM

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action: B. Acceptance of FY21 Capital Skills Grant

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE CAPITAL SKILLS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$323,160. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE UPDATED EQUIPMENT TO CULINARY ARTS, CAFETERIA AND GREENHOUSE TO INCREASE CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Action: C. Acceptance of FY21 Coronavirus Relief Fund (CvRF) Grant  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT FOR \$330,975. FUNDS TO BE USED FOR PPE, VENTILATION UPGRADES, CLEANING AND DISINFECTING SUPPLIES.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Action: D. Acceptance of FY21 Allocation and Entitlement Grants  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FY21 ALLOCATION AND ENTITLEMENT GRANTS: SPED 94-142 \$375,779; PERKINS \$212,457; PERKINS POST-SECONDARY \$3,765; TITLE I \$205,961; TITLE II PART A \$34,006; AND TITLE IV \$17,759

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Maureen Ward.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Action, Discussion: E. Substitute Teacher Rates

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE DAILY, RETIREE AND LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE RATES AS PRESENTED EFFECTIVE 1/1/21

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

## 7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

None

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

None

Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals

None

Information: D. School Committee Comments

None

Information: E. Correspondence/Reports

Former school committee student representative, Bryan Sweeney, sent a thank you letter to the committee.

#### 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 Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Not Present at Vote: Amy Morton

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM