

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

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### **Members present**

Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall

### **Members absent**

Edward Simms, James Boone, Matthew Vance, Dianne Swenson, William Brassard

### **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, Procedural: A. Open Meeting Law Disclosure

Procedural: C. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: D. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Information: E. Public Comment

Action, Information: F. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2021 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Toni Phillips.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall

Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

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

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- Superintendent Harrity reviewed this week's COVID Map
- COVID Relief Funds - The FY21 Corona Virus Prevention Fund provided an allocation to Monty Tech in the amount of \$69,550.

- Senator John Cronin, Massachusetts State Senator - On January 20, 2021, the Monty Tech leadership team met with newly elected Senator John Cronin, District Coordinator Susan Templeton, and Chief of Staff Kevin Bowe. Senator Cronin was interested in hearing about Monty Tech, and our efforts to train a regional workforce.
- The Monty Tech leadership team has met on several occasions with DESE representatives from the Office of College, Career and Technical Education and the Center for Educational Options. These representatives have stated their goal as follows: “To determine if there is a disparity in who is applying (awareness gap), as well as who is enrolling (opportunity gap), providing a broader view of CVTE equitable access concerns.”
- Superintendent Harrity reviewed the MA Vaccine Distribution chart and shared that schools are in phase two, group 3.
- At the January 26, 2021 DESE Board meeting, the Board heard and approved the Commissioner’s proposed modifications to the Competency Determination requirements in ELA and mathematics for students in the class of 2021 who have not yet earned the CD.
- On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Monty Tech signed a MOU with the Institute for Health and Recovery (IHR), in an agreement to collaborate with IHR to expand and enhance treatment and recovery services for adolescents, transitional aged youth (12- 20), and their families.
- On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Wall Street Journal published an article highlighting the efforts vocational schools have made to adjust instruction, due to the pandemic. Two vocational schools were featured in this national article/podcast: • Ignite Technical Institute in Brooks County, TX • Monty Tech, Fitchburg, MA
- The Monty Tech Athletics Department is now registering student-athletes for the Fall II season. This season was created to allow districts who were concerned with the immediate start of sports in the fall, an opportunity to delay until February. Fall II activities will occur from the end of February through April 23, 2021.

### 3. Principal's Report

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

STUDENT COUNCIL - Student Council recently held a virtual chess tournament where 32 students participated. The student council is also hosting virtual meet and greets for the freshmen as they begin to think about what trade they will ultimately choose. All freshmen have been sent Zoom links to join these meetings with the upperclassmen volunteers from each shop. Freshmen can choose which shops they would like to learn more about and participate in as many Zoom meetings as they would like. Student Council is also in the midst of working on a “spirit month” to replace the annual spirit week that was lost at the beginning of the year. The details of this project are still being worked out but plans are on track to hold this event in March with each day being a different day to show school spirit!

SKILLS USA - Congratulations to all of the students who competed in and have qualified for District level competitions. Those competitions will be held in March.

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

- Finishing freshman exploratory this week. Freshman will start in their shop February 22, 2021.

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

Action, Information: D. Program of Studies

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR AS SUBMITTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall

Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

#### 4. Personnel

Information: A. Resignation

Information: B. Appointment

Information: C. Retirement

Peter Maxfield, House Carpentry Instructor since August 27, 2007, will retire July 1, 2021.

Dennis Cormier, Engineering Instructor since August 26, 2013, will retire at the end of the school year.

#### 5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Policy

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

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall

Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

Information: B. Workforce

A meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2021.

Information: C. Student Advisory

Information: D. Financial Planning

Will be meeting every Wednesday in February.

#### 6. Financial

Information: A. Financials

Action, Discussion: B. Acceptance of Donation from Clementi Charitable Trust

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM THE CLEMENTI FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO BENEFIT THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall  
Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

Action, Discussion: C. Acceptance of Donation from Workers' Credit Union  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM WORKERS' CREDIT UNION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO BENEFIT THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall  
Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

Action, Discussion: D. Acceptance of grant from MIIA  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A GRANT FROM MIIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,107 TO PURCHASE ERGONOMIC CHAIRS FOR OFFICE PERSONNEL.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Toni Phillips.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall  
Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

Action, Discussion: E. Acceptance of grant from MIIA  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A GRANT FROM MIIA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,225.66 TO BE USED TO PURCHASE FIRE SAFETY CABINETS FOR VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AS WELL AS SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR MAINTENANCE STAFF.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Toni Phillips.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall  
Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

Action, Discussion: F. Acceptance of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Grant  
THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND GRANT ALLOTTED THROUGH FUNDS IN THE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND THROUGH THE CARES ACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO BENEFIT THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Brian Walker.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall

Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

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. Closing Items

Action, Information: A. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Maureen Ward, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, John Columbus, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Robert Campbell, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall

Not Present at Vote: Barbara Reynolds

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM