**Regular Meeting (Wednesday, March 4, 2020)**

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**Members present**  
Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, and John Columbus

**Members absent**

Peter Capone, Maureen Ward, Amy Morton

**Officers of School Committee present**

Dr. Sheila Harrity, Superintendent-Director

**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, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Matthew Vance and Ross Barber recorded the meeting.

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion, Information: C. The Public Hearing on the FY21 budget began at 7:02 PM

Business Manager Tammy Crockett presented the FY21 budget.

James Cournoyer entered at 7:12 PM

Public Hearing ended at 7:56 PM

Information: D. Public Comment

Information: E. Public Input on the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School's Student Opportunity Act Plan

Information: F. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Action, Minutes: G. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Edward Simms, James Boone, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Abstain: Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, Matthew Vance

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

* Special Education/ Civil Rights Tiered Focus Visit - On February 19th, we received notification that: “The Department is pleased to report that the school district was found to be in compliance with all criteria reviewed; no corrective action is required at this time.”
* English Language Education Tiered Focus Visit - On February 21st, we received notification that: “The district will not be receiving a report that includes ratings and findings, as the team found the district to be in compliance with all criteria reviewed.”
* Superintendent Harrity reviewed what precautionary steps Monty Tech is taking to combat the COVID-19 virus.
* Superintendent Harrity reviewed Monty Tech’s Student Opportunity Act proposal. The School Committee will have a vote to accept/approve the proposed plan at the next School Committee meeting.
* Collaborative Discussions – Superintendent Harrity is bringing area Superintendents together to discuss potential programs, scheduling, sustainability, etc. When the planning group determines which program(s) might be a good fit to expand access to Chapter 74 training opportunities, Monty Tech will submit Chapter 74 Partnership Program “After Dark” Approval Application(s).

Information: B. Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Existing Conditions Assessment

* The Superintendent presented highlights and reviewed the report and review MSBA options.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report

* SKILLSUSA District and state competitions will take place next week!
* JROTC Raffle Sales have started for all students going on the leadership trips.
* Nominations and elections for the Student Advisory Committee Representative to the school committee will begin at the end of this month for the 2020-2021 school year.
* MEFA College and Career planning night will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the PAC.
* Valentine’s Day Was a great success! Approximately 175 cupid deliveries were made raising almost $900 for the media program.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

* Athletics Updates – The winter season is wrapping up and, even though the season ended sooner than we would have preferred, we are proud to share that several of our student-athletes qualified for the post-season –
  + The Girls Basketball team qualified as the 12th seed in the CMass Div. 4 tournament, but unfortunately lost to the sixth-seeded Advanced Math and Science Academy team.
  + Similarly, the Fitchburg/Monty Tech Boys Hockey team qualified as the 6th seed in the CMass Div. 3A tournament, but they also lost in the first round to 3rd seed, Grafton HS.
  + We still have a lone athlete who is still competing as we are thrilled to report that on Feb. 22nd, Isaic Paulino, a Sophomore in the Plumbing program, was victorious in the Division 2 State Wrestling Tournament at the 106 lbs. weight class becoming the first state wrestling champion from Monty Tech. He will now continue on to the New England tournament in Methuen, MA this weekend.
  + Monty Tech Freshman, and Gardner resident, Lei-Lani Hendricks claimed the state title at the Girls’ All-State Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, February 29th. Hendricks, competing in the 138-pound class, beat her top-seeded opponent with a takedown and held on for a pin with just 5 seconds remaining in the opening period. Congratulations!
* The Advisory Dinner was held February 12th with 365 members of our advisory committees attended this year’s event.

Information: C. Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry report/Attendance Report was presented for perusal.

Action: D. Enrollment Quota for Class of 2024

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE SETTING THE ENROLLMENT QUOTA FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 AT 365 STUDENTS.

Motion by Ross Barber, second by Matthew Vance

Final Resolution: Motion failed

Aye: Ross Barber, Matthew Vance, John Mollica, John Columbus

Nay: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, James Cournoyer, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE SETTING THE ENROLLMENT QUOTA FOR THE CLASS OF 2024 AT 355 STUDENTS AND AUTHORIZES THE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS TO ACCEPT UP TO 365 STUDENTS AFTER JUNE 1, 2020.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Eric Olson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Nay: Ross Barber

Information: E. Graduation/Drop Out Rates

The Superintendent reviewed a PowerPoint on the Graduation/Drop Out Rate.

4. Personnel

Information: A. Spring Coaches – A list of coaches was presented for perusal.

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Financial Planning

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE TENTATIVE FISCAL 2020-2021 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. A TOTAL GROSS BUDGET OF $28,814,865 LESS REVENUES OF $17,617,407 AND TOTAL COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS OF $11,197,458

Motion by Eric Olson, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Nay: James Boone

Information: B. Policy

Information: C. Capital Improvements

Information: D. Workforce

Information: E. Student Advisory

Information: F. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Information: B. Acceptance of Chapter 32B Section 19, 21-23

I MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO ADOPT AND ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 19 AND SECTIONS 21-23 OF CHAPTER 32B OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Matthew Vance.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Abstain: Matthew Vance

Action, Discussion: C. Acceptance of Chapter 32B Section 20

I MOVE THAT THE MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTE TO ADOPT AND ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 20 OF CHAPTER 32B OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 15 OF SECTION 218 OF THE ACTS OF 2016, ESTABLISHING AN OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS LIABILITY TRUST FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND TREASURER TO EXECUTE A DECLARATION OF TRUST CREATING AN EXPENDABLE TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING MONIES APPROPRIATED TO SUCH FUND; TO DESIGNATE THE TREASURER AS THE TRUSTEE OF SUCH TRUST; TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF ANY AND ALL MONIES CURRENTLY HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING RETIREE HEALTH AND LIFE BENEFITS TO SUCH TRUST; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEE TO INVEST AND REINVEST THE MONIES IN SUCH FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRUDENT INVESTOR RULE ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 203C OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Whitney Marshall.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Discussion: D. Surplus Equipment

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CONSIDER THE ITEMS ON THE ATTACHED LIST AS SURPLUS TO BE AUCTIONED.

Motion by James Boone, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Action, Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVES UP TO $2500 FOR DIANE SWENSON TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL SKILLSUSA COMPETITION IN LOUISVILLE, KY FROM JUNE 20 THROUGH JUNE 27, 2020.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals

Information: D. School Committee Comments

Information: E. Correspondence/Reports

8. Closing Items

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Diane Swenson, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM