**Regular Meeting (Wednesday, April 15, 2020)**

*Generated by Julie Marynok on Thursday, April 16, 2020*

**Members present**  
Amy Morton (7:06), Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Eric Olson, James Boone, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

**Members absent**

Edward Simms, Maureen Ward and Fitchburg vacant seat

**Officers of School Committee present**

Dr. Sheila Harrity, Superintendent-Director

**School district personnel present**

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM**

1. Open Meeting Law Disclaimer

Information: A. Open Meeting Law Disclaimer

2. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: C. Open Meeting Law Language

Action, Information: D. Suspension of Policy BE

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO SUSPEND POLICY BE - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - FOR THE APRIL 15, 2020 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: E. Suspension of Policy BEDH

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO SUSPEND POLICY BEDH- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - TEMPORARILY FOR THE APRIL 15, 2020 SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Minutes: F. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

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 Mollica, Kathleen Airoldi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Abstain: Amy Morton, Peter Capone

3. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

The Superintendent gave the School Committee an update on school activities doing the COVID-19 school closure.

Action, Information: B. School Choice

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO ACCEPT SCHOOL CHOICE STUDENTS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR FOR GRADES 10, 11, AND 12 ONLY.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Discussion: C. Commissioner Riley's Credit / No Credit Recommendation

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT DIRECTOR AND THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REMOTE LEARNING PLAN, THE ALTERATION OF THE GRADING YEAR, GRADING ON A CREDIT/NO CREDIT BASIS, IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY DESE RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANY OTHER ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE GOALS OUTLINED IN THE REMOTE LEARNING PLAN AND ADDRESS THE CURRENTLY FLUID COVID-19 SITUATION.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: D. Vote to Pay Hourly Employees

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 16, 2020 TO SUCH LATER DATE AS THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS MAY DETERMINE FOR THE CONTINUED CLOSURE OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "CLOSURE PERIOD", THE MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, SHALL PAY THE REGULAR WAGES FOR WORK DAYS DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD TO EACH EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL, EXCLUDING DAY SUBSTITUTES, PROVIDED THAT EACH SUCH EMPLOYEE TO BE PAID PERFORMS WORK THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE EMPLOYEE'S SUPERVISOR DURING THE WORK DAYS TO BE PAID DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD. NOTHING IN THIS MOTION LIMITS ANY RIGHTS THAT ANY EMPLOYEE MAY HAVE TO TAKE VACATION, SICK, OR PERSONAL LEAVE DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: E. Payment for Contracted Services

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ALLOW THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BUSINESS MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AMENDED PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL BUS COMPANIES CONTRACTED SERVICES.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: F. Student Opportunity Act

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE STUDENT OPPORTUNITY ACT PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoldi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement

Matina Mazzorella, Paraprofessional, will retire as of March 17, 2020, after 17 years.

William Stuessy, HVAC/Property Maintenance Instructor, will retire June 30, 2020, after 16 years.

James Brooks, House Carpentry Instructor, will retire September 30, 2020, after 19 years.

Information: B. New Hires

Elaine Brown has been moved from a long-term substitute to a permanent cafeteria worker at a rate of $16.06 per hour.

Amanda Cintron has been moved from a long-term substitute to a permanent cafeteria worker at a rate of $16.06 per hour.

Amy Wyman has been moved from a long-term substitute to a permanent cafeteria worker at a rate of $16.06 per hour.

5. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion, Information: B. Acceptance of Donations

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM DR. RONALD TOURIGNY IN THE AMOUNT OF $250.00 TO BENEFIT THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Eric Olson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

6. Communications

Action, Information: A. School Committee Chairman Report

MOVE THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND ELECT THE CURRENT SLATE OF OFFICERS.

Motion by Mary Barclay.

Motion withdrawn

MOVE THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND ELECT ERIC OLSON AS CHAIR, MELANIE WEEKS AS VICE CHAIR, SHEILA HARRITY AS SECRETARY, JULIE MARYNOK AS RECORDING SECRETARY, NORMAN LEBLANC AS TREASURER AND BARBARA REYNOLDS AS ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Motion by Barbara Reynolds, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

7. Other Items Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair Forty-Eight Hours Before the Meeting

8. Closing Items

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Peter Capone, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM