

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Monty Tech Drive, Fitchburg, MA 01420
Regular Meeting No. 130-677– October 3, 2018

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School held regular meeting No. 130-677 on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7 pm at the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, 1050 Westminster Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Members of the School Committee present:

Mrs. Diane B. Swenson	Ashburnham
Mr. Ross Barber	Westminster
Mr. John P. Mollica	Princeton
Dr. Robert Babineau	Fitchburg
Mr. Matthew Vance	Gardner
Mr. Edward Simms	Petersham
Mrs. Mary C. Barclay	Royalston
Mr. Ronald Tourigny	Fitchburg
Mr. William Brassard	Sterling
Mrs. Barbara Reynolds	Lunenburg
Mr. James S. Boone	Gardner
Mr. James Cournoyer	Holden
Mr. Austin Cyganiewicz	Winchendon
Mr. Eric Olson	Phillipston
Mrs. Toni Phillips	Athol
Ms. Melanie Weeks	Fitchburg

Member of the School Committee absent:

Mr. Brian Walker	Fitchburg
Mr. Peter B. Capone	Ashby
Ms. Whitney Marshall	Barre
Mrs. Kathleen Airoidi	Hubbardston
Mr. James Gilbert	Templeton
No appointed Representative	Harvard

Officer of the School Committee present:

Dr. Sheila M. Harrity	Superintendent-Director
Norman J. LeBlanc	District Treasurer

Student Representative to the School Committee present:

Rebecca Whittier

School District Personnel present:

Andrea Bell, Esq.	Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP
Tammy Crockett	Business/Human Resource Manager
Thomas Browne	Principal
James Hachey	Director of Vocational Programs
Christina Favreau	Director of Academic Programs
Victoria Zarozinski	Director of Student Support Services
Donald Kitzmiller	Director of Technology
Dayana Carlson	Assistant Principal
Michael Gormley	Director of Facilities
Chad Snyder	Audio/Visual Tech
Julie Marynok	Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Swenson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed everyone. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Vance, Gardner Representative, Mrs. Barclay, Royalston Representative and Doneen Durling, Gardner News stated they would be recording the meeting. Mr. Vance stated his phone did not record last month's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – September 5, 2018

moved that the District Committee vote to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2018 as presented.

Seconded by

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Swenson, Mr. Cournoyer, Ms. Weeks, Mr. Cyganiewicz, Mr. Boone, and Mrs. Phillips abstained from voting.

SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Superintendent-Director's Update

Superintendent Harrity presented a PowerPoint update of activities as of October 3, 2018.

- A report on the Monty Tech Foundation's 24th Annual Golf Tournament – 96 golfers, 24 Sponsors, 4 Golf Team Volunteers, Monty Techs Golf Coach, \$12,500 Raised for Scholarship Fund
- On September 27th, LEGO confirmed they will be making a \$1,000 donation to the District.
- On October 1st, the Development Coordinator submitted an application for a Fall FY19 Skills Capital Grant, in the amount of: \$124,282.
- Instructional Technologist, Ellen Gammel, has been asked to present at the Conference on English Leadership in Houston, TX November 18-20, 2018.
- We are excited to announce a new partnership between Monty Tech and VCA (Veterinary Centers of America)

Vet Tech Update

Superintendent Harrity's PowerPoint included an exterior photo of the Veterinary Science Training Center. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 12:30 pm. Governor Baker plans to attend.

Next Generation Update

A presentation regarding the Next Generation (Formally known as MCAS) testing results was given by Ms. Favreau and Principal Browne.

New Accountability System

The presentation on the New Accountability system continued with Ms. Favreau and Principal Browne.

Approval of All Overnight Travel In-State by JROTC

**Mr. Olson moved that the District Committee vote to approve the following:
One in-state overnight trip for the JROTC to Fort Devens, Devens, Massachusetts
from October 12 to October 13, 2018,**

Seconded by Mrs. Barclay.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Swenson abstained from voting

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Representative's Monthly Report

Rebecca Whittier, Student Representative to the School Committee reported that Spirit Week has begun. The Homecoming game is Friday with the dance on Saturday. Drama Club has begun meeting. The ROTC 10 mile march is Saturday October 27 with overnight on October 26.

Principal's Monthly Report

Mr. Browne provided a written report of activities that took place in September.

- Back to School night - Back to School Night allowing parents to meet their student's academic teachers while tracing the steps of their student around the building.
- 12th Annual College & Career Night - 94 representatives of various four-year colleges, two-year colleges, trade schools and trade unions had the opportunity to share their information with students and families.
- Monty Tech provided a pre-fair tour to approximately 15 of the college representatives so that they could get a better sense of what Monty Tech has to offer in terms of our students' college and career readiness.

October 1st Enrollment Report

The City/Town Enrollment by Grade/Gender as of October 1, 2018 was presented for perusal. The total number of students as of this date is 1423.

Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report

The Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report from 09/22/18 – 10/01/2018 was presented for perusal.

PERSONNEL

Appointments

1. IT Support – Luis Rivera
2. Part-time school Psychologist - Tonia Spacciapoli
3. School Nurse – Heidi Williams

Mr. Olson moved that the District Committee confirm the appointment of Heidi Williams, Westminster, as School Nurse, as the position requires School Committee action.

Seconded by Mr. Boone.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Swenson abstained from voting.

REPORTS BY SUBCOMMITTEES

Financial Planning

Eric Olson, Chairperson, said the committee will be meeting soon. Budget time is upon us.

Policy

Mrs. Barclay, Chairperson, stated that the committee met two times last month and they are reviewing the G category.

Capital Improvements

Mr. Cournoyer, Chairperson, stated that the committee is planning to meet November 14th prior to the school committee meeting.

Workforce

Mr. Cournoyer, Chairperson, had no report at this time.

Student Advisory

Mrs. Barclay, Chairperson, said that a Student Advisory Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for October 24.

Scholarship (ad hoc)

Mrs. Barclay, Chairperson, had nothing to report at this time.

FINANCIAL

Financial Statements

The August 2018 Statements, Statements of Accounts, and the Financial Statements for the Continuing Education Program were presented for perusal.

Approval of Health Insurance Rates

A conversation ensued.

Mrs. Barclay moved that the District Committee vote to approve the Health and Dental Insurance Rates as presented by the Business Manager in her memo of September 26, 2018.

Seconded by Mr. Olson.

Vote on motion – passed.

Mr. Cournoyer, voted no.

Ms. Swenson abstained from voting.

Acceptance of Donations

Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts

Mrs. Barclay moved that the District accept the donation from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts in the amount of \$4,454.83 for the Veterinary Science Training Program as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Olson.

Vote – so voted.

Mr. Barber, Mr. Mollica, Mr. Tourigny and Mrs. Swenson abstained from voting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Teachers' Information or Proposals

No teachers were present this evening.

School Committee Chairman Report

A survey with dates and locations of School Committee Holiday Party was reviewed. Committee members have until October 25th to return their form with date and location requests.

School Committee Comments

Mr. Mollica thanked everyone involved from Administration and staff for the strategic look at what the school is doing as far as the state assessment. He feels there is a descent strategy in place for upcoming tests.

Mrs. Phillips thanked the committee for the fruit basket.

Mrs. Reynolds commented on how wonderful it was to read that two students from Monty Tech participated in the Forge-In at Riverfront Park as well as the Montachusett Junior ROTC, who set up and cooked.

Adjournment

Mr. Cyganiewicz moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Tourigny.

Mr. Brassard abstained from voting.

Vote – so voted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D.
Superintendent-Director

Julie Marynok, Secretary