

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, February 13, 2019)

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Members present

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

Members absent

James Gilbert, James Boone, Robert Babineau, Kathleen Airoidi

Officers of School Committee present

Dr. Sheila Harrity, Superintendent-Director

School district personnel present

Thomas Browne, Principal, James Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs, Dayana Carlson, Assistant Principal, Michael Gormley, Director of Facilities, Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator, Tammy Crockett, Business Manager, Chad Snyder, Technology and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Action, Information: C. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

That the District Committee votes to oppose the Native Sun Wellness proposal to open a cannabis retail store at its Industrial Road location, which abuts school property.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, John Mollica, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, James Cournoyer

Nay: Diane Swenson, Matthew Vance, Peter Capone, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Amy Morton

That the Superintendent send a letter to the Fitchburg Planning Board that as of December 11, 2018, the Monty Tech School Committee had not yet made a determination regarding the Native Sun grow facility. As of February 13, 2019, the Monty Tech School Committee voted to oppose the retail facility.

Motion by Ross Barber, second by Ronald Tourigny.

So Voted

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

Nay: Diane Swenson, Amy Morton

Information: D. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: E. Approval of Minutes

Move that the District Committee vote to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2019, as presented.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Whitney Marshall.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- The Superintendent updated the School Committee regarding the Monty Tech School of Continuing Education.
 - 979 students enrolled in classes in the fall of 2018.
 - Provided a list of new classes being offered in the spring of 2019.
- The Monty Tech Career Expo will be held April 30, 2019.
- Facilities Assessment RFP was posted on February 11, 2019 and several vendors have already requested copies.

Action: B. Out-of-State Field Trip — Lincoln Tech

That the district committee votes to approve an out-of-state trip for 45 seniors to travel to Lincoln Tech in East Windsor, Connecticut on March 7, 2019.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action: C. Out-of-State Field Trip — Nashua, NH

That the district committee votes to approve an out-of-state trip for senior and sophomore students in Plumbing to travel to Viega Educational Center in Nashua, New Hampshire on March 18, 2019.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Diane Swenson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report — No report

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

- From January 7 – 24, ELL students have sat for the state's ACCESS exams.
- VIP Session #2 has 200 students participating.
- 40 vocational instructors are taking the SEI Endorsement course.

Information: C. Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry report/Attendance Report from 12/19/2018 – 1/31/2019 was presented for perusal.

Information: D. Ninth Grade Placement — A report was given by Principal Browne

Information: E. Program of Studies — Updates to the Program of Studies were reviewed by Principal Browne

4. Personnel

Information: A. Retirement — Judy Logue will retire September 10, 2019, after 18 years in the Health Occupations Department.

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Financial Planning

The District Committee approve the Final Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Total Budget \$27,756,374 less Revenues \$17,215,217 and total Assessments of \$10,541,157.

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, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Amy Morton

Action, Information: B. Policy

The committee met this evening and continues to work on Policy Section G.

Information: C. Capital Improvements

The subcommittee voted to award the Energy Management Services Agreement to Cannistraro.

Information: D. Workforce

Information: E. Student Advisory

The group met Tuesday. Two of the Monty Tech student representatives to the Regional Student Advisory Council will be working on a PSA on the hazards of vaping that will be shown throughout the state.

Information, Procedural: F. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

6. Financial

Information: A. December 2018 Financial Statements

Action: B. Acceptance of Donations

The District Committee accept the donation from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts for the Veterinary Science Building in the amount of \$6,708.28.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Whitney Marshall.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Cournoyer, Mary Barclay, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, Amy Morton

Nay: Ronald Tourigny

Abstain: John Mollica, Matthew Vance, Ross Barber

Action: C. Auto Body Grant

The District Committee accept the I-CAR Collision Repair Education Foundation and Liberty Mutual for a \$5,000 tool grant.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Whitney Marshall.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action: D. BNY Mellon grant — MCJROTC Program

The District Committee accept the grant from BNY Mellon for \$1,660.00 for the MCJROTC program

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Information: E. Auction Results — Update

Action: F. Award of Bus Bid

The District Committee award the contract for a new 2019 71-Passenger Type C Bus to New England Transit Sales, Inc. 30 Progress Ave., Tyngsboro, MA at a total cost of \$77,154. Funds are to be distributed from Account #1880 Vehicles and School Buses.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

- Austin Cyganiewicz has resigned from school committee. Chairman Walker will reach out to the Winchendon Board of Selectmen.
- Chairman Walker recognized all the staff involved in the MASC workshop held at Monty Tech.

Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals

Information: D. School Committee Comments

Information: E. Correspondence/Reports

8. Legal Matters — Executive Session

Discussion, Information: A. Executive Session

Motion by Matthew Vance, second by Eric Olson to go into executive session to discuss a litigation appeal on a student matter per M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) and return to open session to adjourn.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Entered executive session at 9:35 PM

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Mary Barclay to go out executive session.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Exited executive session at 9:49

9. Closing Items

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Peter Capone, second by Eric Olson.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:49