

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, January 8, 2020)

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Members present

Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, and John Columbus

Members absent

James Cournoyer, Barbara Reynolds, Robert Babineau

Officers of School Committee present

Dr. Sheila Harrity, Superintendent-Director

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, and Julie Marynok, Recording Secretary

Matthew Vance recorded the meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Call to Order

Procedural: B. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: C. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Information: D. Public Comment

Action, Information: E. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2019 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Eric Olson, second by Mary Barclay.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Eric Olson, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall

Abstain: Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, James Boone, John Mollica, Maureen Ward, John Columbus

Not Present at Vote: William Brassard

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Introduction of "Certificate of Excellence" students - Gabriel Baczewski, a senior in the CAD/Drafting Design Program, of Winchendon, and Alison Miller, a senior in the Dental Hygiene Program, of Winchendon were the recipients of the Certificate of Excellence Award.

Information: B. Meals for Shields

1. In 2018, Seniors Troy Brassard and Caleb VanHillo founded Meals For Shields in partnership with the United Way Youth Venture Program. They provided complete holiday dinners to all first responders within the Monty Tech School District for Christmas that year.
2. Thanks to growing support, in 2019 they were able to expand deliveries to include the Thanksgiving holiday as well!

Information: C. Superintendent-Director Update

- In support of our commitment to faculty, staff and student wellness, Monty Tech has formed a Wellness Committee. To date, this committee has held 3 meetings and launched several wellness initiatives that have proven to be impactful.
 1. MT Fitness Boot camp
 2. MT Weight loss Challenge
 3. MT Wellness Professional development Opportunities
- Clinic services have now expanded to include Surgery and Dental procedures.
- MSBA representatives will be here, meeting with the Capital Improvement subcommittee on January 28th, to discuss next steps in the facilities assessment report.
- An update was provided for the Massachusetts Perkins Grant
- A cohort of MAVA Superintendents, Officers, and DESE representatives have met to discuss Admissions, programming, access solutions, and partnership opportunities.
- Administration continues to collaborate to discuss best practices, share ideas for future collaboration opportunities with partnering comprehensive districts, and Admissions procedures.
- Erin Gruwell will be this year's motivational speaker on Tuesday, February 11th at 8:30 in the Dukakis Performing Arts Center.

Information: D. DESE Tiered Focus Review

- There will be a Tiered Focus Monitoring Review the week of January 21st.

Action: E. Out-of-State Overnight Field Trip

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE AN OVERNIGHT OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP FOR 100 STUDENTS AND 7 CHAPERONES TO PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST, VIRGINIA FROM JUNE 18 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2020. ALL EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY THE MARINE CORPS JROTC.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, John Columbus
Not Present at Vote: William Brassard

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report

- Auditions for the “The Wedding Singer” will take place January 21st and 22nd with casting released by the 24th. The Musical is scheduled for April 9 and 11, 2020.
- The Leo Club is making plans to perform some community service at a local senior center.
- MWCC Decision Day-Admissions representatives from Mt. Wachusett CC will be here on February 3, 2020 to meet with seniors who are interested in enrolling at MWCC.
- Football awards night is taking place January 8th.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

Military Awareness Night was held on December 4th.

- The Guidance Department continues to provide interest-specific workshops to support our students’ post-secondary plans and to ensure that there are opportunities for parental involvement in that decision-making process.
- Military Awareness Night specifically provides an opportunity for students and families to meet with recruiters from each of the armed services in order to learn about potential military careers as well enlistment requirements.
- There was a ½ day Professional Development day on December 13th. All of our offerings focused on peer instruction as each workshop was led by a Monty Tech instructor. The focus of the day was to allow colleagues to learn about different instructional practices with a specific goal of cross-disciplinary learning as academic instructors were challenged to attend a workshop led by a vocational instructors and vice versa.
- On December 20th, Monty tech hosted its annual SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony to recognize all local winners who will be moving on to the District Competitions at Bay Path Regional on March 11th.

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

4. Personnel

Information: A. Resignation

Melissa Wilbur from the Practical Nursing Program has resigned

Information: B. Appointment

Kylee Stout from Westminster has been hired as a veterinary technician

Joshua Machonis from Royalston has been hired as an evening maintenance technician

Joseph Baldassarre from Troy, NH has been hired as the evening custodial supervisor

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Information: A. Financial Planning

- Meeting was held January 8th to discuss OPEB and compensated absence liabilities.
- The Governor's budget will be out January 22nd

Information: B. Policy

Information: C. Capital Improvements

Information: D. Workforce

Information: E. Student Advisory

Information: F. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

6. Financial

Information: A. Financials

Information: B. Results of Surplus Equipment Auction

- The results of the surplus equipment auction netted \$7,569.00.

Action, Information: C. Donation from Community Foundation of North Central Mass for Veterinary Science Program

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CENTRAL MASS FOR THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,738.80.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Abstain: John Mollica

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: A. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Peter Capone, second by Maureen Ward.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Brian Walker, Diane Swenson, Edward Simms, Eric Olson, James Boone, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Matthew Vance, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM