

Regular Meeting (Wednesday, February 12, 2020)

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Members present

Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Edward Simms, James Boone, James Cournoyer, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, and John Columbus

Members absent

Diane Swenson, Eric Olson and Matthew Vance

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

Ross Barber recorded the meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

1. Opening Items

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance

Information: B. Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Information: C. Public Comment

Action, Minutes: D. Approval of Minutes

MOVE THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2020 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Barbara Reynolds.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Edward Simms, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus
Abstain: James Cournoyer

Amy Morton left at 7:21 PM

2. Superintendent-Director's Report

Information: A. Superintendent-Director Update

- The Superintendent updated the School Committee members on the Student Opportunity Act. The Monty Tech District will be submitting the short form plan by April 1, 2020 to DESE.
- Erin Gruwell was the 2020 Motivational Speaker. Her remarks were very moving and motivational for students and staff.
- Courses and enrollment continue to increase in the Continuing Education Program. Superintendent Harrity gave an update and shared descriptions of some of the new courses offered in the evening program.
- The Annual Report was given to each School Committee member.

Information: B. DESE Visit

- Superintendent Harrity gave a presentation of the admissions policy, practices and data of the sending districts. This information was shared with the DESE Team during their visit.

3. Principal's Report

Information: A. Student Representative's Monthly Report

- NHS - The Daffodil Days fundraiser for the American Cancer Society was a success. Daffodils will be delivered in early March. Over \$2,000 was raised in support of the American Cancer Society.
- SKILLSUSA - District and state competitions will take place in March.
- DRAMA Club – The musical, “The Wedding Singer”, is scheduled for April 9 and 11, 2020.

Information: B. Principal's Monthly Report

- VIP Winter Session_– Total students participating in VIP Winter Session – 222 students.
- Vocational SEI Endorsement Course – As noted in our 2018-2021 District Improvement Plan, Monty Tech is working to ensure that all vocational instructors receive their Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement in a timely manner in order to comply with DESE licensure requirements. By May, 93% of our faculty will have earned their SEI Endorsement.
- Mount Wachusett Community College Decision Day – As part of our ongoing post-secondary planning activities for our seniors, the Guidance Department continued to provide targeted planning strategies for our students. This month’s session focused on students who are interested in enrolling in a two-year public or private college. This month the admissions representatives from MWCC held Decision Day at the school.

MOVE TO GO OUT OF ORDER ON THE AGENDA

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Whitney Marshall.

Final Resolution: So Voted

Aye: Amy Morton, Barbara Reynolds, Brian Walker, Edward Simms, James Boone, John Mollica, Kathleen Airoidi, Mary Barclay, Maureen Ward, Melanie Weeks, Peter Capone, Ronald Tourigny, Ross Barber, Toni Phillips, Whitney Marshall, William Brassard, John Columbus

4. Personnel

Information: A. Appointments

Karen Wrigley, from Phillipston, has been hired as Adjunct Faculty for the PN Program at \$40.00 per hour

William Thou, from Worcester, has been hired as Adjunct Faculty for the PN Program at \$50.00 per hour

Karen Kobis, from Hubbardston, has been hired as Adjunct Faculty for the PN Program at \$40.00 per hour

Bambi Luchock, from Athol, has been hired as a full-time PN faculty member at \$83,994.00

5. Reports by Subcommittees

Action, Information: A. Financial Planning

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESERVE FUND FOR FUTURE PAYMENTS OF ACCRUED LIABILITIES FOR COMPENSATED ABSENCES PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 40 SECTION 13D

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by William Brassard.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: B. Policy

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE APPROVE THE PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM STUDENT HANDBOOK AS PRESENTED

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Information: C. Capital Improvements

- MSBA representatives will be speaking with the Capital Improvements Subcommittee on February 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Information: D. Workforce
Information: E. Scholarship (Ad hoc)

Information: F. Student Advisory

3. Principal's Report Continued

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

Information: D. Ninth Grade Placement

- 96.5% of freshman were placed in their 1st or 2nd choice.

Action, Information: E. Program of Studies

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AS SUBMITTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Action, Information: F. Vote to Approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar

THAT THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE VOTES TO APPROVE THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

6. Financial

Information: A. Financial Statements

Action, Discussion, Information: B. Acceptance of Donations

THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ACCEPT A DONATION FROM WACHUSETT BREWING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$954.00 FOR THE VETERINARY SCIENCE PROGRAM

Motion by Mary Barclay, second by Kathleen Airoidi.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

7. Communications

Information: A. Teacher's Information or Proposals

- Scott Zibel discussed his concerns regarding a personnel day request.

Information: B. School Committee Chairman Report

Information: C. School Committee Information or Proposals

Information: D. School Committee Comments

Information: E. Correspondence/Reports

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

9. Closing Items

Action: A. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Peter Capone, second by James Boone.

Final Resolution: So Voted

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM