

Montague Area Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 14, 2024.

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the MHS CAT Lab by President, Brent Raeth.

Members Present: Raeth, Dahl, Johnson, Neubauer, Francis, Beishuizen, Smith

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Jeffrey Johnson, Stacey Brown, Michelle Pulver, and community members

Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

Approval of minutes from the September 9 regular Board meeting. Approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,539,507.50; General Fund \$465,588.66; Food Service \$72,853.72; Technology and Safety Fund \$22,225.68; Activity Fund \$16,889.89; Capital Projects Fund \$901,399.55; Sinking Fund \$60,550.00

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting: None

Reports

Mike Vredeveld from Vredeveld Haefner, LLC shared a summary of the 2023-24 audit review. We had a clean audit with no findings.

Jessica Pantano, with Michigan Schools Energy Cooperative (MISEC) shared information on an opportunity for Montague Schools to participate in a 15-year fixed energy rate with the build of the Allegan County solar farm.

FFA members Jenna Woller and Greta Auch gave a report of FFA events, as well as shared their annual calendar.

Principal Meaningful Minute:

High School – Mrs. Thommen shared many of the events going on at the high school. The Girls' Golf team is headed to State competition. An interventionist position has been recently posted. This position will support students that need extra help. Parent Teacher Conferences are this week, with half days of school on Thursday and Friday.

RRO – Ms. Lundquist shared the many events happening at RRO. She thanked the FFA group for all their help with the successful Harvest Day this year. Ms. Lundquist also share information about the three committees at RRO. Those committees are: Academics, PBIS, and Culture Climate. Parent Teacher Conferences are this week, with half days of school on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Johnson shared support staff new hires of:

Krystin Hall, Transportation Dispatcher/Bus Driver

Denise Powell, Bus Driver

The Equestrian team finished in sixth place at State. The girls' golf team is heading to State. Mr. Johnson shared congratulatory remarks to Stacey Brown, who recently completed the MSBO Business Manager Academy. Mr. Johnson shared condolences to the family of Dick Hunt, who recently passed away.

New Business

A. FFA Calendar of Events

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the FFA Calendar of Events as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

B. 2023-24 Financial Audit

To approve the 2023-24 financial audit as presented.

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

C. MISEC Solar Choice Resolution

To approve the MISEC Solar Choice Resolution as presented.

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

No Vote: Smith

Yes (6) No (1) motion carried

D. Summer Tax Resolution

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the annual summer tax resolution as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

E. Summer Tax Collection Agreements

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the agreements for the collection of summer taxes for White River Township and the City of Montague.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

F. Consideration of casting votes at the 2024 MASB Delegate Assembly

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To authorize certified delegate, Brent Raeth, or alternate, Cindy Francis, to vote on amended, new and

substituted Resolutions, and Bylaw proposals at the Delegate Assembly as agreed upon by the Board.
All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

G. Tractor Purchase

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the purchase of a Kioti NS4710 tractor in the amount of \$46,181.54 from Reeman Farm Equipment with funds from the General Fund.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

H. 8th Grade Out-of-State Trip

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the 8th grade out-of-state trip to Chicago on May 30, 2025.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

I. Teacher Out-of-State Travel

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve Emma Greenwood to travel out-of-state for the Midwest Band & Orchestra Convention in Chicago, IL Dec. 18-21, 2024.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

J. Overnight Athletic Trips

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve overnight trips for the varsity Cross Country team from 11/1 to 11/2/24 in Jackson, and 11/22 to 11/23/24 in Madison, Wisconsin as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

K. Tuning District Pianos

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve Scott Emelander to tune the district's pianos, not to exceed \$600 per year.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

L. Weight Room Equipment Purchase

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the purchase of weight room equipment in the amount of \$111,071 from Direct Fitness Solutions with funds from the 2022 Capital Project Bond.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

M. New Social Worker Hire

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve Tania Judd as the new K-5 Social Worker.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

N. Neola Policies – Second Reading and Adoption

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the second reading and adoption of Neola policy numbers 2264 and 2414 as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

To adjourn the October 14, 2024 regular Board meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Johnson

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary