

Montague Area Public Schools

Board of Education

Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 13, 2025

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, Neubauer, Francis, Dahl, Smith, Fullmer, Rupert

Members Absent: none

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

Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Francis

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

Items Approved:

- a) Approval of minutes from the September 8, 2025 meeting.
- b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$595,111.27; General Fund \$475,674.94; Food Service \$88,966.81; Technology and Safety Fund \$9,385.85; Activity Fund \$15,405.67; Capital Projects Fund \$5,678
- c) Resignations
 - Melanie Erickson
 - Mckenna Littlebrant

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting

Abbi Tallquist - request Board to consider the option for white gowns and caps to be worn for graduation

Reports

Mike Vredevelt from Vredevelt Haefner, LLC shared a summary of the 2024-25 audit review. We had a clean audit with no findings.

FFA Students Jenna Woller, Dane Roesler, and Elle Moran shared the 25-26 FFA Calendar of Events.

Principal Meaningful Minute

RRO – Principal Lundquist shared that they completed the NWEA student testing. RRO has had a lot of fall activities for students, including a very successful harvest lunch. Sandie thanked the FFA students for all their creativity in make the harvest lunch better and better every year.

MACC – Principal Stoneman shared that the students have been very busy getting comfortable and learning from their teachers, as well as taking part in many fall activities, including fire prevention week and pink out. She also shared that parent teacher conferences are this week.

NBC – Principal Perreault shared that NWEA testing is completed. The sixth and seventh music students attended a sing-a-long festival at Reeths Puffer, where all other local schools attended as well. Sixth graders went to Grace Adventures. Fall sports are wrapping up, and Robotics will compete in two competitions in November.

High School – Principal Thommen shared that Girls' Golf is going to state competition this week. The equestrian team placed third in state last weekend, and many new student clubs are starting up this year, including a yoga class, slam poetry class, and Esports. Overall student attendance is also looking better this year.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Johnson summarized the school budget the State recently passed. He was also happy to share that this year's overall student count is above what was budgeted for this school year. Mr. Johnson shared the equestrian teams' third place finish at state, and that the girls' golf team won their first ever conference championship title and are traveling to state competition this weekend. Mr. Johnson thanked Jacquie Wood for all her hard work on the successful Wildcat Salute that took place before the September 26th football game.

New Business

A. 2024-25 Audit

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

To approve the 2024-25 financial audit as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

B. FFA Calendar of Events

Motion by: Neubauer

Seconded by: Francis

To approve the 2025-26 Calendar of Events as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

C. Annual Summer Tax Resolution

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Neubauer

To approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented.

Voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

D. Agreement for Collection of Summer Taxes

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Neubauer

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

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

E. Casting Votes at MASB Delegate Assembly

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Neubauer

To authorize certified delegate, Karen Neubauer, or alternate, Amanda Dahl, 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

F. Overnight Varsity Golf Trip

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Francis

To approve the overnight Varsity Golf trip to Big Rapids for MHSAA state finals October 16 thru 18, 2025.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

G. Overnight Varsity Cross Trip

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Fullmer

To approve the overnight Varsity Cross trip to Brooklyn, MI for MHSAA state finals October 31 and November 1, 2025.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Adjournment

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Smith

To adjourn the October 13, 2025, regular Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary