

Montague Area Public Schools

Board of Education Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on August 14, 2023

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, Johnson , Francis, Dahl, Beishuizen, Smith, Neubauer (arrived at 6:10pm)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jeffrey Johnson, Katie Mann, Stacey Brown, and other interested staff and citizens

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from July 10 regular Board meeting, approval of expenditures for a total of \$430,433.82; General Fund \$336,951.81; Food Service \$45,619.66; Technology and Safety Fund \$23.97; Activity Fund \$749.00; 2020 Debt Refunding \$500.00; Capital Projects Fund \$46,589.38, Resignations:

- i) Melissa Raiche – NBC
- ii) Dawn Rubin – Rro
- iii) Sarah Stahl – MHS

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting:

Stuart Scholl – questions / comments regarding trees & construction

Reports:

Superintendent Comments:

Jeff discussed:

- New hire:
 - Makayla Sluyter – NBC Secretary
- FFA students gave a helpful & informative presentation on parliamentary procedure
- Tree Update

Tree Committee:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Smith

To designate a special committee of three to address tree removal at the baseball fields.

1 voted yes: Francis; 6 voted no: Raeth, Johnson, Dahl, Beishuizen, Neubauer, Smith – motion denied. (1-6)

- Construction Update
- Christy Thommen moved to high school principal position
- RRO Windows Update

New Business:

Shelby State Bank Accounts:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve Stacey Brown to open bank accounts at Shelby State Bank for the RRO and NBC activity accounts.

Dahl abstained. All voted yes – motion carried. (6-0)

Handbooks:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the 23-24 handbooks for MHS, NBC, RRO, and the MACC as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

General Fund Resolution:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the Resolution to borrow \$700,000 from local banks to meet General Fund obligations.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Elementary Principal:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the hiring of Sandie Lundquist as Elementary Principal.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

MISEC Resolution:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the MISEC Solar Choice Resolution, as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

MHS Gymnasium Bids:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the bids for the MHS Performance Gymnasium Addition, as presented. These costs will be paid from the 2022 Capital Projects Fund.

Raeth abstained. All voted yes – motion carried. (6-0)

MCVA:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the Muskegon County Virtual Academy Course Catalog for grades K-12.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

NEOLA Policy – 1st Reading, Vol. 37, No. 2 – February 2023

Superintendent Johnson gave the Board an overview of the NEOLA policy updates.

Discussion: CatchMark monthly expenditures

CatchMark:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve payment of up to \$1,125.00 monthly to CatchMark Technologies for the 2023-2024 school year.

Raeth abstained. All voted yes – motion carried. (6-0)

Closed Session:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve entering into a closed session to discuss student discipline.

Roll Call:

Mr. Raeth - Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes, Mrs. Francis - Yes, Mrs. Dahl - Yes,

Mr. Beishuizen - Yes, Mr. Smith – Yes, Mrs. Neubauer – Yes.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

The Board was in closed session from 7:40 p.m. to 8:08 p.m. No Board action was taken in Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

Student Reinstatement:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the reinstatement of student #18000899 for placement in alternative programs for at least one semester, with a reevaluation to follow.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Closed Session:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve entering into a closed session to discuss Attorney/Client Privileged Information.

Roll Call:

Mr. Raeth - Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes, Mrs. Francis - Yes, Mrs. Dahl - Yes,

Mr. Beishuizen - Yes, Mr. Smith – Yes, Mrs. Neubauer – Yes.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

The Board was in closed session from 8:10 p.m. to 9:13 p.m. No Board action was taken in Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 9:13 p.m.

Retirement:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Dahl

To accept Curt Hansen’s voluntary retirement agreement, as presented to the Board.

Roll Call:

**Mr. Raeth - Yes, Mr. Johnson - No, Mrs. Francis - Yes, Mrs. Dahl - Yes,
Mr. Beishuizen - Yes, Mr. Smith – Yes, Mrs. Neubauer – Yes.**

6 voted yes; 1 voted no – motion carried. (6-1)

Closed Session:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Smith

To approve entering into a closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

Roll Call:

**Mr. Raeth - Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes, Mrs. Francis - Yes, Mrs. Dahl - Yes,
Mr. Beishuizen - Yes, Mr. Smith – Yes, Mrs. Neubauer – Yes.**

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

The Board was in closed session from 9:15 p.m. to 9:21 p.m. No Board action was taken in Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 9:21 p.m.

MTEA Agreement:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To accept the 2 letters of agreement between Montague Area Public Schools and MTEA, as presented to the Board.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Adjournment:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To adjourn the August 14, 2023 regular Board meeting at 9:22 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Mann, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary