

Montague Area Public Schools

Board of Education Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on December 11, 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

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 (7-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from November 13 regular and closed session Board meeting, approval of expenditures for a total of \$982,260.84; General Fund \$349,867.12; Food Service \$135,245.96; Technology and Safety Fund \$9,737.64; Activity Fund \$13,886.46; 2022 Capital Projects Debt Servicing \$500.00; Capital Projects Fund \$472,523.66, Resignations:

i) Matthew Abel – RRO

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting:

None

Reports:

Principal Meaningful Minute:

MHS: Mrs. Thommen updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including holiday festivities, band/choir, FFA State Star finalists, upcoming exams, and sports updates.

NBC: Mr. Perreault updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including winter sports, holiday festivities, Penny Wars final total of donating \$1,654, thank yous to food service and robotics coaches, upcoming club events, and the award of a grant for summer school.

RRO/MACC: Ms. Lundquist updated the Board on activities throughout the schools, including the annual food drive total of donating over 1,000 items, Santa Shop and pool school wrap up, and staff PD.

Financial Update:

Stacey Brown presented an overview of the amended budget for 2023-2024.

Superintendent Comments:

Jeff discussed:

- New hires:
 - Melanie Erickson – LRE Aide
 - Nickole Willacker – Transportation
 - Kristina Thompson – LRE Aide
- Gym Update
- Forestry Plan
- Tech/Cyber Security

New Business:

Budget Amendment #1:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the amendment to the 2023-2024 budget as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

District Van:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the purchase of a minivan from Duer Speet in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 to be paid from the General Fund.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Neola Policies – 2nd Reading:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve Neola updates as presented:

a) Vol. 38 No. 1 – September 2023

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

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 6:39p.m. to 7:12 p.m. No Board action was taken in Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:12 p.m.

Student Discipline:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

It is the recommendation of the MAPS Board of Education that student #18001059 be expelled from in-person learning with the opportunity to participate in Virtual Learning through Duck Creek. After 180 days, a request can be made to return to in-person learning at Duck Creek.

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)

Adjournment:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Johnson

To adjourn the December 11, 2023 regular Board meeting at 7:15 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie Mann".

Katie Mann, Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Francis".

Cindy Francis, Board Secretary