

**Montague Area Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes**

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on July 10, 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, Neubauer, Smith

Members Absent: None

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the agenda, removing New Business Item D – Approval of Handbooks.

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 June 12 budget hearing and regular Board meeting, approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,036,107.72; General Fund \$704,263.73; Food Service \$64,599.90; Technology and Safety Fund \$1,576.23; Scholarship Fund \$1,000.00; Activity Fund \$29,221.53; Capital Projects Fund \$37,830.33; Sinking Fund \$197,616.00.

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting:

None

Reports:

Superintendent Comments:

Jeff discussed:

- Tenure:
 - Coryn Bradfield
 - Sarah Justian
 - Deanne Knapp
- Title IX Statement: “Because an investigation is still ongoing, I cannot comment publicly on ongoing personnel matters. State and federal privacy laws also prohibit the disclosure of student personally identifiable information without parental consent or an applicable exemption. However, the Board should know that the District has policies and procedures in place to investigate and handle any allegations of staff misconduct and that it has followed the applicable

policies and procedures when conducting these investigations. Specifically, the District has adhered to all requirements specified in federal law and Board Policy when conducting Title IX investigations. Unfortunately, the August 2020 amendments to the Title IX regulations added many mandatory steps to the Title IX investigation process that result in a Title IX investigation taking longer to conclude than other misconduct investigations. I appreciate the trust and confidence that our families place in Montague Area Public Schools, and we will continue to work to maintain that trust.”

- West Michigan Teacher Collaborative Information
- State Budget and Funding Update
- MI Options Career Interest Results

New Business:

MASB Membership:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the membership renewal of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for the 2023-2024 school year.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Early Graduation:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve a request for early graduation for student 807233.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

MHS Curriculum:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the addition of a Financial Literacy class to the high school curriculum.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Course Catalogs:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

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

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Application Resolution:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Application Resolution to meet Debt Service Fund obligations.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Debt Retirement Fund Transfer Resolution:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the Debt Retirement Fund Transfer Resolution, as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Transportation Director:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the hiring of Keri Plichta as Transportation Director.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

MISEC Solar Choice Resolution:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the MISEC Solar Choice Resolution, as presented.

All voted no – motion denied. (0-7)

Amended MISEC Solar Choice Resolution:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Francis

To move the MISEC Solar Choice Resolution to the August Board meeting agenda to allow for clarification.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Resolution for a Special Election for the Operating Millage Renewal:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Smith

To approve the Resolution for a Special Election for the Operating Millage Renewal, 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.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Adjournment:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Dahl

To adjourn the July 10, 2023 regular Board meeting at 6:59 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Mann, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary