

Montague Area Public Schools

Board of Education Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on November 13, 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: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

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 October 9 regular Board meeting, approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,566,484.66; General Fund \$400,432.46; Food Service \$72,107.49; Technology and Safety Fund \$17,357.16; Activity Fund \$30,690.47; 2015 Series A Bond Refunding \$109,500.00; 2019 Debt Refunding \$290,000.00; 2020 Debt Refunding \$127,128.05; 2022 Capital Projects Debt Servicing \$313,681.25; Capital Projects Fund \$197,907.51; Sinking Fund \$7,680.27, Resignations:

- i) Vicki Longnecker – RRO
- ii) Makayla Curtis – Food Service
- iii) Casey Bazany – RRO

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting:

None

Reports:

Principal Meaningful Minute:

RRO/MACC: Ms. Lundquist updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including plows, firetrucks and tractors, parent conference participation, annual food drive, and staff PD, and recent achievements.

NBC: Mr. Perreault updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including winter sports, robotics, upcoming community lunch, and Penny Wars.

MHS: Mrs. Thommen updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including Halloween activities, NHS induction, and FFA, DECA, and sports updates.

DECA:

Student representative provided an update of activities and the yearly calendar of events for 2023-2024.

Superintendent Comments:

Jeff discussed:

- New hires:
 - Libby Howell – LRE Aide
 - Taylor Greiner – Transportation
 - Kenneth Vanderstelt - Transportation
- Committee Meeting Updates
- Millage Results
- District Vision

New Business:

DECA Calendar:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the DECA calendar of events as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Out of State Travel:

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve Dan Gorman to travel out-of-state for the School Garden Support Organization Leadership Institute in Scotts Valley, CA Dec. 4th-9th.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Out of State Travel:

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve Dan Gorman to travel out-of-state for the SNA Conference in Washington, DC Mar. 3rd-5th.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

NEOLA Policy – 1st Reading, Vol. 38, No. 1 – September 2023

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

Closed Session:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Johnson

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 6:26p.m. to 7:28 p.m. No Board action was taken in Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:28 p.m.

MTEA Contract:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the 2023-2024 contract between Montague Area Public Schools and MTEA ending June 30, 2024, as presented to the Board.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Adjournment:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Dahl

To adjourn the November 13, 2023 regular Board meeting at 7:29 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Mann, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary