

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

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 9, 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: Beishuizen, Dahl, Francis, Johnson, Raeth, Smith

Members Absent: Neubauer (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the agenda as recommended.

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from the September 11 regular Board meeting, approval of the minutes from the September 11 closed session, and approval of expenditures for a total of \$604,722.46; General Fund \$262,224.99; Food Service \$65,017.16; Technology and Safety Fund \$23,434.35; Activity Fund \$3,971.42; Capital Projects Fund \$230,502.51; Sinking Fund \$19,572.03.

Resignations:

- i) Jill Squire – MHS
- ii) Jennifer Parker – RRO / Transportation

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting:

None

Reports:

Audit Report:

Mike Vredeveld from Vredeveld Haefner, LLC updated Board with highlights from the 2022-2023 audit, as presented in-depth to the Finance Committee.

Principal Meaningful Minute:

MACC & RRO Elementary: Ms. Lundquist updated the Board on beginning of the year activities, including Harvest Day, field trips, Pool School, and upcoming parent/teacher conferences.

NBC Middle School: Mr. Perreault updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including their upcoming pep assembly, Halloween concert, and parent/teacher conferences.

Montague High School: Mrs. Thommen updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including Homecoming activities, College Month, and the upcoming Glow Show.

FFA:

Student representatives gave a presentation highlighting past and upcoming activities, and provided the yearly calendar of events for 2023-2024.

ECOL/Continuity of Learning Plan

Jeff provided a summary of the Continuity of Learning Plan and how it relates to our expenditure of ESSER III funds. The district's ESSER III funds have been spent on a variety of items that were approved by MDE. Time was allowed for public comment pertaining to the plan.

Superintendent Comments:

New hires:

- Makayla Curtis – Food Service
 - Gary Hedrick – Teacher Aide
 - Jack Dillivan – Transportation
 - Thresa Bennett – LRE Aide
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- Cindy suggested that the topic of graduation cords be discussed by the Employee/Community Relations Committee.

Jeff discussed:

- Negotiation update
- Student count update
- Gym construction
- Operating millage renewal

New Business:

2022-2023 Financial Audit:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the 2022-2023 financial audit as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Tax Collection:

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

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

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Summer Tax Resolution:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Francis

To approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

MASB Delegate Assembly

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To authorize certified delegate, Brent Raeth, or alternate, Cindy Francis, to vote on Resolutions at the Delegate Assembly as agreed upon by the Board.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

FFA Calendar of Events

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the FFA calendar of events as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Food Service Kitchen Project:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the contract with Tower Pinkster as the architect for the processing kitchen project, whose fees are not to exceed \$78,100.00. This will be paid from food service funds.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Out of State Conference:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Francis

To approve Emma Greenwood to travel out-of-state for the Midwest Band & Orchestra Convention in Chicago, IL Dec. 20 - 22.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Adjournment:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Dahl

To adjourn the October 9, 2023 regular Board meeting at 6:56 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacey Brown, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary