

Montague Area Public Schools

Board of Education Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 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: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from August 14 regular and closed session Board meeting, approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,579,387.56; General Fund \$1,205,871.38; Food Service \$77,772.60; Technology and Safety Fund \$143,110.72; Scholarship Fund\$500.00; Activity Fund \$14,818.60; Capital Projects Fund \$65,413.69; Sinking Fund \$71,900.57, Resignations:

- i) Jon Rockwood – Technology

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 the first day of school, enrollment, and homecoming.

NBC: Mr. Perreault updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including the first day of school, enrollment, open house attendance, the FabLab, and athletic and club activities.

RRO/MACC: Ms. Lundquist updated the Board on activities throughout the school, including the first day of school, enrollment, open house attendance, an impromptu fire drill, and a custodial shout out.

Superintendent Comments:

Jeff discussed:

- New hire:
 - Robert Plank – Transportation/Food Service
- Committee Meeting Schedule

- Board Development
- September 11th Remembrance
- Building & Site Committee Update
- Enrollment Update
- Student Board Representative
- Legislative Update
- Upcoming Football Games

New Business:

Shelby State Bank Accounts:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve Stacey Brown to open a bank account at Shelby State Bank for the MHS activity account.

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

MASB Delegates:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To designate Brent Raeth as the voting delegate and Cindy Francis as an alternate to represent the district at the MASB Delegate Assembly.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Tech Director:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the hiring of Steve Denniston as Technology Director.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Title I Director:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the hiring of Jennifer Stoneman as Title I Director.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Elementary Music Teacher:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the hiring of Rebekah Long as Elementary Music Teacher.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Credit Card:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Francis

To authorize the Mechanic/Transportation Assistant to use a district approved credit card to conduct business.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Lift Bus:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the purchase of a lift bus from Midwest Transit Equipment in the amount of \$52,000 using

General Funds.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Out-of-State Travel:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve Dan Gorman to travel out-of-state for the IFMA Conference in Scottsdale, AZ Nov. 5th-7th.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Neola Policies – 2nd Reading:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve Neola updates as presented:

a) Vol. 37 No. 2 – February 2023

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Discussion: Facility Use

Closed Session:

Motion by: Beishuizen

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 6:57p.m. to 7:08 p.m. No Board action was taken in Closed Session.

The Board came out of Closed Session at 7:08 p.m.

MTEA Agreement:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Francis

To accept the letter of agreement for 2023-2024 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: Johnson

To adjourn the September 11, 2023 regular Board meeting at 7:09 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried. (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Katie Mann, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary