

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

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 9, 2024.

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, Dahl, Johnson, Neubauer

Members Absent: Francis, Beishuizen, Smith

Others Present: Jeffrey Johnson, Stacey Brown, Michelle Pulver, and community members

Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

All voted yes – motion carried (4-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Neubauer

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from the August 12 regular meeting, approval of expenditures totaling \$1,592,971.88; General Fund \$488,676.03; Food Service \$58,054.37; Technology and Safety Fund \$159,739.27; Scholarship Fund \$1,000; Activity Fund \$3,066.36; Capital Projects Fund \$855,435.85, resignations of Jennifer Iannuccilli

All voted yes – motion carried (4-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting: Rachel Netcott – regarding AP Courses

Reports

Principal Meaningful Minute:

MACC – Mrs. Stoneman shared beginning of the school year activities at the MACC, including student expectations. Mr. Engelsman will be teaching all the “specials” this year. Benchmark assessments are underway.

RRO – Ms. Lundquist shared beginning of the school year activities, including their open house, student expectations, and a new student drop off and pick up procedure that was implemented to ensure student safety. Two new ELA curriculums are being piloted throughout the year, and a decision will be made next May on which curriculum will be adopted.

NBC – Mr. Perreault shared the beginning of the school year activities, including first day assembly and discussing student expectations. Staff are working on a tiered system this year, focusing on academics and behavior. The Robotics team has started for this school year. Their competition will take place in late November. Middle school sports have begun.

High School – On behalf of Mrs. Thommen, Mr. Perreault shared that the high school year started off with some student assemblies and community building activities. Overall, there is a positive enrollment this year at the high school, with 21 new students, 11 drops, and 6 exchange students.

Mr. Johnson shared support staff new hires:

Luke Craymer – Bus Driver
Jessica Dibble – Custodian
Sue Dyer – Cook Aide -MACC
Lori Whitwam – Cook -NBC
Amy Roberts – ECSE Aide -MACC
Melissa Erickson – Lunch/Recess Aide -RRO
Rebecca Johnson – Lunch/Recess Aide -RRO
Danielle Rademaker – Secretary -RRO
Abby Short – LRE Aide -RRO
Courtney Moe – LRE Aide -RRO
Isabelle VanZanten – Cafeteria Climate and Culture Coach

Mr. Johnson thanked Mrs. Jacquie Wood for a successful Wildcat Salute that took place on September 6, before the Friday football game. He also shared that Montague and Whitehall Hope Squads will host a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony prior to the Montague/Whitehall varsity soccer game on September 11th. A student safety meeting will take place on September 24th.

New Business

MASB Delegate

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Johnson

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 – (4-0) motion carried

Air Conditioning Replacement

To approve the replacement of air conditioning systems in the amount of \$102.600 from Boardwell Mechanical, with funds from the Sinking Fund.

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Neubauer

All voted yes – (4-0) motion carried

New Hire

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve new hire of Jordan Young as a Special Education Teacher.

All voted yes – (4-0) motion carried

New Hire

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve new hire of Ashley Fagan as a Special Education Teacher.

All voted yes – (4-0) motion carried

Out of State Trip

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Neubauer

To approve overnight trips for the girls' Varsity Golf Team from 10/1-10/2/24 in Traverse City, 10/4-10/5/24 in Big Rapids, and 10/17-10/19/24 at MSU (if qualify for State).

All voted yes – (4-0) motion carried

Out of State Travel

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the out of state conference for Dan Gorman from October 21-23, 2024.

All voted yes – (4-0) motion carried

Neola Policies – Second Reading and Adoption

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the second reading and adoption of Neola policy numbers 1240, 2266, 2410, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, 8800 as presented.

All voted yes – (4-0) motion carried

There was a first reading of Neola Policies 2264 and 2414. There will be a second reading and adoption at the October Board meeting.


To adjourn the September 9, 2024 regular Board meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Neubauer

All voted yes – (4-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary