

Montague Area Public Schools Board of Education Minutes

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 11, 2024 in the MHS CAT Lab by President, Brent Raeth.

Members Present: Raeth, Francis, Dahl, Beishuizen, Neubauer, Smith

Members Absent: Johnson

Others Present: Jeff Johnson, Michelle Pulver, Stacey Brown, and other interested staff and community members

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from February 12 regular and closed meeting minutes, approval of expenditures for a total of \$913,962.06; General Fund \$409,888.52; Food Service \$76,448.44; Technology and Safety Fund \$19,518.08; Activity Fund \$19,841.00; Capital Projects Fund \$388,266.02.

Resignations:

- Libby Howell, LRE Aide
- Karen Armstrong, Speech Therapist

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting: None

Reports:

Principal Meaningful Minute:

MHS: Our FFA chapter received the “top performer” award for the State of Michigan at the recent state convention. Band students received straight 1’s at the recent band festival. The wrestling team received academic all-state. Two members of the quiz bowl team received first team all-conference honors. Jay Mulder received AD of the year award for Region III. Theater students will be performing the play “Clue” at the end of March.

NBC: The hoop house is up and running. Students are starting to grow the seeds that will be transferred to the hoop house as soon as it is warm enough. Middle School bands did very well at band festival. After school tutoring has been going on for about a month and is going very well. Approximately 35 kids are taking part in Chess Club that meets on Mondays after school.

RRO: Staff and students celebrated March is Reading Month with fun, educational activities. After school tutoring begins after Spring break. The staff finalized the best safety areas in the school building for students to utilize during severe weather drills. Students and staff celebrated students who had perfect attendance, as well as special bus riders and walkers/drop offs.

MACC: Students and staff celebrated March is Reading Month with fun, educational activities. Kindergarten roundup is Thursday, April 25th.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Johnson shared an update on the policy committee meeting and our recent new hires who are:

- Gretchen Schneider, Volleyball coach
- Jared Justian, Custodian
- Deborah Schneider, LRE Aide at RRO.

Jeff also shared a property lease update.

New Business:

2024-2025 School of Choice Resolution

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the school of Choice Resolution for 2024-25 as presented

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Purchase of Bus

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Smith

To approve the purchase of a Blue Bird bus per the bid from Holland Bus Company in the amount of \$123,429, to be paid from the General Fund

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Purchase of Scoreboards

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Francis

To approve the purchase of a football stadium scoreboard per the bid from CatchMark Technologies in the amount of \$63,299 and the purchase of a soccer stadium scoreboard per the bid from CatchMark Technologies in the amount of \$45,309, to be paid from the General Fund

Voted yes (5), Abstained (1) Raeth – motion carried

MACC Playground Resurfacing

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the resurfacing of the playground at the MACC per the bid from Lawton & Associates in the amount of \$61,478, to be paid from the General Fund

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Neola Policies – 1st Reading of November 2023 Special Update

Superintendent Johnson gave the Board an overview of the NEOLA November 2023 policy updates. Board members will review them before the next meeting.

Adjournment:

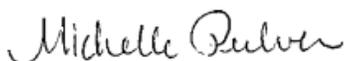
Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Dahl

To adjourn the March 11, 2024 regular Board meeting at 7:15 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary