

Montague Area Public Schools

Board of Education

Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on November 11, 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, Francis, Beishuizen, Smith

Members Absent: none

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: Beishuizen

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

Approval of minutes from the October 14 regular Board meeting. Approval of expenditures for a total of \$2,435,182.85; General Fund \$485,909.35; Food Service \$105,331.30; Technology and Safety Fund \$9,292.30; Scholarship Fund \$500.00; Activity Fund \$15,596.80; 2015 Series A Bond Refunding \$96,000.00; 2019 Debt Refunding \$274,875.00; 2020 Debt Refunding \$127,128.05; 2022 Capital Projects debt Servicing \$313,681.25; Capital Projects Fund \$763,834.8; Sinking Fund \$243,034.00,

- Resignations:
Rebecca Stephan
Shayne Miller

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting

Community member Ty Bortell spoke regarding a student incident.

Community member Kelly Markley spoke regarding a student incident.

Community member Jen Hain spoke regarding a student incident.

Reports

Santiago Perales gave a report on DECA and shared their annual calendar of events.

Principal Meaningful Minute:

High School – Mrs. Thommen shared that first quarter is done. Staff continue to promote positive behaviors throughout the school. The fall sports teams did great, and winter sports are gearing up, as tryouts are currently going on. Band received a Division 1 rating at their recent competition.

NBC – Mr. Perreault shared that the funds provided by the 23G grant program are being used for students who need extra help. Teachers are staying after to help these students, and it is going well. The fall sports teams did well. Band and choir had their first concerts in October.

RRO – Ms. Lundquist shared that parent/teacher conferences were completed, and over 88% of parents participated. October “students of the month” were recognized at an assembly. Ten teachers are piloting possible new ELA programs being funded through 35J literacy grant funds.

MACC – Mrs. Stoneman shared that parent/teacher conferences were completed, and over 93% of parents participated. FFA students provided a fun, spooky trail for the MACC, and the students loved it. Scholl Farms provided pumpkins for all MACC students to enjoy the Halloween holiday.

Mr. Johnson shared:

- Olivia Dempsey, new hire - high school food service worker

Mr. Johnson recognized Cindy Francis, who was re-elected to her board seat for another 6-year term, and new incoming board member, Emily Fullmer, who will take her seat on the Board in January. Tom Johnson did not seek re-election. Mr. Johnson offered to give any interested community members a tour of the gymnasium project after the end of tonight’s meeting.

New Business

A. DECA Calendar of Events

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the FFA Calendar of Events as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

B. Teacher New Hire

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve Allison Uzarski as the new Special Ed Teacher at RRO.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

C. Tilting Skillet and Combination Oven Purchase

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the purchase of a tilting skillet in the amount of \$31,956.97 and a combination oven in the amount of \$46,752.69 from Douglas Equipment, with food service funds.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

D. Neola Policies – Vol. 39 First Reading

First reading of policies included in Neola’s Volume 39, No. 1 and Volume 39, No. 1 EDGAR. A second reading and adoption will occur at the November meeting.

E. Expulsion Hearing

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve entering into closed session for a student discipline hearing.

Roll Call:

Neubauer – Yes, Smith – Yes, Beishuizen – Yes, Johnson – Yes, Raeth – Yes, Dahl – Yes, Francis– Yes

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Moved into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

The Board was in closed session from 6:45 p.m. to 7:07 p.m.

No Board action was taken in closed session.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:07 p.m.

Motion by: Raeth

Seconded by: Johnson

To expel student #102424001267 from Montague Area Public Schools, to enroll at Lighthouse Academy.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

To adjourn the November 1, 2024 regular Board meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Johnson

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary