

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

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on December 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, Johnson, Neubauer, Francis, Beishuizen, Smith

**Members Absent:** Dahl

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**To approve the agenda as presented.**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

- a) Approval of minutes from the November 11 regular and closed Board meetings.
- b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,218,631.13: General Fund \$524,258.11; Food Service \$96,511.10; Technology and Safety Fund \$11,933.92; Activity Fund \$14,562.17; 2022 Capital Projects Debt Servicing \$500; Capital Projects Fund \$543,095.83; Sinking Fund \$27,770.00
- c) Resignations:  
Olivia Dempkey, Food Service

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

**Public Comment Portion of the Meeting**

None

**Reports**

Principal Meaningful Minute:

High School – Mrs. Thommen shared that three Cross Country athletes qualified for State this year. Over 20 students were inducted into NHS. A new after-school Chess Club has been launched, and tutoring is now being offered during lunch periods in hopes of increasing participation.

NBC – Ms. Lundquist (speaking on behalf of Mr. Perreault) shared that the robotics team wrapped up their competition before Thanksgiving. The boys' basketball season is nearing completion, the design team is working on their prototype, and the holiday concerts are scheduled for this Sunday, December 15.

RRO – Ms. Lundquist shared that they are continuing to promote PBIS by recognizing students of the month, outstanding bus riders, and those with perfect attendance. "Grinchmas" took place on Friday, December 6, and the first-grade class will present their holiday concert later this week.

MACC – Mrs. Stoneman shared that the MACC is bustling with activity. Students have been attending field trips and are eagerly preparing for the holiday season.

#### Financial Update

Stacey Brown shared the first budget amendment for the 2024-25 school year budget.

Mr. Johnson shared new hire:

- Kim Willacker, – RRO LRE Aide

Board member, Tom Johnson, was recognized for his 10 years of service on the School Board with a certificate.

#### New Business

##### **A. 2024-25 Budget amendment #1**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Smith

**To approve budget amendment #1 of the 2024-25 budget.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

##### **B. MASB Classes**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

**To approve Brent Raeth's enrollment in CBA classes 341, 343, 344 and 345 provided by MASB.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

##### **C. Neola Policies – Second Reading and Adoption of the following policies:**

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve policy numbers: 0144.1, 0175.1, 1130, 3110, 3120.08, 4110, 5330.02, 5340, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, 7450, 8321

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

##### **D. Overnight Athletic Trips**

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve the following overnight athletic trips:**

1. Jan. 3-4, 2025: Varsity Girls' Wrestling to Kalamazoo Wings Stadium
2. Feb. 1-2, 2025: Varsity Girls' Wrestling to Midland High School
3. Feb. 15-16, 2025: Varsity Girls' Wrestling to MHSAA Regional – TBA
4. Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2025: Boys and Girls Wrestling to MHSAA State Finals-Detroit

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

##### **E. Expulsion Hearing**

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve entering into closed session for discipline hearings for students #814720-1008 and #18000339-1202.**

Roll Call: Francis (Yes), Neubauer (Yes), Smith (Yes), Beishuizen (Yes), Johnson (Yes), Raeth (Yes)

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Moved into closed session at 6:35 p.m.

The Board was in closed session from 6:35 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

No Board action was taken in closed session.  
The Board came out of closed session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by: Johnson  
Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To alternatively educate student #18000339-1202 at either Duck Creek, Lighthouse Learning Center, or virtually. If these are not viable options, the student will be expelled for 180 days.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

Motion by: Johnson  
Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To expel student #814720-1008 from Montague Area Public Schools for 180 days.**

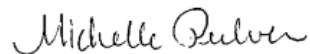
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

**To adjourn the December 9, 2024 regular Board meeting at 7:35 p.m.**

Motion by: Francis  
Seconded by: Johnson

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary