

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 May 13, 2024 in the MHS CAT Lab by President, Brent Raeth.

Members Present Roll call: Raeth, Johnson, Francis, Dahl, Neubauer

Members Absent: Beishuizen, Smith

Others Present: Jeff Johnson, Stacey Brown, Steve Denniston, and other interested staff and community members

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Johnson

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from April 8 meetings, approval of expenditures for totaling \$1,303,230.16; General Fund \$537,271.13; Food Service \$71,616.24; Technology and Safety Fund \$1,090.37; Activity Fund \$16,164.28; Capital Projects Fund \$677,088.14.

Resignations:

- Sue Peterson
- Karen Smith

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting:

- Paul Sommerfield voiced concerns about RRO concert location and auditorium use.
- Zan Trevino voiced concerns about the wrestling program.

Reports:

Principal Meaningful Minute:

MHS: Mrs. Thommen updated the Board on upcoming events at MHS, including Ride with Pride prize giveaways, Senior Awards Assembly, Graduation, and NHS tree planting.

NBC: Mr. Perreault updated the Board on many events at NBC, including completion of state testing, the upcoming Whiz Kids ceremony on May 28, at 6 p.m., and the final community lunch on May 31, at 11 a.m. and noon. The seventh and eighth graders will be participating in their class trips soon.

RRO: Ms. Lundquist updated the Board on many past and upcoming events, including the first grade visit to the FFA Animal Day and second grade visit to Lundell Farms. The fourth grade listened to an energy presentation from Consumers Energy. Fifth grade students tested different musical instruments to see if they would be interested in participating in band next year. The 35J Literacy Grant was approved, and Girls on the Run had their event last weekend.

MACC: Mrs. Stoneman updated the Board on past and upcoming events, including the 35J Grant for Literacy they received, staff appreciation day activities, Kindergarten roundup participation, and the Young Fives Mother's Day performance.

Financial Update:

Stacey Brown presented an overview of the second budget amendment and shared a financial update.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Johnson recognized upcoming retirees Sue Peterson and Karen Smith, who will retire at the end of this school year. Jeff shared information on an upcoming Superintendent Evaluation training that will be provided by the MASB. Mr. Johnson acknowledged new hire:

- Cheri Myers, RRO LRE Aide

New Business:

Budget Amendment #2

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve budget amendment #2 for the 2023-24 budget as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

MAISD 2024-25 General Fund Budget

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the MAISD 2024-2025 General Fund Budget as presented per the resolution.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Graduation Live Streaming

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Neubauer

To approve payment of \$1,500.00 to CatchMark Technologies for streaming the 2024 MHS graduation ceremony.

Voted yes – motion carried (4-0)

Abstain - Raeth

HVAC Upgrade at RRO

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the bid presented by Hurst Mechanical in the amount of \$256,034 for the upgrade of unit ventilators at RRO Elementary to be paid from the Sinking Fund.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Radio Purchase

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the purchase of MPSCS (Michigan Public Safety Communication System) Emergency Radios per the State of Michigan contract from Crouch Communications up to \$47,940.24, to be paid from the Section 97 and 31aa Safety Grants.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Chromebook Purchase

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the purchase of 420 Chromebooks from Sehi Computer Products in the amount of \$120,456 to be

shipped after July 1 with funds from the Tech & Safety Millage.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Leave of Absence

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve a one year (through 24-25 school year) leave of absence for Chelsea Bender.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Closed Session

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve entering into a closed session to discuss the Superintendent evaluation.

Roll Call: Raeth - Yes, Johnson - Yes, Francis - Yes, Neubauer – Yes, Dahl - Yes

All voted yes – motion carried. (5-0)

The Board entered closed session at 7:17 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:34 p.m.

No Board action was taken in closed session.

Superintendent Evaluation

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Francis

To approve the evaluation of Superintendent, Jeffrey Johnson, as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Superintendent Contract

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Dahl

To approve the contract of Superintendent, Jeffrey Johnson, as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Adjournment:

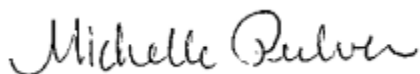
Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Neubauer

To adjourn the May 13, 2024, regular Board meeting at 8:36 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary