

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 April 8, 2024 in the MHS CAT Lab by President, Brent Raeth.

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

Members Absent: Dahl

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

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To adopt the consent agenda which consists of approval of the minutes from March 11 meeting, approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,084,655.54; General Fund \$332,422.59; Food Service \$81,605.88; Technology and Safety Fund \$16,024.63; Activity Fund \$27,016.91; Capital Projects Fund \$627,585.53.

Resignations:

- **Kristina Thompson**

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting:

- Zan Trevino voiced concerns about the wrestling program.
- Rachel Shields voiced concerns about student discipline.

Reports:

Principal Meaningful Minute:

MHS: Mrs. Thommen updated the Board on many upcoming events at MHS including spring sports, state testing, prom, Ride with Pride, and graduation.

NBC: Mr. Perreault updated the Board on upcoming events at NBC including spring sports and state testing. The District received a grant to help with early literacy. Staff are collaborating on updating the District Improvement Plan.

RRO: Ms. Lundquist updated the Board on many past and upcoming events including the 3rd grade concert, perfect attendance celebrations, and MSTEP testing. Planning for the recently received early literacy grant is taking place.

MACC: Mrs. Stoneman updated the Board on many past and upcoming events at the MACC. Kindergarten Roundup will take place on April 25, and Title I outreach will once again take place in Rothbury this summer with a focus on ELA and Math.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Johnson:

- Recognized Speech Therapist Karen Armstrong for her years of service to the district as she retires this June
- Reminded the Board about the upcoming Employee/Community Relations Meeting
- Provided an update on expenditures that will take place with 31aa Safety Grant Funds

New Business:

FFA Truck Purchase

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the purchase of a 2024 Silverado 1500 truck per the bid from Don Rypma Chevrolet up to the amount of \$49,341, to be paid from 61s funds.

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Security Cameras Purchase

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Johnson

To approve the purchase and installation of security cameras per the REMC bid from Charter Technologies up to \$99,859.75, to be paid from the Section 97 and 31aa Safety Grants.

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Neola Policies

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

To approve the policies in the November 2023 NEOLA Special Update as presented.

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Closed Session

Motion by: Johnson

Seconded by: Beishuizen

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

Roll Call: Mr. Raeth - Yes, Mr. Johnson - Yes, Mrs. Francis - Yes, Mr. Beishuizen - Yes, Mr. Smith – Yes, Mrs. Neubauer – Yes.

All voted yes – motion carried. (6-0)

The Board was in closed session from 6:59 p.m. to 7:53 p.m.

No Board action was taken in closed session.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:53 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Johnson

To adjourn the April 8, 2024 regular Board meeting at 7:54 p.m.

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stacey Brown, Director of Business Affairs

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Cindy Francis, Board Secretary