Montague Area Public Schools
Board of Education

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on October 12, 2026

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in MHS CAT Lab by President, Joel Smith.

Roll Call was taken.

Members Present: Dahl, Francis, Fullmer, Rupert, Schmidt, Smith

Members Absent: Neubauer

Others Present: Jeffrey Johnson, Stacey Brown, Sara Blankstrom, and other staff and community members.

Approval of Agenda
Motion by: Fullmer
Seconded by: Schmidt
To approve the agenda as presented.
All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion by: Dahl
Seconded by: Francis
To approve the consent agenda as presented.
Items Approved:

a) Approval of minutes from the September 10, 2026 regular meeting.
b) Approval of expenditures for a total of $529,918.13; General Fund $395,697.99; Food Service Fund $69.128.09; Technology and Safety Fund $31,157.06; Activity Fund $11,713.17; 2019 Debt Refunding $28.57; Capital Projects $22,190.39; Sinking Fund $2.86.
c) Resignations:
    a. Karen Sterbenz – RRO Title I Paraprofessional
    b. Krystin Hall – Transportation Dispatcher

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting
None

Reports

A. Auditor Report – Mike Vredeveld from Vredeveld Haefner, LLC

Mike Vredeveld from Vredeveld Haefner, LLC shared a summary of the 2025-26 audit review. We had a clean audit with no findings.

B. FFA Report – 2026-27 Calendar of Events

Willa VanLoon and Sam Scheffler reported on FFA Events from the past school year, and informed the Board of upcoming events for this school year.

C. Principal Meaningful Minute

Mrs. Stoneman reported on events at the MACC.

Mrs. Lundquist reported on events at RRO.

Mr. Gray reported on events at NBC.

Mrs. Thommen reported on events at MHS.

D. **Superintendent – Jeff Johnson**

a. Mr. Johnson discussed

i. New Support Staff / Athletic Coach Hires:

1. Wendy Hoekenga – RRO LRE Aid
2. Brent Rogers – MHS Custodian

New Business

A. 2025-2026 Financial Audit

Motion by: Dahl
Seconded by: Fullmer
To approve the 2025-2026 Financial Audit as presented
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

B. FFA Calendar of Events

Motion by: Schmidt
Seconded by: Fullmer
To approve the 2026-2027 FFA calendar of events, as presented
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

C. Annual Summer Tax Resolution

Motion by: Fullmer
Seconded by: Schmidt
To approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution, as presented
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

D. Agreements for Collection of Summer Taxes

Motion by: Francis
Seconded by: Schmidt
To approve the agreements for the collection of summer taxes for White River Township and the City of Montague
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

E. Casting Votes at the 2026 MASB Delegate Assembly

Motion by: Fullmer
Seconded by: Dahl
To authorize certified delegate, Karen Neubauer, or alternate, Amanda Dahl, to vote on amended, new, and substituted Resolutions and Bylaw proposals at the Delegate Assembly as agreed upon by the Board
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

F. Overnight Athletic Trip
Motion by: Schmidt
Seconded by: Rupert
To approve overnight trip for Varsity Girls Golf to attend and compete at the MHSAA Division 3 State Championship @ Katke Golf Course in Big Rapids October 15 thru 17, 2026
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

G. Overnight Athletic Trip
Motion by: Dahl
Seconded by: Fullmer
To approve overnight trip for Varsity Cross Country to attend and compete at the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals @ MIS Speedway in Brooklyn, MI, November 6 thru 7, 2026
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

H. 8th Grade Out-Of-State Trip to Chicago
Motion by: Fullmer
Seconded by: Dahl
To approve the 8th grade out-of-state trip to Chicago on May 21, 2027
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

To adjourn the October 12, 2026, regular Board meeting at 7:06 PM
Motion by: Schmidt
Seconded by: Francis
All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Blankstrom, Recording Secretary

Cindy Francis, Board Secretary