

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

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on March 10, 2025

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, Neubauer, Francis, Beishuizen, Smith, Dahl, Fullmer

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Stacey Brown, Michelle Pulver, Sandie Lundquist, Jen Stoneman, Christy Thommen, Jim Perreault and other staff and community members.

**Approval of Agenda**

**To approve the agenda as presented.**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Smith

- a) Approval of minutes from the February 10, 2025 meeting.
- b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,139,503.07; General Fund \$284,329.21; Food Service \$67,791.83; Technology and Safety Fund \$297,42; Activity Fund \$17,492.66; 2022; 2019 Debt Refunding \$691.93; Capital Projects Fund \$768,880.71; Sinking Fund \$19.31
- c) Resignations:
  - Justin Dennett – PE Teacher, effective March 16, 2025
  - Mary Fox – Custodian, effective June 6, 2025
  - Kathy Ohman (Fourman) – Administrative Assistant MACC, effective June 30, 2025

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

**Public Comment Portion of the Meeting**

none

**Reports**

Principal Meaningful Minute:

High School: Mrs. Thommen shared that spring sports have begun. Students will begin state testing on March 27 with the ACT, and complete testing after Spring Break. The DECA State conference is this weekend in Detroit. The Band did excellent at festival, earning all 1's. The Juniors attended a career day at Shelby High School, and Freshmen will be going to the Devos Center Career Expo next week. Theatre students will present the play "Don't Drink the Water" on March 28, 29 and 30.

Middle School: Mr. Perreault shared that winter sports are finishing up with wrestling and basketball conference tournaments next week, and the Spring track season gets underway soon. Middle School students now have 4 club sports they can participate in, as well as all the other sports offered. Those

club sports are softball, soccer, basketball, and golf. The design Challenge team did an excellent job of presenting their challenge. They presented a plan to offer a solar powered piano to the White Lake area with the anticipated result of offering community-wide interaction and enjoyment. The District Improvement Team meets after school this week, and teachers will be meeting with parents during parent/teacher conferences later this week.

RRO: Ms. Lundquist shared student activities going on at RRO including pool school, music concerts, the monthly hero assemblies, and activities surrounding March is Reading Month. The academic teacher team is reviewing where they want to go with offering cursive writing. The ELA teacher group has chosen "Bookworms" curriculum to integrate into classrooms next year. Mrs. Lundquist thanked McCormick's Gas Station and Dog-N-Suds for all their support in RRO's "pickles and popcorn" Fridays.

MACC: Mrs. Stoneman shared many of the MACC students' activities going on, including March is Reading Month, their golden assembly, and the upcoming preschool and kindergarten roundups being held March 18<sup>th</sup> and April 24<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

Superintendent Comments:

New Hires:

- Lauren Ritter – At Risk Para-Pro at the MACC

Mr. Johnson shared that the website has been updated and thanked Mr. Denniston for all his time and efforts. The Building and Site Committee held a meeting prior to tonight's board meeting and toured the new gymnasium. Mr. Johnson said that gym is very close to completion, and through a generous donation by Will Kari, the golf room has been outfitted with 2 golf simulators. Fire suppression systems are being worked on at RRO, NBC, and high school. Future projects will include roof repairs, elevator and parking lot repairs at RRO, as well as the new construction of the Ag Building. Phil Koop is being hired as the new varsity football coach and will be approved at a future board meeting. Legislatively, there will more than likely be delays in the finalizing of 25-26 school budgets.

## **New Business**

### **Michigan Forestry Scope of Work and Assessment**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Smith

**To approve the Michigan Forestry Scope of Work and Assessment.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Discussion: Would like to look at a forestry stewardship program for the future.

### **Approval of 2025-26 School of Choice Resolution**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

**To approve the 2025-26 School of Choice Resolution as presented.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **Approval of representative to attend MAISD Annual Budget Review**

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve Amanda Dahl to represent Montague Area Public Schools at the MAISD Annual Budget Review on May 1, 2025.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

**Approval of the purchase of a Cargo Van**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

**To approve the purchase of a Ford Transit Cargo Van from Great Lakes Ford in the amount of \$49,501.10, with food service funds.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

**Approval of the purchase of a refrigerated trailer.**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

**To approve the purchase of a refrigerated trailer from Polar King International in the amount of \$52,816.80, with food service funds.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

**Approval of an updated property easement with Great Lakes Energy**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve the updated property easement with Great Lakes Energy.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

**Approval of the reinstatement of student number 102424001267**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Neubauer

**To approve the reinstatement of student number 102424001267 into Montague Area Public Schools in order to continue education virtually through Muskegon County Virtual Academy.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried


**To adjourn the March 10, 2025, regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Smith

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary