

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

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on April 14, 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

**Members Absent:** Fullmer

**Others Present:** Jeffrey Johnson, 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: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Smith

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

a) Approval of minutes from the March 10, 2025 meeting and March 27 special and closed meetings.

b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$1,021,273.72; General Fund \$513,287.55; Food Service \$234,184.66; Technology and Safety Fund \$1,658.58; Scholarship Fund \$4,611.12; Activity Fund \$7,748.70; Capital Projects Fund \$259,783.11

All voted yes – motion carried (6-0)

**Public Comment Portion of the Meeting**

Kara Raeth with CatchMark Technologies shared volunteer opportunities with the company.

**Reports**

Principal Meaningful Minute:

High School: Mrs. Thommen shared that spring sports are underway. State testing is taking place this week. The Prom is scheduled to be held on May 3rd. The Robotics team has completed their season. Additionally, the high school FFA team earned national recognition as the top chapter in Michigan.

Middle School: Mr. Perreault shared that State testing is taking place this week, and the ELA department is in the process of updating its curriculum. The White Lake Area Community Fund has awarded NBC a \$12,000 grant, which will be used to purchase a variety of instruments, allowing students to explore and try different options during their first semester of band. Summer school will be available at both RRO and NBC. The Aviation Camp continues to expand. A career exploration day is being planned for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders, giving them the opportunity to observe different careers in action.

RRO:

Ms. Lundquist shared that the FFA students visited RRO to help students plant in the garden area. Staff members recently participated in threat assessment training. Parent-teacher conferences were highly successful, with over 90% of parents attending to discuss their child's progress. Students have completed Pool School at the YMCA. State testing is currently underway, and the Girls on the Run program is beginning.

MACC: Mrs. Stoneman expressed her appreciation to the FFA for spending time with the students during their spring visit. Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th. Parent-teacher conferences were very successful, with over 98% of parents attending to discuss their child's progress.

New Curriculum Presentation:

During the New Elementary Curriculum presentation, Principals Sandi Lundquist and Jen Stoneman, along with several teachers, shared the results of two new ELA curriculums they have been piloting throughout the school year. A committee made up of teachers from both MACC and RRO researched and implemented components of these curriculums in their classrooms. Based on their experiences, the committee expressed a preference for the curriculum called "Bookworms" and will be seeking Board approval in May to move forward with its purchase.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Johnson shared new hires:

- (1) Jeff Balon – JV Softball Coach
- (2) Dawn Tibbitts – RRO Cook Aide
- (3) Phil Koops – V Football Coach

**New Business**

**MAISD Biennial Election Resolution**

The MAISD Biennial resolution was considered. It will be approved at the May Board meeting.

**Approval of 2025-26 school calendar**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

**To approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

**Approval of new teacher**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve Philip Koops as the new high school Physical Education teacher.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

**Approval of the purchase of 200 chromebooks**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Neubauer

**To approve the purchase of 200 chromebooks for RRO, per the REMC bid from Sehi, in the amount of \$58,052, to be paid from the technology and safety fund.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

**Approval of the purchase of 420 chromebooks**

Motion by: Smith

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve the purchase of 420 chromebooks for NBC, per the REMC bid from Sehi, in the amount of \$121,909.20, to be paid from the technology and safety fund.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

**Approval of the purchase of generators.**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

**To approve the purchase of 2 Generac generators for NBC and RRO, per the Sourcewell bid from Wolverine Power Systems, in the amount of \$60,548, to be paid from the food service fund.**

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

**Motion to move into closed session for the purpose of conducting the superintendent evaluation.**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Neubauer

**To move into closed session for the purpose of conducting the superintendent evaluation.**

Roll Call: Dahl (y), Francis (y), Raeth (y) Smith (y), Beishhuizen (y) Neubauer (y)

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

**The board entered closed session at 7:05 p m.**

No action was taken during closed session.

**The board came out of closed session at 7:42 p. m.**

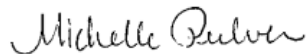
**To adjourn the April 14, 2025, regular Board meeting at 7:43 p.m.**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

All voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary