

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

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on May 12, 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:** none

**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: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

- a) Approval of minutes from the April 14, 2025 meetings.
- b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$3,873,713.42; General Fund \$421,748.62; Food Service Fund \$61,887.74; Technology and Safety Fund \$11,447.23; Activity Fund \$14,309.91; 2015 Series A Bond Refunding \$771,000; 2019 Debt Refunding \$904,875; 2020 Debt Refunding \$1,127,128.05; 2022 Capital Projects Debt Servicing \$493,681.25; Capital Projects \$7,085.62; Sinking Fund \$60,550
- c) Resignations/Retirements:
  - Ashley Fagan – RRO Special Ed Teacher
  - Stephanie Gaunt – RRO Teacher
  - Kelly Shilling – Title 1 Para Pro
  - Nanci Roesler – RRO Teacher
  - Lisa Roesler - custodian
  - Wendy Uptmor – Food Service
  - Traci VanDenHeuvel – Food Service
  - Jordan Young – RRO Teacher
  - Madalyn Young – RRO Teacher

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

**Public Comment Portion of the Meeting**

Elizabeth Johnson, Pauline Street, Montague: Title IX issue

Ron Kroll-10397 Fruitvale Rd., Montague: Title IX issue

## **Reports**

### Principal Meaningful Minute:

High School: Mrs. Thommen shared that prom was recently held, along with spring choir and band concerts. Graduation is this Friday. Seniors will visit the school buildings this week. Senior awards are Thursday, May 15, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Underclassmen awards will be Friday, May 30 beginning at 7:30 am in the auditorium. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting the high school this month.

Middle School: Mr. Perreault shared that 8<sup>th</sup> graders had a career exploration day in May where they traveled to four job sites to see certain “jobs/careers” in action. 8<sup>th</sup> graders also visited the CTC. May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Whiz Kids’ assembly. It begins at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the final community lunch of the year. There will be two options: 11:05 am or 12:05 pm.

RRO: Ms. Lundquist shared that all the grade level concerts are finishing up, as well as class fieldtrips. There will be one more awards assembly. Over 350 awards have been handed out to RRO students throughout this school year. Mrs. Lundquist thanked the PTO group for honoring RRO staff during staff appreciation week.

MACC: Mrs. Stoneman shared that MACC students are staying very busy with an abundance of activities taking place at the MACC. Kindergarten roundup was recently held. A few more students have enrolled, increasing the overall kindergarten class size. Dibels and math benchmark testing is finishing up.

### Peer to Peer Group Presentation:

MHS teachers, Melissa Treppa and Nick Thaler, shared a presentation that student members of the peer to peer mentor group prepared. The presentation explained the purpose, goals, and outcomes of this new program.

### Budget Update

Stacey Brown shared the second budget amendment of this school year and shared a financial update.

### Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Johnson shared new hires:

- (1) Lexi Slater – MACC Title I Parapro

Mr. Johnson shared that the senior awards assembly is this Thursday at 6:30 pm in the auditorium, followed by graduation on Friday at 7 pm at the football stadium. Duck Creek graduation is Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. He encouraged board members to attend. Occupancy for the new gymnasium has been approved, and the EF transportation contract is continuing this year.

## **New Business**

### **A. New ELA Curriculum**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve the purchase of a Bookworms ELA curriculum from multiple vendors as listed in the amount of \$79,270.54 from the 35j Grant.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **B. Budget Amendment #2**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Beishuizen

**To approve budget amendment #2 for the 2024-25 budget as presented, per the resolution.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **C. Graduation Streaming**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

**To approve payment up to \$1,500, to CatchMark Technologies for streaming the 2025 MHS graduation ceremony.**

Raeth abstained from voting

Voted yes – (6-0) motion carried

### **D. Overnight Trip Request**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Dahl

**To approve the overnight student trip request for band/choir students to Gatlinburg, TN, May 21-24, 2026 as presented.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **E. MAISD Biennial Election Resolution.**

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Smith

**To approve the MAISD Biennial Election Resolution which designates Karen Neubauer as the MAPS representative to serve on the MAISD electoral body, and Scott Beishuizen as the alternate representative. The MAPS Board of Ed supports Mary Schaab for a position on the MAISD Board of Education, and directs our representative to vote for this candidate at the June 2, 2025 election. All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried**

### **F. MAISD 2025-26 Budget**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Francis

**To approve the MAISD 2025-26 Budget as presented per the resolution.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

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

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Beishuizen

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

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

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

**The board entered closed session at 7:02 p m.**

No action was taken during closed session.

**The board returned to open session at 8:08 p. m.**

### **Superintendent Evaluation**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Neubauer

**To approve the evaluation of Superintendent Jeffrey Johnson.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

**Superintendent Contract**

Motion by: Beishuizen

Seconded by: Smith

**To table the approval of the Superintendent contract until the June meeting.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried


**To adjourn the May 12, 2025, regular Board meeting at 8:09 p.m.**

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Neubauer

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary