

# Montague Area Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on August 10, 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, Neubauer, Rupert, Schmidt, Smith

**Members Absent:** none

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

## Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Schmidt

**To approve the agenda as presented.**

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

## Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Fullmer

**To approve the consent agenda as presented.**

Items Approved:

- a) Approval of minutes from the July 13, 2026 regular meeting and closed session meeting.
- b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$733,385.72; General Fund \$540,190.13; Food Service Fund \$90,136.17; Technology and Safety Fund \$13,583.61; Scholarship Fund \$; Activity Fund \$13,174.26; 2020 Debt Refunding \$500; Capital Projects \$10,818.00; Sinking Fun \$64,983.55
- c) Resignations:
  - a. Claudia Johnson – Kindergarten Teacher

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

## Public Comment Portion of the Meeting

Kelsey Primeau, 8224 S. 116<sup>th</sup>, Rothbury, MI 49452 – student allergy awareness

## Reports

### A. Superintendent – Jeff Johnson

- Mr. Johnson discussed
  - i. High school athletics started today for the State of Michigan.
  - ii. New Teacher Training on Tuesday, August 25, 2026
  - iii. Invitation to the Board to the Back to School meeting for all MAPS Staff on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, with breakfast starting at 7:15 am.
  - iv. MAPS open houses will be the evening of Wednesday, August 26, 2026.
  - v. Finalizing staffing needs for the district.

### B. Athletic Update – Jay Mulder

- Mr. Mulder provided an update on the athletic program and student/athlete participation.

### C. Technology Update – Steve Denniston

- Mr. Denniston provided an annual technology update to the Board.

## **New Business**

### **A. Administrative Salary Schedule**

Motion by: Rupert

Seconded by: Neubauer

**To approve the administrative salary schedule as presented.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **B. New Elementary Teacher at RRO**

Motion by: Rupert

Seconded by: Dahl

**To approve Megan VanBergen as an Elementary Teacher at RRO**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **C. New AgriScience Teacher at MHS**

Motion by: Schmidt

Seconded by: Rupert

**To approve Mary Ribbeck as an AgriScience Teacher at MHS**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **D. Staff Member Leave of Absence**

Motion by: Rupert

Seconded by: Schmidt

**To approve a one year leave of absence for Hilary Kiely**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **E. Course Catalogs/Classes**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Fullmer

**To approve the 26-27 course catalogs/classes for MCVA (virtual) for grades 6-12 as presented.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **F. Voting Delegate**

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Fullmer

**To designate Karen Neubauer as the voting delegate and Amanda Dahl as an alternate to represent the district at the MASB Delegate Assembly.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

### **G. Bids for the MHS Agricultural Classroom and Barn**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Fullmer

**To approve the bids for the MHS Agricultural Classroom and Barn, as presented. These costs will be paid from the 2022 Capital Projects Fund and Sinking Fund.**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

| <b>Bid Category</b>                             | <b>Contractor</b>               | <b>Contract Amount</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Sitework                                    | Double L Enterprises            | \$ 64,810.00           |
| 2 - Concrete                                    | McKinley Masonry & Concrete LLC | \$ 65,629.00           |
| 3 - Masonry                                     | Burggrabe Masonry Inc.          | \$ 53,383.00           |
| 4 – Pre-Engineered Metal Building               | BCI Construction LLC            | \$ 316,000.00          |
| 5 - General Trades                              | Tridonn Construction Company    | \$ 53,200.00           |
| 6 - Caulking and Sealants                       | Custom Caulking Inc.            | \$ 12,890.00           |
| 7 - Aluminum Storefront/Doors/Glass and Glazing | White Lake Glass                | \$ 32,766.00           |
| 8 – Overhead Doors                              | Baremen & Associates            | \$ 76,685.00           |
| 9 - LPDA                                        | Central Ceiling West, Inc.      | \$ 39,800.00           |

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|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 10 - Plumbing              | Pipestone Plumbing | \$ 59,673.00  |
| 11 - Mechanical            | Hurst Mechanical   | \$ 99,970.00  |
| 12 – Electrical/Fire Alarm | DVT Electric       | \$ 119,490.00 |

#### **H. Second Reading/Adoption of Neola Policies**

Motion by: Fullmer

Seconded by: Neubauer

**To approve the second reading and adoption of Neola policy numbers 0100, 1410, 2370.01, 2417, 3120.09, 4120.09, 4210, 5136, 6320, 6325, 7540.09, 8120.09, 8402**

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

#### **I. The Board Acknowledged Receipt of FOIA Fee Appeal from Elizabeth Johnson**

#### **J. Closed Session – OMA Section 8(1)(h) to receive written attorney-client privileged communication**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Neubauer

**To enter into closed session to receive written attorney-client privileged communication.**

Roll Call: Dahl (y) Francis (y) Fullmer (y) Neubauer (y) Rupert (y) Schmidt (y) Smith (y)

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

**The board entered closed session at 7:02 PM.**

No action was taken during closed session.

**The board came out of closed session at 7:34 PM.**

#### **Response to FOIA Fee Appeal from Elizabeth Johnson**

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Rupert

**To approve the Board President to work with legal counsel to issue a response upholding the recent FOIA fee appeal received by the Board at tonight's meeting.**

Roll Call: Dahl (y) Francis (y) Fullmer (y) Neubauer (y) Rupert (y) Schmidt (y) Smith (y)

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

#### **To adjourn the August 10, 2026, regular Board meeting at 7:36 PM**

Motion by: Schmidt

Seconded by: Rupert

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Sara Blankstrom, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary