

Montague Area Public Schools Board of Education

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 14, 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 August 10, 2026 regular meeting and closed session meeting.
- b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$586,868.40; General Fund \$353,965.74; Food Service Fund \$62,754.45; Technology and Safety Fund \$140,671.78; Activity Fund \$15,839.13; Capital Projects \$13,637.30.
- c) Resignations:
 - Jeff Balon – Varsity Softball Coach
 - Maddie Balon – MACC Cook Aide
 - Thresa Bennett – RRO LRE Aide
 - Courtney Moe – RRO LRE Aide
 - Nicole Newmyer - RRO LRE Aide
 - Carter Pierson – Floater Custodian
 - Lauren Ritter – MACC At Risk/Teacher Aide

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting

1. Joanna Teall, 668 E. Wilke Road, Rothbury 49452 – Student Transportation Awareness
2. Elizabeth Arangure-Martinez, 8629 Meade Street, Montague, 49437 – Introduction as new PTO President

Reports

A. Principal Meaningful Minute

- MACC – Mrs. Stoneman shared that it was a good start to the school year and mentioned some upcoming events.

- RRO – Mrs. Lundquist shared that it was the smoothest start to a school year in all of her years in education. She mentioned some new things in the building this school year, along with upcoming events.
- NBC – Mr. Gray shared the school year is going smoothly and mentioned some upcoming events.
- MHS – Mrs. Thommen shared that it was a good start to the year and mentioned upcoming events.

B. Superintendent – Jeff Johnson

- Mr. Johnson shared
 - i. New Support Staff / Athletic Coach Hires:
 1. Karen Sterbenz – RRO Title I Paraprofessional
 2. Sandra Taylor – MACC At Risk/Title I Paraprofessional
 3. Zach Hallack – Floater Custodian
 - ii. Updates on legislation and budget.
 - iii. Appreciation to Jacquie Wood for the Wildcat Salute.
 - iv. Superintendent Committee Meeting moved to Tuesday, September 15, 5:00 pm.

New Business

A. New Kindergarten Teacher at MACC

Motion by: Schmidt

Seconded by: Rupert

To approve hiring Mayce Bates as a Kindergarten Teacher at the MACC as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

B. New Teacher at MHS

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Neubauer

To approve hiring Logan Fairchild as a Teacher at MHS as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

C. MTEA Letter of Agreement

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Francis

To approve an MTEA Letter of Agreement regarding a modified work schedule for a teacher in the 26-27 school year as presented.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

To adjourn the September 14, 2026, regular Board meeting at 6:31 PM

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Schmidt

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Sara Blankstrom, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary