

Montague Area Public Schools

Board of Education

Minutes

Minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 8, 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.

The Oath of Office was administered to Ben Rupert

Members Present: Raeth, Neubauer, Francis, Dahl, Smith, Fullmer, Rupert

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Jeffrey Johnson, Stacey Brown, Michelle Pulver, and other staff and community members.

Approval of Agenda

To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

Items Approved:

- a) Approval of minutes from the August 11, 2025 meeting.
- b) Approval of expenditures for a total of \$557,189.99; General Fund \$389,549.87; Food Service Fund \$100,735.34; Technology and Safety Fund \$18,688.56; Scholarship Fund \$500; Activity Fund \$33,273.22; Capital Projects \$5,443
- c) Resignations:
 - Ashton Pranger

All voted yes – motion carried (7-0)

Public Comment Portion of the Meeting

None

Reports

Principal Meaningful Minute

RRO – Principal Lundquist shared the start of school year activities. Currently there are 418 students enrolled for the 25-26 school year.

MACC – Principal Stoneman shared the start of the school year activities. Enrollment is up from last year, with 119 Kindergarten and Young Five students currently enrolled.

NBC – Principal Perreault shared that enrollment is currently at 315 students. He also shared beginning of the new school year activities, including two new elective classes being offered to students, which are Design Thinking and Media Technology.

High School – Principal Thommen shared beginning of the school year activities, including an extra-curricular assembly where information on all extracurricular options for students were presented. Enrollment is currently at 415 students.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Johnson acknowledged new hires:

- Maddison Balon – Cook Aide @ MACC
- Heidi Munoz – LRE Aide @ RRO
- Nicole Noel – Bus Driver (moved from sub status to full time)
- Pam Weesies – Cook Aide @ High School

Mr. Johnson also shared results of the summer food distribution to our community, as well as a legislative update indicating that the State has not yet agreed on a budget for school districts. Enrollment appears to be better than predicted, at approximately 40 students higher than originally anticipated.

New Business

A. Upgrading of fire protection systems at RRO, NBC and High School

Motion by: Smith

Seconded by: Neubauer

To approve the bid for the upgrade of the fire protection systems at RRO Elementary, NBC Middle School, and Montague High School in the amount of \$509,440.81 from Johnson Controls with funds from the Sinking Fund.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

B. Middle School Gymnasium Roof Replacement

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

To approve the bid for the replacement of the middle school gymnasium roof in the amount of \$84,884 from Arrow Roofing and Supply with funds from the Sinking Fund.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

C. New Hire

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Francis

To approve Chloe McCollom as a new speech/language pathologist.

Voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

D. New Hire

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Neubauer

To approve Erica Stine as a new 3rd grade teacher at RRO.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

E. 8th grade out of state trip

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Fullmer

To approve the 8th grade out-of-state trip to Chicago on May 29, 2026.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

F. MASB Voting Delegate

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Fullmer

To designate Neubauer as the voting delegate and Dahl as an alternate to represent the district at the MASB Delegate Assembly on Thursday, October 23rd at 7 pm at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

G. Second Reading/Adoption of Board Policy 5610

Motion by: Dahl

Seconded by: Smith

To approve the second reading and adoption of policy 5610.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Adjournment

Motion by: Francis

Seconded by: Smith

To adjourn the September 8 2025, regular Board meeting at 6:45 p.m.

All voted yes – (7-0) motion carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Pulver, Recording Secretary



Cindy Francis, Board Secretary