

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Monty Tech Drive, Fitchburg, MA 01420
Regular Meeting No. 130-662 – June 21, 2017

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School held regular meeting No. 130-662 on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7 pm at the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, 1050 Westminster Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Members of the School Committee present:

Mrs. Barbara Reynolds	Lunenburg	(arrived at 7:22 pm)
Mr. Ross Barber	Westminster	
Mr. James Cournoyer	Holden	
Mr. John P. Mollica	Princeton	
Ms. Melanie Weeks	Fitchburg	
Mr. James S. Boone	Gardner	
Mrs. Mary C. Barclay	Royalston	
Mr. Brian Walker	Fitchburg	
Ms. Whitney Marshall	Barre	
Dr. Kenneth I. H. Williams	Sterling	
Mr. Eric Olson	Phillipston	
Mr. Eric Commodore	Gardner	
Mrs. Kathleen Airoidi	Hubbardston	
Mrs. Toni Phillips	Athol	(arrived at 8:15 pm)
Mr. James Gilbert	Templeton	

Members of the School Committee absent:

Mr. Ronald Tourigny	Fitchburg
Mrs. Diane B. Swenson	Ashburnham
Mr. Edward Simms	Petersham
Mr. Peter B. Capone	Ashby
Ms. Claudia Holbert	Fitchburg
No appointed representative	Winchendon
No appointed representative	Harvard

Officers of the School Committee present:

Dr. Sheila M. Harrity	Superintendent-Director
Norman J. LeBlanc	District Treasurer

Student Representatives to the School Committee present:

Alexander Commodore

School District Personnel present:

Andrea Bell, Esq.	Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLP
Terri Hillman	Recording Secretary
Keyna Thomas	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent-Director

Guest:

Austin Cyganiewicz Newly appointed Winchendon representative

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brian Walker, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. He explained that Mrs. Reynolds was delayed. He welcomed everyone. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & VISITORS

Austin Cyganiewicz was introduced. He has been appointed by the Town of Winchendon, effective July 1, 2017, to replace Mr. Gould who did not seek reappointment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Olson moved to suspend the rules to take up Item 10. - Legal Matters – Executive Session.

Seconded by Mr. Gilbert.

Vote – unanimous.

Mr. Olson moved that the District Committee go into executive session for the following:

- a) Discussion of Collective Bargaining Strategy with the Massachusetts Regional Teachers Association (MRTA), and the Massachusetts Teachers Association representing Maintenance and Custodial Employees pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3),**
- b) Discussion of Strategy with respect to negotiations with Non-Union Personnel pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2),**
- c) Discussion of Collective Bargaining Strategy with the Montachusett Regional Teachers Association (MRTA) pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, Section 21(a)(3),**

as discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Committee's bargaining position and to reconvene in open session to complete the agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Cournoyer.

Roll Call Vote: Airoidi, yes; Barber, yes; Barclay, yes; Boone, yes; Commodore, yes; Cournoyer, yes; Gilbert, yes; Marshall, yes; Mollica, yes;

Olson, yes; Walker, yes; Weeks, yes; and Dr. Williams, yes. Count - 13 yes.

The Committee went into executive session at 7:20 pm.

The Committee reconvened in open session at 8:50 pm.

Note: Mrs. Reynolds entered executive session at 7:22 pm and Mrs. Phillips entered executive session at 8:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – June 7, 2017

Mrs. Barclay moved that the District Committee vote to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2017, as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Commodore.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Airoidi, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Mollica and Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Superintendent-Director's Update

Superintendent Harrity presented a PowerPoint highlighting activities at Monty Tech during June.

- Governor Charles Baker and Jay Ash, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, visited Monty Tech on June 16. They toured the Vet Tech Building. The Governor spoke with many of the students.
- Monty Tech hosted the United Way Combat Hunger Meal Packing Project and prepared 2,200 meals. Monty Tech is the first high school in Massachusetts to host such an event.
- Health Occupations students hosted a Baby Shower to benefit Battered Women's Resource of North Central Massachusetts.
- By the end of May 2017, a school record of 166 students were out on Co-Op, and 57 students will continue their work experiences over the summer.
- 567 industry-recognized credentials and certifications were earned by Monty Tech's talented students this year. A list of these accomplishments was provided.
- Students and advisors are at SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Louisville, KY. Mr. Browne and Mr. Hachey flew out today.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Student Representative's Report

Alexander Commodore, Student Representative, presented his report on School activities. School elections were held and class officers have been named for the upcoming school year. The JROTC Cyber camp will take place in July.

Enrollment Report

The Enrollment/Withdrawal/New Entry Report from May 25, 2017 through June 20, 2017 and the Discipline Report for May 2017 were presented for information. Attendance percentage for May 2017 was 94.4%.

REPORTS BY SUBCOMMITTEES

Financial Planning

Mr. Commodore, Chairperson, said there was no report this evening.

Policy

Mr. Gilbert, Chairperson, said that the Policy Subcommittee plans to meet on June 27, 2017.

Capital Improvements

Mr. Cournoyer, Chairperson, said there was no report at this time.

Workforce

Mrs. Barclay moved that the District Committee vote to accept the recommendation of the Workforce Subcommittee as discussed in executive session to ratify the Maintenance and Custodial Employees contract pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3)

Seconded by Dr. Williams.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

Mrs. Barclay moved that the District Committee vote to accept the recommendation of the Workforce Subcommittee as discussed in executive session regarding Non-Union Personnel pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(2).

Seconded by Dr. Williams.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

Student Advisory

Mrs. Barclay, Chairperson, said that there was no report this evening.

Technology (ad hoc)

Mr. Olson, Chairperson, said that there was no report this evening.

Scholarship (ad hoc)

Mrs. Barclay, Chairperson, said that there was no report this evening.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Financial Statements

The May 2017 Statements, the Statement of Accounts, and the Financial Statement for the Continuing Education Program were presented for perusal.

Acceptance of Donations

Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts

Mrs. Barclay moved that the District Committee vote to accept the donation from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts in the amount of \$9,658.70 as listed in the Business/HR Manager's memo of June 14, 2017 for the Veterinary Science Training Program Building.

Seconded by Mr. Boone.

Vote – so voted.

Mr. Barber, Mr. Mollica and Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

Surplus Equipment

Mr. Gilbert moved that the District Committee vote to accept the submitted list of items as surplus equipment to be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

Seconded by Mrs. Barclay.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Teachers' Information or Proposals

No teachers were present this evening.

School Committee Chairperson's Report

1. School Committee Meetings Schedule - 2017-2018

Mrs. Barclay moved that the District Committee vote to accept the 2017-2018 School Committee Meetings Schedule as presented.

Seconded by Mrs. Airoidi.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

2, Selection of Voting Delegate and Alternate for MASC/MASS Joint Conference

Mr. Olson nominated Mr. Cournoyer to be the voting delegate for Monty Tech at the MASC/MASS Joint Conference in November 2017 and nominated Mrs. Barclay to be the alternate voting delegate at the Conference.

Seconded by Mr. Commodore.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

Mr. Cournoyer and Mrs. Barclay accepted the nominations.

School Committee Comments

Mr. Olson thanked Mrs. Reynolds for her tenure as Chairperson of the School Committee.

Mrs. Weeks commented on the Co-Op program. Her son was one of the students and will be working all summer at the job.

Mr. Mollica thanked the Workforce Subcommittee for their work on negotiating employee contracts.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Airoidi thanked Mrs. Reynolds for assisting Mr. Simms this evening.

Dr. Williams thank Mrs. Reynolds for all the help and assistance she gave to members during her tenure as Chairperson.

Mrs. Reynolds thanked the whole Committee for all their work in always putting the kids first. It has been a pleasure to Chair the Committee.

Adjournment

Mr. Olson moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mrs. Barclay.

Vote – so voted.

Mrs. Reynolds abstained from voting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Sheila M. Harrity
Superintendent-Director

T. Hillman, Recording Secretary