

**MONTPELIER ROXBURY
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS MEETING**

Montpelier High School or Virtually

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

MINUTES

Minutes Approved: 09.01.2021

Present

Board: Jim Murphy, Andrew Stein, Aniket Kulkarni, Amanda Garces, Emma Bay-Hansen, Mia Moore, Gerri Huck (virtual), Kristen Getler

Administration: Libby Bonesteel

Students:

Absent: Jill Remick

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:36
 - Public Comment

Shabnam Beth Nolan made public comment regarding their experience during the 2020-2021 school year advocating for and seeking information on their students' learning progress including meeting with teachers, communicating with school administrators, requesting an evaluation, and intervention services. Shabnam Beth Nolan concluded by requesting school board members investigate what they believe is a systemic issue with special education in the Montpelier Roxbury School District including connecting with the community and addressing any issues that are found.

Chair Jim Murphy announced three additions to the agenda to be discussed after the consent agenda.

2. **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of:
 - 08-04-2021 School Board Meeting
 - 08-13-2021 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meeting
- Warrant for Payroll and Accounts Payable for August 20, 2021
- Superintendent's Report
- Draft Agenda 9/1/2021
- Draft FY'21 Fourth Quarter Financial Report

Kristen Getler moved, seconded by Emma Bay-Hansen, to approve the consent

agenda less the Superintendent's Report and including the minutes of the [08-04-2021 School Board Meeting](#) and [08-13-2021 Superintendent Evaluation Committee Meeting](#), [Warrant FY22-4 dated August 20, 2021](#) in the amount of \$453,202.50, the [Draft Agenda 9/1/2021](#), and the [Draft FY'21 Fourth Quarter Financial Report](#). Motion carried unanimously at 6:55pm.

Discussion was had regarding the Superintendent's Report. Superintendent Libby Bonesteel answered questions regarding bussing, school start times, and the status of filling open positions.

Kristen Getler moved, seconded by Aniket Kulkarni, to approve the [Superintendent's Report](#). Motion carried unanimously at 7:01pm.

Andrew Stein moved, seconded by Mia Moore, to revoke approval of the [Draft FY'21 Fourth Quarter Financial Report](#) until the Finance Committee meets. Motion carried unanimously at 7:05pm.

- Addition 1: Community Outreach

Discussion was had and an agreement was made to send ideas for community engagement as the board approaches budget season to Amanda Garces for consolidation and discussion at the next board meeting.

- Addition 2: COVID Safety Precautions and Decision Making

Amanda Garces moved, seconded by Mia Moore, to authorize Superintendent Libby Bonesteel to make decisions about COVID precautions for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously at 7:07pm.

- Addition 3: Appointing Finance Committee to Update Budget Policies

Discussion was had and answers to questions were provided by Business Manager Grant Geisler regarding updating language on two budget related policies.

Andrew Stein moved, seconded by Mia Moore, to refer the Fiscal Management and Budget Execution policies to the Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously at 7:12pm.

3. Board Discussion - Facilities Opportunities

- Libby Bonesteel, Grant Geisler, and Andrew LaRosa

Introduced by Superintendent Libby Bonesteel, Director of Facilities Andrew LaRosa presented facilities opportunities at each school followed by Business Manager Grant Geisler presenting potential funding sources as supported by this

[Funding Presentation](#) to the board. The board then engaged in discussion and the group of administrators answered questions posed by board members.

4. **Policy Monitoring**

- F12 Title I, Part A Parental Involvement
- A01 Board Member Conflict of Interest

Mia Moore moved, seconded by Andrew Stein, to approve the F12 Title I, Part A Parental Involvement Policy Monitoring Report. Discussion was had regarding school level parental involvement and outdated compact language. Motion carried unanimously at 8:38pm.

Aniket Kulkarni moved, seconded by Emma Bay-Hansen, to approve the A01 Board Member Conflict of Interest Policy Monitoring Report. Motion carried unanimously at 8:39pm.

5. **Adjournment**

Aniket Kulkarni moved, seconded by Mia Moore, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously at 8:39pm.

FYI

[Agenda Planning Document](#)

***note** For Committee warnings and such, this info will need to go directly to Libby from Sept. 1st on. Going forward committee meetings will need to be in person. We have a lack of staff to man the in-person requirement and manage virtual capacity for committee meetings once school begins. To book a space in a school building, please contact Libby.*

Anna Bromley
Recorder