

# Mount Ascutney School District Board

## Approved Minutes

### March 7, 2022

#### Present at the meeting:

**Board:** Bill Yates, Davis McGraw, Elizabeth Burrows, Nancy Pedrick, Rebecca Roisman, and Amy McMullen

**Administrators, Staff and Public:** David Baker, Kate Ryan, Angie Ladeau, Brittany Preston, Katie Ahern, Larry Dougher, Jenifer Aldrich, Colleen Deschamp, Annalise Ennis, Julie Cahoon, Julia Zalesak, Jaime Richardson, Carrie Jewell, Amber Bennett, Tara Howard, Danielle Ross, Michelle LaClair, Molly Keating, Kaitlyn Gould, Liz Weber, Misty Boutin, and Shannon Larkin

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Superintendent David Baker and the recording started at 6:38 pm.

#### Reorganization of the Board:

**Chairperson:** David Baker asked for nominations. Amy McMullen nominated Elizabeth Burrows, Nancy Pedrick seconded. Elizabeth Burrows accepted the nomination and received a unanimous vote.

**Vice Chair:** Elizabeth Burrows asked for nominations. Rebecca Roisman nominated Amy McMullen, Nancy Pedrick seconded. Amy McMullen accepted the nomination and received a unanimous vote.

**Clerk of the Board:** Elizabeth Burrows asked for nominations. Bill Yates nominated Davis McGraw, seconded by Nancy Pedrick. Davis McGraw accepted the nomination and received a unanimous vote.

**Signer of the Manifest:** Elizabeth Burrows asked for nominations. Nancy Pedrick nominated Bill Yates, seconded by Rebecca Roisman. Bill Yates accepted the nomination and received a unanimous vote.

**Back-up Signer of the Manifest:** Elizabeth burrows asked for nominations. Bill Yates nominated Nancy Pedrick, seconded by Davis McGraw. Nancy Pedrick accepted the nomination and received a unanimous vote.

**Representative to SU Bargaining Council:** Elizabeth Burrows asked for nominations. Nancy Pedrick nominated Bill Yates, seconded by Amy McMullen. Bill Yates accepted the nomination and received a unanimous vote.

**Designation of Truancy Officer:** Initial discussion was to continue with Paul Favreau, the School Resource Officer. Discussion followed. Could the new social worker take on this role? Consensus was reached that the social worker duties should remain separate from enforcement. Officer Paul Favreau received a unanimous vote and will serve as Truancy Officer for the District.

**Official Newspapers:** Following discussion, it was voted unanimously that we would continue with the Valley News, Eagle Times, VT Standard, and VT Digger.

**Representative to Hartford Area Career & Technology Center:** Bill Yates volunteered to take this role and received a unanimous vote of the board.

**Representative to Windsor Improvement Corporation (WIC):** Elizabeth Burrows nominated Amy McMullen, seconded by Nancy Pedrick. Amy McMullen accepted the nomination and received a unanimous vote.

**Establishment of regular time, place, and date of monthly meeting:** Following discussion, the board voted unanimously to hold the monthly meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**District Treasurer:** The board voted unanimously to appoint Nancy Pedrick.

**District Clerk:** This vote was postponed.

II. **Changes/Additions to the Agenda:** None

III. **Approval of Minutes**

- a) February 7, 2022  
Rebecca Roisman motioned to approve  
Seconded by Amy McMullen  
5 voted aye; 1 abstention

IV. **Public Participation/Announcements:**

- Julia Zalesak spoke on mask concerns.
- Amy McMullen thanked the community for voting and approving the budget.

V. **Principal's Report:**

- Discussion on Personalized Learning Plan, student success plans, and assisting students to set personal and educational goals.
- Brittany Preston presented on the Data Drive.
- To view the Principal's Report PowerPoint presentation, please click [HERE](#).

VI. **Superintendent's Report:**

COVID Update: The mask decision will be taken at the Supervisory Union Board meeting on, Monday, March 14th. The decision will be made following CDC guidelines on risk, with the goal to keep students and staff healthy and safe and to keep schools open.

VII. **Items for Discussion**

- a) JEDI Update: Elizabeth Burrows asked for a volunteer to attend meetings and act as a school board liaison to this committee. Rebecca Roisman volunteered. Elizabeth Burrows hopes to have a more robust discussion regarding support for middle school students.
- b) Capital Reserve Wish List: Will put off another month to get dollar figures for the van. Larry Dougher will present a five year maintenance plan at the April meeting.
- c) Inter/Intra-district Choice: Jenifer Aldrich shared where the subcommittee is and that the next step is to invite community members to join in the discussion.

VIII. **Items for Action:** None

IX. **Setting the Next Agenda:**

The meeting will be Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

Items for the agenda:

- Post-graduation student plans
- Intra-district choice
- Middle School Model
- JEDI and Declaration of Inclusion
- Capital Reserve and Five-Year Maintenance Plan
- Possible: Approval of Support Staff Contract

X. **Executive Session** (VSA.T11 Section 313): None

XI. **Adjournment**

Nancy Pedrick made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bill Yates seconded

All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.