

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**  
**Monday, October 27, 2008**  
**11:00 A.M.**

Members attending: Keith Cheveralls, Virginia Justicz, Stu Sklar, Patty Wenger, Willie Wickman, Thomas W. Jefferson, and Susan Tokay, Representative for Monty Tech.

**Call to Order** – Stu Sklar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The School Committee toured the facility and viewed the programs offered by Monty Tech. The Committee then had a luncheon prepared by the students at Monty Tech.

The Committee asked that a thank you letter be sent to Monty Tech.

**Minutes**

Willie Wickman made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to accept the Minutes from the October 14, 2008 meeting as presented.  
VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

The Committee along with Susan Tokay discussed Monty Tech enrollment and student tour procedures for eighth graders. Ms. Tokay as representative will provide the School Committee with updates as necessary.

**School Committee Reports**

Virginia Justicz advised that there was a meeting scheduled for later in the day to discuss utilization of the Shirley School at Devens.

Patty Wenger reported that the National Grid assessment should be completed by November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Keith Cheveralls reported that he had met with Mark Force regarding the underground oil tanks and the Water Commission's letter of concern. Mark recommended that the tanks be replaced. There are three tanks, two at Bromfield and one at the Superintendent's Office. The cost is approximately \$30,000.00 per tank. The project is earmarked for a capital proposal. Lorraine Leonard is in the process of researching grants. The Committee decided that more research was necessary before a final recommendation could be made. The Committee charged Keith with sending a letter to the Board of Health updating them on the process and advising that a report will be completed by the end of November.

Stu Sklar reported that the Suburban Coalition had a new member. He also reported that the Elementary School Council had met and discussed the climate survey as well as the playground proposal.

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Jefferson reported that he along with students from the Bromfield School had attended the ELNA Conference where they viewed and discussed the movie, “Two Million Minutes”. He further reported that he had met with the Primary Source Board to discuss Highly Qualified Professional Development opportunities for staff members. He advised that he would have a FIAT report for the next meeting. The Committee discussed the Capital Planning process and recommended using past Committee members for their expertise.

### **Superintendent Goals**

The Committee reviewed Dr. Jefferson’s revised draft 2008-2009 goals. Stu Sklar stated that it was a living document, and Willie Wickman asked the Superintendent to keep the Committee updated on the progress.

Willie Wickman made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to accept the Superintendent’s Goals for 2008-2009 as presented.  
VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

### **Question 1 Letter**

The Committee reviewed prepared by the Chair opposing Question 1. The letter will be signed and endorsed by other town members and boards, and it will be printed in the local newspapers.

Willie Wickman made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to support opposition to Question 1.  
VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

The Committee made revisions to the letter, and the Chair reread the letter to the Committee.

Willie Wickman made a motion and Virginia Justicz seconded to accept the letter as read.  
VOTED (5/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Virginia Justicz (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

The Committee also discussed a request from the Board of Selectmen that the Committee attend the Special Town Meeting to support the Board of Selectmen regarding the

ambulance billing ballot question. The Committee agreed that it should not participate as a Committee but only as individuals.

### **Getty Land Option**

The Committee discussed the Getty Land Option for a 31 acre parcel of land located on Massachusetts Avenue and Bolton Road. The Option is open for sixty days. The Committee agreed that it should support the Board of Selectmen in the process as a potential use for the town not just the schools. Virginia Justicz will draft a response to the Selectmen and email it to members for approval.

Virginia Justicz left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

### **School Committee Communications/Correspondence**

The Committee discussed an email from Keith Cheveralls regarding School Committee Documents Recommendation. Keith requested that all written documents to the committee be made available to all members simultaneously. The Committee also discussed addressing disputes among Committee members. The Chair and all members agreed to work more effectively on the communication process.

Willie Wickman made the motion and Patty Wenger seconded to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing union contract negotiations and not to return to regular session. A roll call vote was taken.

VOTED (4/0) to accept the motion. . (Keith Cheveralls (Yes), Stu Sklar (Yes) Patty Wenger (Yes), Willie Wickman (Yes).

Minutes submitted,

Jackie Smith  
Secretary