

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #3

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Secretary Ryan Philbeck

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins stated his opinion that board members are not doing enough for kids; the GPA for sports eligibility should be increased; qualifications of a good superintendent; meetings should be held after school; the use of federal money; and the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- January 27, 2015, Board Work Session
- January 27, 2015, Board Meeting #2

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Update

The following reports were received: Informational Reports – Contracted Services Recommendations, Contracted Coaches, and Club Paid Coaches; January 26, 2015, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes; and January 29, 2015, Board Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

Teacher Tenure Recognition

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mentel to confirm and endorse the granting of tenure and removal from probation for Mary Vincent on the appropriate anniversary date.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

DECA State Conference

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the attendance of 17 Monroe High School students at the DECA State Career Development Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

BPA State Leadership Conference

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the attendance of four Monroe High School students at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Radio Purchase – Elementary Schools

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of handheld radios from Herkimer Radio Service in the amount of \$11,700.00 and reject all other quotes. The money for this purchase will come from the Curriculum Office Capital Outlay account.

Discussion: After researching the cost of the handheld radios, Mrs. Everly found that they could be purchased at a lower cost, but it would cost \$10-\$15 to ship a radio back to the vendor for any type of repair, including warranty repair, and the school would be down a radio. By staying local, there wouldn't be any shipping costs and Herkimer would provide a loaner radio while repairs are being done. The quote from Amerizon Wireless did not include programming; therefore Herkimer provided an additional quote just for programming. Mrs. Eighmey explained that the Curriculum Office Capital Outlay account is for purchasing equipment districtwide.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Comments

Congratulations to our Monroe High School wrestling team, which won the Southeastern Conference championship. Last weekend the team won its first league title in any league since 2003 and the first ever in the SEC. All 13 of the Trojan wrestlers finished in the top six in the league meet, and two of them, Carl Antrassian wrestling at 112 pounds and Keith Matthews wrestling at 285 pounds, were league champions. Besides the great showing on Saturday, the Trojan wrestlers were 11-0 in league dual meets.

Monroe High School band and orchestra students competed in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association district solo and ensemble contest in Livonia. Seven soloists, three duets and a quartet received Division 1 ratings, which is the best rating possible. In addition, three soloists and two duets received Division 2 ratings. The students are led by Mr. Jim Nuechterlein, band director, and Mrs. Ann Felder, orchestra director.

Monroe Middle School instrumental music students also participated in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble contest this past Saturday in Livonia and did quite well. We had six soloists and two duets that earned Division 1 ratings and three soloists and a duet that attained Division 2 ratings. Congratulations to all of those students and to their teachers, Mrs. Ann Felder for the orchestra and Mr. Chris Morelli for the band.

Congratulations to MHS flutists, Zachary Saltsman and Nicholas Howerton, who participated in a countywide competition and each won a \$200 scholarship sponsored by the John Tyner Chorale and the Monroe City/County Fine Arts Council.

Monroe High School will hold its annual National Honor Society induction ceremony on Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. Eighty new members will be inducted into NHS bringing the total membership to 248 students.

Raisinville Elementary will host a Detroit Lions football fundamentals offensive skills academy at 4 p.m., Feb. 23, 24 and 25. Kindergarten through sixth grade boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of

quarterback, running back and wide receiver. The sessions will be led by Chris Fritzsching, director of Detroit Lions Youth Football Programs. Cost is \$36 per student.

Wednesday, February 11, is winter count day which makes up 10% of our state financial aid each year. Winter break (no school) is scheduled for Friday and Monday, February 13 and 16.

The doors to the Monroe High School Athletic Hall of Fame will swing open to admit 10 new members on Friday, February 20, during halftime of the boys' varsity basketball game. Those being honored are referee Claude Cawood, basketball coach Bob Eldridge, baseball coach Butch Foster, girls track coach Eric Jenkins, football player Jeff Maddux, swimmer Hugh McCloskey, softball player Dawn (Terrasi) Peterson, tennis player Mickey Schmidt, wrestler Zac Stevens and track athlete Albert Wehner.

Orchard Center High School and Monroe County Community College have developed a very nice relationship. First of all, two OCHS students are dual enrolled this trimester at MCCC, and the plan is to expand dual enrollment next school year for OCHS students. In addition, MCCC is sending tutors to OCHS during lunch and during Knights United time to help students in various topics.

Old Business

Dr. March asked if there have been any problems that have occurred with the restructuring of the counseling department at Monroe High School. Dr. McLeod stated that a lot has been learned through the transition, and scheduling seems to be the biggest challenge we have right now. Aside from the scheduling challenge, we have realized a significant social, emotional need which is greater than anticipated. Mrs. Everly stated that the structure has enabled us to be more proactive in terms of attendance problems. Dr. Martin said there will be a meeting later this week to address student attendance, and an evaluation meeting will be held later in the year to discuss the restructuring of the district counseling department.

New Business

Mr. Yeo commented that last night's personnel committee meeting ended on a positive note, and they will meet again next Tuesday to fine-tune some information before presenting to the board at the next work session.

Mr. VanWasshenova is encouraged by Orchard's arrangement with the community college and he's glad that students are taking advantage of the opportunities. Mrs. Everly added that Dr. Quartey is tutoring students at Arborwood as well.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

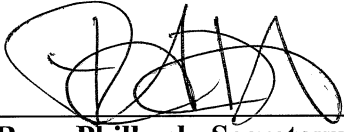
Selma Rankins would've appreciated having Black History month recognized this evening. Dr. Martin and Mrs. Everly informed Mr. Rankins that every building principal is preparing a summary of their celebration, which will be shared at the February 24th board meeting. Mr. Rankins encouraged board members to read "The Dreamkeepers."

Pastor Tucker from Carey Chapel AME located on Almyra Street introduced himself to the board. He has a child at Waterloo School and feels they are doing a fine job.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel that the February 10, 2015, Board Meeting #3 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:49 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Philbeck', written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Philbeck, Secretary