

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #1
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
7:00 PM

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Aaron N. Mason, Trustee Dr. Tedd March, and Trustee Ryan Philbeck

Board Members Absent: Trustee Wendy Spicer

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Barry Martin, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

Board Member Appreciation Month

January is School Board Member Recognition Month and Mr. Monday and Bobb Vergiels recognized our own school board for their time, energy and dedication to the Monroe Public School district. Board members are recognized for spending countless hours of service to the people of the district and it is very much appreciated.

Sodexo Presentation

Nancy Boykin, Sodexo Food Service Director, introduced Hal Davis, Sodexo District Manager who was at the board meeting to make a presentation to the MHS Student Council. Across the nation, 150 high schools participated in the Healthy High School Challenge to purchase healthy food items and snacks. Monroe High School finished in second place and Mr. Davis presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Anne Knabusch, supervisor of the MHS student council, and student council officers who attended the meeting.

Public Commentary

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- December 11, 2012 Board Meeting #22
- December 18, 2012 Special Board Meeting (2 sets)

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

Reports and Updates

The Revised Informational Report – Contracted Coaches, and the December 11, 2012 Curriculum Committee Minutes were accepted without comments. The December 11, 2012 Finance Committee of

the Whole/Public Relations Committee of the Whole minutes will reflect that we cannot use sinking funds for the Knabusch Math and Science Center.

Establish Dates, Time and Location of Board of Education Meetings

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Philbeck to establish meetings for the Monroe Board of Education from January, 2013 to January, 2014 with workshops to begin at 5:30 p.m. and regular meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Administration Building, 1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, MI 48162 as listed.

Discussion: There was some conversation about possibly changing board meetings to Mondays because 95% of our schools' sporting events are held on Tuesdays. If Board members have children on these teams, there are sometimes choices that need to be made to attend either the board meeting or the sporting event.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Next week Monroe High will hold its annual Winterfest. Different themes will be in place throughout the week leading up to the games on Friday evening. The Winterfest Dance will be held on Saturday, January 19.
- Enrollment is under way for the winter classes for our Community Education program. Brochures were mailed to all homes in the Monroe and LaSalle mailing areas last week.
- Congratulations to six Monroe High students who this past weekend qualified for the state finals by placing high in regional competition for the Business Professionals of America. The state finals will be held in Grand Rapids in March.
- All seven of our elementary school cafeterias earned high honors from the USDA recently in its Healthy US Schools Challenge for serving nutritious meals and promoting healthy lifestyles. Each school will receive \$1,000 in cash and receive a plaque and banner marking the accomplishment.
- The Monroe High Alumni Association is holding its second annual scholarship fundraiser on Saturday, February 2 in the fourth floor assembly room of Monroe Bank & Trust. The event features dinner, cash bar, live music and a silent auction.
- Our Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe High Scholarship Organization have begun discussions on possibly merging, or having the Scholarship Organization become part of the Foundation.

Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

New Business

At the January 22, 2013 board workshop, board and superintendent goals will be addressed and developed.

Public Commentary

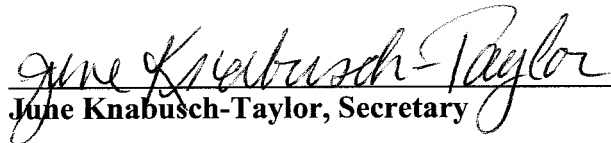
Michael Finley, parent of a Manor student, asked board members about long term security solutions. Mr. Monday noted that on our website, we have posted everything we have done so far and noted that we are in the process of looking at buzzers, locks, cameras, advice from Homeland Security and all areas of safety for our students. The safety of our students is a high priority for the district, and we welcome any suggestions made by parents. Mr. Finley suggested escape windows from each classroom. Mr. Monday will be meeting soon with the sheriff and other county superintendents to discuss the issue of safety.

Selma Rankins, citizen, would like to meet individually with each school board member.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March that the January 8, 2013, Board Meeting #1 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

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


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary