

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #3

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

7:00 p.m.

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, Trustee Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Barry Martin

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the following minutes as submitted:

- January 22, 2013 Special Work Session
- January 22, 2013 Work Session
- January 22, 2013 Board Meeting #2
- February 5, 2013 Special Board Meeting

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Updates

The February 4, 2013 Board Personnel Committee Minutes were received by the Board. Ms. Spicer continues to appreciate the people who compose and distribute the minutes in a timely manner.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the resignations of Valerie Delekta and Steve Lewis effective February 1, 2013 and of Vincent Castiglione effective February 8, 2013 from Monroe Public Schools.

Discussion: Ms. Spicer wished them all well in their future endeavors. It was noted that these employees have many of years of combined service to the district.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

New Hire

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the appointment of Mary Vincent as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective February 13, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Mr. Mason appreciated receiving this information in a timely fashion.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Proposal for Services of Kathleen Kryza

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to approve the contracted professional development and coaching services from Kathleen Kryza for an amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. This expenditure will be covered using Secondary Curriculum Funds.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Millage Election

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to adopt the attached Resolution calling for the Special Election which will be held on May 7, 2013 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Discussion: Governor Snyder has indicated that there may be a state-wide election in May to increase taxes. If this happens, we will hold our special election for our millage renewal in August instead. It would cost around \$30,000 for us to hold the election in August.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Attorney Contract Renewal

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the Retainer Agreement between the Monroe Public School Board of Education and Collins and Blaha, P. C. for the purpose of labor consulting services for an annual fee of \$30,797 from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Appointment of General Counsel

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to appoint James Davies to represent the Monroe Board of Education as general counsel for the Monroe Public School District for the 2013 calendar year.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Mr. Mason abstained.

Appointment of Certified Public Accountant

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to employ the accounting firm of Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton, Certified Public Accountants, to perform the annual audit of financial records and funds of Monroe Public Schools for the 2012/13 Fiscal Year in conformance with prescribed standards and legal requirements of the State of Michigan.

Discussion: The Monroe Public Schools Education Foundation is a separate unit which is audited every three years.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Student Reinstatement

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason that Oakley Boring and Lloyd Rader both be reinstated to Monroe Public Schools – Orchard Center High School - for the remainder of the 2012/13 school year.

Discussion: The reinstatement committee has a hard job to do and the members are to be commended.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

CSD-1 Testing on District Boilers

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to accept the proposal for the annual CSD-1 (Control and Safety Device) testing on all district boilers from Thompson Plumbing & Heating,

Petersburg, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$4,641. Funds for this testing are to be taken from Operations budget.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

District Two-Way Radio

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to accept the proposal from Herkimer Radio for the replacement of the current analog radio system with a digital radio system for a cost not to exceed \$113,003.46. Funds for this system are to be taken from the general fund.

Discussion: A representative from Herkimer radio was in attendance to answer any questions the board had. This system will allow each building's radio to work in their own building and can transmit to any of the other district radios as well, if necessary. Mr. Mason would have liked to have seen another product to compare the two.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Title I Technology Purchase

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to approve the purchase of Bretford Carts, iPads, iPad Smart Cases and Wireless Keyboards for Arborwood, Manor, Monroe Middle School, Custer and Waterloo for a cost not to exceed \$206,509.35. The money for this purchase will come from the Title I grant.

Discussion: These devices will be used with our curriculum. The trials were successful and now we are purchasing an additional quantity. These are the tools teachers use to deliver the curriculum that the board has already approved and are solely for the use in the classroom.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that Items 15 through 17 be voted on as a consent agenda.

- Item 15: BPA State Leadership Conference (Motion to approve the MHS students' attendance at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.)
- Item 16: State Wrestling Meet (Motion to approve the MHS students' attendance at the State Wrestling Meet in Auburn Hills, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.)
- Item 17: State Swim Meet (Motion to approve the MHS students' attendance at the State Swim Meet in Holland, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.)

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve Items 15-17 on the consent agenda as presented.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

DECA State Career Development Conference

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

Discussion: The packet for this trip was found to have some inconsistencies throughout; i.e., how many students would be going, how many chaperones would be involved, means of transportation as well as exactly how the trip would be funded. Because of this, the motion was withdrawn and will be brought

back to the next board meeting for action once the corrections are made.

Superintendent Comments

Mr. Monday announced to the board that it is his intention to retire this summer. He noted how pleased he is with the central administrative team, the teachers, the school improvement process, and how our student performance is edging upward. We are fortunate to have the support of a dedicated Board of Education. Mr. Monday is looking forward to spending more time with his family and is thankful for 37 wonderful years in Monroe and 40 years in education.

Mr. Yeo noted that on behalf of the Board of Education, they will be sad to lose him, but wish Mr. Monday the best. The board is confident in the team that is in place and will move forward to make this a continually improving public education system.

Old Business

Plans are to begin talks regarding the Lincoln and Christiancy properties in the spring.

Mr. VanWasshenova suggested holding some of our board meetings at different locations for the benefit of those who may not be able to make it to the Administration Building for meetings.

New Business

It has been brought to the board's attention that at MHS, substitute teachers are not allowed to distribute calculators to students to use during tests. Mr. Cortez will plan an alternate solution to this problem.

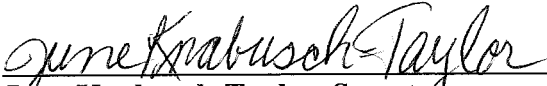
Public Commentary-Any Topic

Mary Ann Cyr, principal and parent, expressed her gratitude for the wonderful educational experience her children received at Monroe Public Schools. Her son has recently signed an academic and football scholarship for his post-secondary education.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the February 12, 2013, Board Meeting #3 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:06 p.m.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary

**MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MONROE
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION CALLING MILLAGE ELECTION PROPOSALS
AND SETTING MATTERS TO BE VOTED ON**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Monroe Public Schools (the "School District") was held in the School District on February 12, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Yeo.

Present: Members Robert Yeo, Lawrence VanWasshenova, June Knabusch-Taylor, Aaron N. Mason, Dr. Tedd March, Ryan Philbeck, Wendy Spicer

Absent: Members n/a

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Mason and supported by Member Knabusch-Taylor:

WHEREAS, Section 24f of the Michigan General Property Tax Act allows taxing units to submit a proposal on the question of authorizing a millage rate to be levied and provides for the manner in which such requests are submitted to the electorate of the taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the School District has determined that it is necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the School District and its residents that the School District continue to levy not more than the statutory rate of 18 mills, which may be assessed against taxable non-homestead property in the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Revised School Code, MCL 380.1212, permits Michigan school districts to create a sinking fund to fund certain enumerated activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the School District previously authorized a building and site sinking fund millage ballot proposal to be presented to its electorate at the May 6, 2008 election for 5 years, 2009 through 2013, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is in the best interests of education in the School District to continue to levy the 1 mill previously authorized for a sinking fund past its 2013 expiration for a period of 5 years, 2014 through 2018, inclusive.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The following proposals will be submitted to the electors of the School District at an election to be held on May 7, 2013:

Proposition A

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION NON-HOMESTEAD AND QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY TAX

This proposal is for a millage which, if approved, will be levied only against non-homestead and qualified agricultural property. Together with other approved millage, this millage will allow Monroe Public Schools to levy up to, but not more than the previously authorized 18 mills, to provide in part the funds to operate and maintain the school system.

Shall the 18 mill limitation (\$18.00 on each \$1,000) previously approved by the electors as an increase to the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the Monroe Public Schools, County of Monroe, State of Michigan, except homestead property and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, be renewed for five (5) years, 2014 to 2018, inclusive, to provide in part the funds to operate and maintain the school system? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2014 calendar year shall be approximately \$17,354,939 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal.

Proposition B

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

This proposal is for a millage, which, if approved, will allow Monroe Public Schools to continue to levy up to, but not more than the statutory maximum 18 mills against non-homestead and qualified agricultural property to provide in part the funds to operate and maintain the school system. The levy authorized by this proposition is conditioned upon voter approval of the levy authorized by the voters under Proposition A, Operating Millage Renewal Proposition, Non-Homestead and Qualified Agricultural Property Tax.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in the Monroe Public Schools, County of Monroe, State of Michigan, except homestead property and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, be increased by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000) previously approved by the electors be renewed for five (5) years, 2014 to 2018, inclusive, to provide in part the funds to operate and maintain the school system and to restore any Headlee Reduction which may occur from 2014 to 2018, provided the school district shall levy not more than the statutory maximum of 18 mills against non-homestead property? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2014 calendar year shall be approximately \$964,163 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal.

Proposition C

**MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

This proposal renews a building and site sinking fund millage set to expire with the 2013 tax levy.

Shall the 1 mill limitation (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) previously approved by the electors which may be assessed against all taxable property in the Monroe Public Schools, County of Monroe, State of Michigan, be renewed and thus continued for five (5) years beyond its scheduled 2013 expiration, for the calendar years 2014 to 2018, inclusive, to continue to provide for a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law? It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2014 calendar year will be approximately \$1,717,204 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. The proposed millage is a renewal of a previously authorized millage of 1 mill.

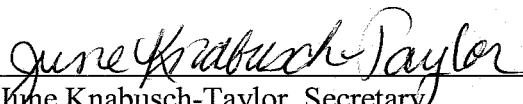
2. The Board hereby authorizes the Secretary, or her authorized designee, to submit a certified copy of the foregoing proposal to the School District Election Coordinator for placing the same on the ballot for the May 7, 2013 election.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

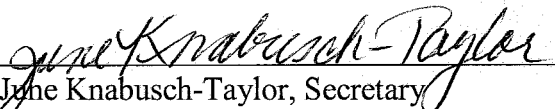
Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion declared adopted.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary
Board of Education
Monroe Public Schools

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Monroe Public Schools, Monroe County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a regular meeting held on February 12, 2013, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary
Board of Education
Monroe Public Schools