

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #5

Tuesday, March 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, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Trustee Ryan Philbeck

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Katherine Eighmey, Barry Martin, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

MPS Music Programs

Cate Windelborn, Elise Dinwoody, Mary Vincent and Shelley Saltsman, music teachers, spoke to the Board about the upcoming vocal music event to be held in our schools. Three Men and a Tenor – a popular singing group that has performed in 38 states – will share their talents and expertise with several hundred members of the Monroe Public Schools vocal music program all day on Thursday, March 14. Later that evening at the annual Monroe Public Schools All-City Concert, Three Men and a Tenor will perform along with various school choirs at the popular program which will be staged this year in the Monroe High School Auditorium. Showtime for the All-City Vocal Concert is 6:30 p.m., March 14. Throughout the school day, members of the group will work directly with the various choirs in making final preparations for the All-City Concert.

HOSA Field Trip

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the HOSA State Leadership Conference in Traverse City, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Teachers Leah Morelli, Alka Pandya, and Margie Lake were present to introduce eight of the 17 HOSA students who are part of a group that will compete in the HOSA State Leadership Conference in Traverse City, Michigan in April. HOSA is an after school, student led organization and the group appreciates the board support for this program.

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

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- February 25, 2013 Work Session
- February 25, 2013 Board Meeting #4
- March 5, 2013 Special Board Meeting (2 sets)

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ms. Spicer abstained as she had not attended the meetings.

Reports and Update

The February 25, 2013 Board Curriculum Committee Minutes, February 28, 2013 Transportation Committee Minutes, and the Informational Report – Contracted Coach were received without comments.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools for Jonathan King as of March 15, 2013; of Sara Bess and J. Edward Ready at the end of the 2012/13 school year; and of Roseann Ready as of July 31, 2013.

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

Coaching Recommendation

Motion by Ms. Spicer; support by Mr. Mason to approve the coach listed below for the spring season; as per the MCEA master agreement.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Sport	School
Ray	Kris	Assistant Coach	Track	MHS

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

Adoption of Amended 2012/13 Budgets for General, Food Service, Building & Site and Sinking Funds

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to adopt the amended 2012/13 fund budgets for the General, Food Service, Building & Site, and sinking funds as presented.

Discussion: Mrs. Eighmey will provide a packet of information for board members regarding the approved budget and amendments from the past five years. The biggest increase has been in retirement and health insurance although the retirement reform will help us out next year.

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

Board Policies – Second Reading

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve the following policies as a second reading:

- Section 3000 – Fiscal Management

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

Title Purchase – Arborwood Just-Right Books

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to table this motion until after the next Board Curriculum Committee meeting to be held Monday, March 18.

Discussion: Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor noted that the Curriculum Committee has not seen any of these books. Mr. VanWasshenova would like to see these books at the next Curriculum Committee meeting and then have the item brought back at the March 26 board meeting. Dr. Martin noted that Title I funds are to be used for the current year students. The intent is to have all K-2 students read at grade level. In order to do that, we need to enhance the classroom libraries with these books. The books need to be in the students' hands to help them read at grade level. This purchase is to enhance the curriculum that is already in place which the Board had already approved years ago.

Vote: Motion failed by a 2-4 roll call vote. Dr. March, Mr. Mason, Ms. Spicer, and Mr. Yeo voted no.

Title Purchase – Arborwood Just-Right Books

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of Just-Right books for the Arborwood Campus. The total cost for the books will not exceed \$31,000.00, all of which will be covered by the current year's Title I funds in accordance with allowable expenditure guidelines for use of federal funds for supplemental instructional programming.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

LLI Kits for Custer Elementary

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the purchase of one (1) LLI kit for the use of support to achieve grade level competency for a cost not to exceed \$4,860.

Discussion: Mrs. Knabusch raised the question as to why this was not brought before the Curriculum Committee for review. The answer is that this was brought before the committee after which the board approved it 3 or 4 years ago. Another question raised was why is this being brought before the board now rather than at the beginning of the year? Mr. Monday indicated that the policy has been to bring new curriculum/materials to the Board. He indicated we can change this policy to include any curriculum items if the Board desires. In this particular instance, another group of students have been identified as struggling, so another kit needs to be purchased.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

Writing Curriculum Purchase

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Mason to approve the purchase of the Lucy Calkins Units of Study for grades kindergarten through fifth as the English Language Arts Writing Curriculum. This purchase will come from the Elementary Curriculum Budget and will not exceed \$22,541.11.

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

Wireless E-rate Purchase

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of network equipment from MTR and Netech as detailed in the attachment from Mr. Payne. The total cost is not to exceed \$170,207.22. Money for this purchase is to be taken from the District Funds, Sinking Funds and Technology Millage Funds.

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

Freezer Purchase

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of a Beverage Air freezer from Zesco, Inc. Indianapolis, Indiana for a cost not to exceed \$5,354 which includes lift gate and shipping and reject all other offers. Money for this purchase is to be taken from the Food Service budget.

Discussion: This freezer will replace one that is over ten years old and in need of costly repair.

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

Track Uniform Purchase

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Mason to approve the purchase of track uniforms from Team Sports, Holland Ohio. The total cost is not to exceed \$4,200. Money for this purchase is to be taken from the Athletic Fund.

Discussion: All bidders received the same criteria.

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

Superintendent Comments

- A voter registration drive will be held at MHS during lunch on Thursday, March 14. Monroe Township Clerk Robert Schnurr will be present to help sign students up to vote.
- For the fourth straight year, the State of Michigan has honored Waterloo Elementary as being a Green School.
- Tuesday, April 9 from 5-8 p.m., there will be a benefit spaghetti dinner at Arborwood South with half of the proceeds going to our MPS Promise Fund. The other half of the proceeds will go to Monroe Family Counseling and Shelter Services. Dena's Family Restaurant is preparing the meal free of charge.

Old Business

Mr. Oley reported that bids for summer projects had been opened earlier in the day. All of these projects had previously been presented to the Physical Resource Committee and include the MMS boiler, exterior concrete work, MHS I-wing metal roof, asphalt parking lot at Fenmoor, and the parking lot at MHS.

Mr. Yeo announced that while the board is searching for a new superintendent due to Mr. Monday's upcoming retirement, the public is welcome to let the board members know their thoughts, ideas or suggestions for selecting a new superintendent. At the work session earlier in the evening, Dr. Michael Wilmot of Michigan Leadership Institute, spoke to the board members outlining their procedures and costs for aiding in this search.

New Business

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason to hire Michigan Leadership Institute to carry out the search for a new superintendent. The cost for this service is \$6,600 plus direct expenses not to exceed \$750. Money for this service will come from the Board of Education budget.

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

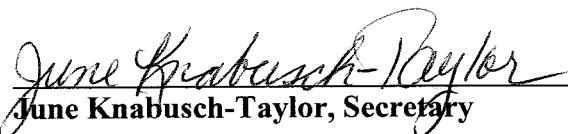
Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins, citizen, expressed congratulations to Ed and Roseann Ready on their upcoming retirement. He also would like to see a school named after Rosa Parks.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason that the March 12, 2013, Board Meeting #5 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:12 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary