

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #7
Tuesday, April 23, 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, Barry Martin, and Jerry Oley

Administrators Absent: Katherine Eighmey, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Manor Quiz Bowl Team

Mrs. Everly introduced several staff members of Manor Elementary School whose Quiz Bowl team recently became the Monroe County Quiz Bowl Champions. Teachers Ian Cooke and Mary Wolf introduced Trevor Malik, Darby Klemz, Henry Germeroth, and Lauren Swallow. Absent were Rashaun Adams and Annalise Furlong. To attain the honor of being the 2013 Quiz Bowl champions, this team had to take five victories. Congratulations to these outstanding students.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins, citizen, congratulated the Manor Quiz Bowl team. He asked that a school be named after Rosa Parks, complimented teacher, Amy Pace, and asked that the new superintendent be someone who understands black people.

Approval of Minutes

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

- March 26, 2013 Work Session
- March 26, 2013 Board Meeting #6

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

Reports and Update

The March 18, 2013 Board Curriculum Committee Minutes and April 8, 2013 Board Personnel Committee Minutes were received without comments.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools for Russell Ray effective 4/19/13; Debra Mau effective 4/23/13; Christine Jarrait, Carla Matusik, and Nancy Monday effective at the end of the 2012/13 school year.

Discussion: Thank you to all of these people who have devoted their time and talent to the students of Monroe Public Schools. Mr. Mason noted Nancy Monday's dedication to the Scholarship Committee which she has been a member of for the past 28 years.

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

Board Policies – First Reading

The board received the following policies as a first reading: Section 4000 – Business Management. There were no comments or questions on these policies.

Consent Purchases

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that Agenda Items C.6-C.10 be considered as a Consent Agenda and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.6 – MHS Variable Frequency Drives Replacement – To accept the quote from Control Systems of Ohio located in Sylvania for VFD replacement at MHS at a cost not to exceed \$31,736.
- C.7 – MHS Chiller Start Up – To accept the low bid from Dimech Services of Toledo, Ohio for the chiller start up at MHS at a cost not to exceed \$5,878 and reject all other bids.
- C.8 – Playground Mulch – To accept the low bid from Jack's Lawn Service of Monroe, Michigan for playground mulch at a cost not to exceed \$9,735 and reject all other bids
- C.9 – Carpet/Tile Replacement for 2013 District-Wide – To accept the low bid from Morr-Kare Interiors of Erie, Michigan for carpet and tile replacement at a cost not to exceed \$61,277 and reject all other bids.
- C.10 – Grounds Care Chemicals – To accept the low bid from John Deere Landscapes.com for various grounds chemicals at a cost not to exceed \$7,145.10 and reject all other bids.

Discussion: If additional wood chips are needed, Mr. Oley will bring that purchase back before the board for approval. In regard to the carpet/tile replacement bid, Mr. Oley confirmed with the bidder that the amount would not exceed \$61,277. The owner of the company saw that some repair work needed to be done and he included that cost in his bid. The difference between the companies is that one contracts the work out and the other does it himself.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Our HOSA group recently set what we believe is a school record when five of our students qualified to participate in the national competition in Nashville in June. They were in the state competition which attracted 1,500 students a little over a week ago.
- Our kindergarten registration was held recently at Riverside Early Learning Center. This year our location for registration changed and we received great reviews. We have 199 Young Fives students moving into kindergarten next year and we registered 267 kindergarten students. At this point we will have 466 kindergarten students enrolled for 2013/14 school year.
- The Battle of the Bands will be held Friday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS auditorium. This event was postponed last Friday due to the power outage.
- The Light It up Blue Silent Auction will be held Friday, April 26 from 5-7 p.m. at MMS where the sale of blue-themed art will be sold to support Autism Speaks. All of the art was made by our students and staff. The Frenchtown Fiddlers also will play at the silent auction.
- When 400 students gathered Monday at the River Raisin Battlefield for a celebration of the start of National Park Week, a large number of them were MPS students. The activity was presided over by Congressman John Dingell and Congressman Tim Walberg, who recognized several of our staff and students for what they have done to support the battlefield.
- As part of our ongoing school improvement efforts, next week we will offer an online survey for parents, staff and students on a number of different topics. We expect this information will give us a good picture of the thoughts and perceptions of our MPS stakeholders. As some parents may

not have computer access, each school is opening up their computer lab to the public one day after school next week so parents can come in and take the survey online. The survey will also be offered in several foreign languages and will be set up at the community rooms of Arthur Lesow Community Center, Greenwycke Apartments and Willow Green Mobile Home Park for parents who may not have computer access or access to transportation during the day.

- We would like to encourage everyone to go to the polls May 7 for our millage renewal election. Three renewals are on the ballot – 18 mills for general school operation, one mill for a Headlee override, and one mill for our sinking fund.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo noted that there had been some concern recently in regard to the Jefferson/Monroe hockey unification program. A committee comprised of superintendents and administrators from both schools, as well as Mr. Yeo, is conducting a full investigation into these concerns and will have a full report within a week or less.

New Business

Jerry Oley reported a problem at Monroe High with the hot water mixing valve. The loss of power last week caused problems the mixing value and needs to be corrected right away. The water has been extremely hot and is a safety issue. Outside plumbers were brought in to evaluate the situation and a bid was received from Sieb Plumbing and Heating. They are planning to fix the valve this week and plan to do it without closing school. Two of our own employees will also be brought in to work on this issue.

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to accept the bid from Sieb Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning of Monroe Michigan to replace the hot water mixing valve at MHS at a cost not to exceed \$19,795.

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

Mr. Yeo noted that some administrative issues have been brought before the board recently and that it is inappropriate to address personnel issues in a public forum.

Mr. Yeo introduced Dr. Michael Wilmot of the Michigan Leadership Institute who is leading the search for a new superintendent for Monroe Public Schools due to Mr. Monday's retirement. Six weeks ago, the board authorized the posting for a superintendent with the closing date of April 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. Sixteen candidates applied for the position. Names for candidates can be announced once the board votes to interview them. The Board will convene in closed session to look over the applications, return to open session, and decide which candidates they wish to interview. Ninety-minute interviews which are open to the public, will be held April 29, 30 and May 1 at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. each evening. Second interviews will be held May 13 and 14 at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. The board will narrow the field to not more than two candidates and perform site visits. All candidates have requested confidentiality.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing candidates for the Superintendent's position. Open Meetings Act, Sect., 8(c).

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

Adjournment of Closed Session and Reconvene

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the closed session be adjourned and Board Meeting #7 be reconvened into open session.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote at 9:30 p.m.

Superintendent Candidates

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Yeo to interview applicants 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 for the position of Superintendent of Monroe Public Schools.

Discussion: Hiring Michigan Leadership Institute has been very valuable to the board in the superintendent search process. The approach is fair and there is a good representation of both internal and external candidates.

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

Superintendent Candidates

At this point, Dr. Michael Wilmot of the Michigan Leadership Institute, named the five candidates the board of education members would interview. They are:

- Dr. Catherine M. Cost, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 Instructional Support Services – Farmington Public Schools, Farmington, Michigan
- Dr. Barry N. Martin, Director State and Federal Programs – Monroe Public Schools, Monroe, MI
- Dr. Ryan P. McLeod, Assistant Superintendent, 7-12 Curriculum and Human Resources – Monroe Public Schools, Monroe, MI
- Mr. Scott O. Snyder, Executive Director of Facilities and Operations – School District of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti, MI
- Mr. David P. Vensel, High School Principal – Jefferson Schools, Monroe, MI

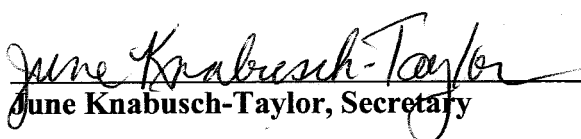
First round interviews will be held Monday, April 29, 2013; Tuesday, April 30, 2013; and Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Second round interviews will be held Monday, May 13, 2013 and Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Site visits will be determined at a later time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March that the April 23, 2013, Board Meeting #7 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 10:04 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary