

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #11

Tuesday, June 25, 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, Barry Martin, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

At this point in the board agenda, public comments are reserved for agenda items only and will be carried out this way in the future. However, since Selma Rankins, citizen, had to leave, the board granted him his request to speak at this time. He wished Dr. Martin, the incoming superintendent, good luck in his tenure as Superintendent of Monroe Public Schools.

Approval of Minutes

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

- June 11 2013 Board Meeting #10

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Ms. Spicer abstained.

Reports and Update

The June 17, 2013 Board Curriculum Committee Minutes were received and Mr. Mason noted that he would like to have further discussion regarding the International Baccalaureate School due to its high cost.

2012/13 Budget Amendment

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Ms. Spicer to adopt the amended 2012/2013 fund budgets for the General, Food Service and Building and Site Sinking funds as presented.

Discussion: It is an unfortunate reality that we are placed in a position where we have to spend more than we make. In mid-April a stop spending notice was sent to administrators and we would hope that they would spend less than their budget. Mrs. Eighmey will give a report to the Board the difference between what was projected vs. actual costs.

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

2013/14 Proposed Budget

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to adopt the 2013/2014 proposed budgets for General, Debt, Food Service, Sinking Fund and Building and Site funds as presented. Furthermore, the

Board has determined that the non-homestead millage rate be established at 18 mills for operating purposes and an additional 1 mill be levied for Building and Site Sinking Fund on all property as approved by referendum in 2008.

Discussion: Mr. Philbeck suggested the Board begin discussions on ways to utilize the fund balance for the future. Strategic planning and goal setting are important components to follow. Mrs. Eighmey has done a good job on the budgets.

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

State Aid Note Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March that the Board of Education approve the District's participation in the Michigan Finance Authority 2013 State Aid Note Program as presented.

Discussion: Monroe Public Schools is able to borrow up to \$8.5 million. This program is good for school districts because we get a much lower interest rate.

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

Sodexo Contract Renewal

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to extend the food service management contract of Sodexo for the 2013/14 school year.

Discussion: Nancy Boykin reported that Sodexo offers health care to their employees who work at least 30 hours per week. Mrs. Eighmey is appreciative of the monthly reports Ms. Boykin prepares.

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

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Lee Van Valkenburg effective June 12, 2013 and Stephanie Kennedy effective June 17, 2013.

Discussion: With the resignation of Mr. VanValkenburg, there are no additional teachers on our layoff list.

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

Superintendent/Board of Education Secretary

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the appointment of Gayle Lambert as the administrative secretary of the Monroe Public Schools' Board of Education effective July 1, 2013 subject to contract negotiations.

Discussion: All board members have yet to see Ms. Lambert's contract. This will be done as soon as possible.

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

Exempt Administrative Contract

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve an administrative contract for Dr. Barry Martin as recommended for the 2013-14 through 2015-2016 school years.

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

Job Description – Coordinator of Compensatory Education

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the revised job description of the Director of State and Federal Programs and change the position title to Coordinator of Compensatory Education.

Discussion: This job will revert back to the way it was originally intended with a focus on title programs. In addition, it will be combined with the assistant principal position and returned to the administrative

union with supervision by the Department of Education as well as the Superintendent. The result will be a slight cost savings to the district and will afford additional support to the Custer administrators. Custer has approximately 1,100 students and this position would provide 40% more support.

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

Student Reinstatements

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that David Hofinger should be reinstated to Orchard Center High School and Harlan Pfefferle to Monroe Middle School, and that Eric Veenstra not be reinstated at this time.

Discussion: It can be a rewarding experience to be a member of the reinstatement committee.

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

MHS Wrestling Team Camp

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the Monroe High School Wrestling Team Camp at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan; according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Dr. John Ray noted that this camp is staffed by the University of Michigan personnel rather than by our coaches.

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

MHS Girls Varsity Basketball Camp

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason to approve the Monroe High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team Camp; according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

H-Wing Masonry Repairs at MHS

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept Base Bid, Proposal A, plus Alternate A-1, plus Alternate A-2, for a total of \$103,020 from Grunwell-Cashero of Toledo, Ohio, for the H-Wing masonry repairs at Monroe High School and reject all other bids. Money for this project is to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: This project was not brought before the Physical Resources Committee as Mr. Oley feels this is a safety concern and emergency situation which needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

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

AWS Boiler Re-Tubing

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to accept the low bid from H. Hansen Industries for boiler re-tubing at Arborwood South at a cost not to exceed \$11,260. Money for this project is to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

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

MHS Circulating Pumps

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to accept the low bid from Thompson Plumbing located in Petersburg, MI for circulating pump replacement at Monroe High School at a cost not to exceed \$32,566. Money for this project is to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: This is a high priority situation. Money for this project will be taken from the 2013/14 budget.

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

MHS Energy Management System Upgrade

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to accept the proposal from Control Systems of Ohio to upgrade the energy management system at Monroe High School at a cost not to exceed \$18,385. Money for this project is to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: Mr. Oley noted that we will get recovery from our investment for these repairs.

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

Purchase of Can Openers for Sodexo

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of 12 Edlund 266 Single Speed Electric Can Openers from Zesco, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$6,915.96 and reject all other offers. Money for this purchase is to be taken from the Food Service budget.

Discussion: Money for these can openers is taken from part of the \$25,000 in fund balance the state has asked us to spend. We have not purchased can openers in the past 15-20 years, so they will be a welcome addition to the kitchens.

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

Technology Purchase

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the technology upgrades as detailed at a total cost not to exceed \$1,456,952.41. Money for these projects will be funded by the General Fund, Technology Millage, and Title I funds.

Discussion: David Payne said \$320,000 for these projects, spread over three years, will be taken from the General Fund. These projects are laying the foundation for future upgrades including security in the buildings as well as curriculum support. The technology millage funds were to be used as supplemental funds, but we cut our technology budget as a cost savings measure and have relied on millage funds for our needs. We have applied for e-rate (a federal funding source) with this purchase and have a potential of receiving up to an 80% rebate, but won't know if we are successful at getting it until the fall. Mr. Payne will be seeking approval for additional technology purchases in the future.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Dr. Martin attended the recent robotics competition held at Monroe High School which attracted 39 teams from four different states. It was a very interesting and well attended event. Due to a storm, power was temporarily lost, but our technology team was able to restore power in a very short time.
- Mrs. Everly noted that summer school is off to a good start with our new Learning Academies at Arborwood.
- Mr. Monday thanked his administrative team noting he has never worked with another group as great and again thanked the Board members for their continued support.

Old Business

- Mr. Philbeck commended the Waterloo team for a great presentation on the extended day work they have done.
- Mr. Yeo plans to work with the board on their goals. A workshop will also be devoted to a discussion of our athletic programs.
- Mr. Yeo would like the board to consider air conditioning in the high school gym as well.
- He also thanked Mr. Monday and Jenny Watterworth for their contributions to the district.

New Business

There was no new business.


Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Mason that the June 25, 2013, Board Meeting #11 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:54 p.m.



Jane Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary