

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #12  
Tuesday, July 9, 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: Barry Martin, Katherine Eighmey

Administrators Absent: Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Jerry Oley, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

### Approval of Minutes

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

- June 19, 2013 Special Board Meeting (three sets)
- June 25, 2013 Finance Committee of the Whole
- June 25, 2013 Budget Hearing
- June 25, 2013 Board Meeting #11

Discussion: Mr. Mason commented that in addition to wanting further discussion regarding the International Baccalaureate School due to its high cost, he also likes the program.

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

### Reports and Update

There were no reports or updates.

### Contract Extension – Robert Vergiels

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to table the contract extension for one month, and to have Mrs. Eighmey arrange for TSSI to release payment so Mr. Vergiels will be paid during this time.

Discussion: The board would like to review Mr. Vergiels' job description and contract prior to voting on a contract extension.

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

### Staff Resignation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools for William Miller effective September 1, 2013.

Discussion: Mr. Miller taught the construction trades class at Monroe High School and this position will be replaced.

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

**Seat Time Waiver Language**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the use of Michigan Virtual University and University of Nebraska Online High School courses in addition to certain other selected online course providers as monitored through GenNet in our Monroe Virtual High School program to comply with the requirements as stated.

Discussion: Virtual High School students are required by Monroe Public Schools to attend school five hours per week. There is no cost to the actual seat time waiver; we pay for the courses that are purchased for the students. A couple MVHS students participated in Commencement and several more came in during the summer to pick up their diploma.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

- Dr. Martin thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them as Superintendent. He looks forward to the many challenges that may arise, as well as opportunities to make a difference for students in the district.
- On Monday, July 15, the State will release preliminary accountability score cards for the district and schools across the state. The public release will occur sometime in mid-August.
- The handicapped accessible ramp has been completed in the front of the building. The main entrance is now located in the front, along with our new reception area.
- The Monroe High School Alumni Association has awarded three more \$500 scholarships to Monroe High School graduates. Two of the scholarships went to recent graduates Morgan Petrangelo and Tom West, who will attend the University of Michigan and Concordia University, respectively. A scholarship for a former student already in college was awarded to Cheryl Bruck, a 2010 graduate, who is attending the University of Toledo.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

The Board would like to have their own workshop session to discuss goals prior to meeting with Dr. Martin and the team. Mr. Yeo will notify members of time and place, and a notice will be posted for the public.

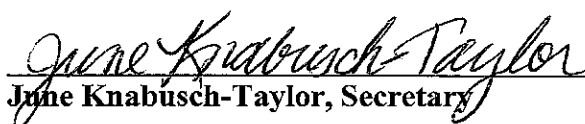
**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Selma Rankins, citizen, expressed his concern about test scores and the sports program at Monroe High School.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo that the July 9, 2013, Board Meeting #12 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:35 p.m.

  
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary

**FINAL DRAFT**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MICHIGAN COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) set consistent, focused, rigorous academic expectations in English, language arts and mathematics for all students by defining the knowledge and skills students should have to graduate high school and succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing college courses and workforce training programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CCSS provide teachers with a common, general focus that allows them to exercise professional judgment in planning instruction that will help students reach the standards; and,

**WHEREAS**, local teachers, principals, superintendents and others will work together to decide how the standards will be met; and,

**WHEREAS**, preparations and implementation of the CCSS are well underway in Michigan and are supported by business, government agencies, education groups and private citizens as they recognize the value of implementing standards in Michigan's schools which support rigorous content and the application of knowledge through higher-order skills.

**NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education adopts this resolution in support of the Common Core State Standards and urges lawmakers and state leaders to support these efforts and maintain Michigan's commitment to rigorous expectations for all students.

*Presented and adopted*, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013



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