

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #15

Tuesday, August 27, 2013

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Parliamentarian Aaron N. Mason, Trustee Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

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

Summer Learning Academy

Mrs. Everly shared how the Summer Learning Academy was established. Steve Pollzzie, Terry Joseph and Ginger Mason were the administrative representatives at the Academy, and Mrs. Everly acknowledged them for all of their hard work.

Mr. Pollzzie stated that in addition to the reading, writing and math workshops offered, several enrichment opportunities were available to students each Thursday for one hour which helped motivate students to attend.

Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Gibson (SI Coach) shared information about the curriculum and data that was collected to show student growth. Having high expectations, a focused curriculum, supporting students based on their needs and making decisions based on data, they were able to really make a difference in these students. The progress of the students who attended the Summer Learning Academy will continue to be monitored.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins, citizen, stated that summer school is a waste of time and money; and he thinks the district should hire more African American teachers. He also commented on the financial institution chosen to finance the vehicle purchase.

Approval of Minutes

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

- August 13, 2013 Board Meeting #14

Discussion: Ms. Spicer stated that she would abstain from the vote because she did not attend the August 13, 2013 Board Meeting.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-2 roll call vote. Mr. Philbeck and Ms. Spicer abstained.

Reports and Update

The August 5, 2013 Personnel Committee Minutes and Informational Report – Contracted Coaches were received without comments.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools for Rachel Vote and Alisa Smith. Ms. Smith's resignation is effective immediately and Ms. Vote's resignation is effective August 30, 2013.

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

Consent Agenda – Teacher Appointments

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Dr. March that Agenda Items C.5 - C.8 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- Shannon Collum - Effective August 28, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- Chantele Henry - Effective August 28, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- Sara Staten - Effective August 28, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- Chelsey Pearson - Effective August 28, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

Staff Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the appointment of Jill Sauve as the Accounting Supervisor with Monroe Public Schools effective September 16, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Dr. Martin commented that Ms. Sauve will be a positive asset to the business office.

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

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the appointment of Michael Mountain as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective August 28, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

Coaching Recommendations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve the coaches listed below for the 2013-14 spring season as per the MCEA master agreement.

| Last Name | First Name | Title | Sport | School |
|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Pilgrim | Kevin | Head Coach | Track - 7/8 Grade Co-Ed | Monroe Middle |
| Finnegan | Patrick | Assistant Coach | Track - 7/8 Grade Co-Ed | Monroe Middle |

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

Out of State/Overnight Field Trip

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the Monroe Middle School trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City from May 8, 2014 through May 11, 2014 according to the terms of Policy IICA Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Ms. Spicer offered her assistance for business partnerships for fundraisers.

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

Financing for School Vehicle Purchase

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Ms. Spicer; to award the vehicle financing bid to Fifth Third Bank at the fixed rate of 1.76% for three years and reject all other bids.

Discussion: This is a tax exempt loan, but it is non-bank qualified because this loan puts us over ten million for the year with our state aid loan and previous technology financing. Because of this, we are paying a higher rate. At this time, we are not prepared to pay cash for these vehicles. It is possible though, to assign a portion of the fund balance each year so the next time we have a major purchase, funds could be available.

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

Technology Purchase for Custer

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March; to approve the technology purchase for Custer Complex. This purchase would be funded by the Title I Grant and total cost will not exceed \$87,549.75.

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

Superintendent Comments

- All staff will meet at Monroe High School at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow for breakfast followed by a staff meeting at 8:20 a.m. in the auditorium. Dr. Martin will present the district improvement plan; discuss board goals, as well as his thoughts on the upcoming school year. He invited Board members to attend. Staff will then participate in professional development work with their building.
- Elementary schools will have their open houses tomorrow evening 5:30-7:00 p.m. Orchard Center will host an ice cream social at the same time. On Thursday, Monroe Middle School and the Riverside Early Learning Center will hold open houses 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Monroe High School hosted two days of registration for upperclassmen, and the New Trojan Retreat for freshmen on day three. Dr. Martin was at the high school during the Retreat and was impressed with the organization and the activities that were planned for freshmen. Approximately 350 incoming freshmen took part in the New Trojan Retreat which is impressive since it is not mandatory for them to attend. In addition, several dozen parents attended a meet and greet with Mrs. Orr as they dropped their student off for the Retreat.
- The 2013-2014 school year bus schedule will be published in the Monroe Evening News this Thursday and the first day of school is next Tuesday, September 3.
- Mrs. Orr will take her introductory tour of local leaders this Friday with Mr. Vergiels. We have done this several times in the past with our new administrators if they are in visible positions in the community. The people being visited have always been very appreciative.
- Our front lobby hosts a number of people each day signing their children up for school. Since August 1, there have been a lot of students enrolled in Monroe Public Schools and we have no reason to believe that it will slow down.
- The four days of public sale of the items in the Ed and Mary Kay Kosa house are now over. A considerable amount of furniture, clothing, books, wall hangings, memorabilia and other items have been sold. Last night, the Monroe Evening News had a very nice editorial about the generosity of the Kosas. Mrs. Eighmey shared that Caring Transitions, who ran the estate sale, received over

\$20,000 in sale proceeds. They will continue to sell items that are left, and have received some bids through the process. Some items will be donated if they feel they won't be sold, and other items will be sent to a consignment shop. There were special requests from the family that we leave some personal items, photographs, a wedding gown and a family bible. These items will be passed on to family members through our personal representative. At the request of Mr. and Mrs. Kosa, a baby cradle was donated to the museum. Dr. Martin thanked Mrs. Eighmey for all of her hard work on this project.

Old Business

Dr. Ray informed the Board that a defibrillator has been purchased for the trainer at Monroe High School. Also available on the field, if needed, is a stretcher, golf cart for transportation and crutches. EMTs are usually at all varsity games, but not underclassmen games. Dr. Ray will check if there is a defibrillator at the soccer field. Mr. Yeo encouraged administration to make sure we have the proper equipment available at all locations where sporting events are held. Dr. McLeod suggested doing an inventory of our locations to see what is available.

The Board needs to clarify exactly what it means when a member abstains from a vote. Dr. Martin will check Board Policy and report back.

Mr. Mason shared his experience with Monroe High School in regard to his son's request for AP Stats. Initially it wasn't on his schedule, but a counselor was able to make an adjustment. He's concerned that some parents in the same situation may assume the AP class just wasn't offered and their student could miss the opportunity of having an AP class. Dr. McLeod said there were a significant number of requests for AP Stats, and whoever didn't get it this year, will get it next year.

New Business

Mr. Philbeck asked if there is anything the Board can do to help with the stalled windmill project at Monroe High School. Mr. Ferrara stated this project was part of a grant three years ago. The foundation was sued three quarters of the way through and money from the grant had to be returned to the state. Originators of the project promised to complete the project. After many conversations with them, they have been unable to work it into their schedule. Mr. Philbeck and Ms. Spicer will assist Mr. Ferrara in getting this project completed

The parking lot at Monroe High School is finished, with the exception of the lights which will be completed soon.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins, citizen, talked about tomorrow being the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March that the August 27, 2013 Board Meeting #15 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:58 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary