

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #18

Tuesday, October 8, 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: June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary

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

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

VFW Post 1138 Flag Presentation to Schools

Dr. Martin thanked everyone for being here and acknowledged the Veterans that were in the audience. VFW Post 1138 presented each school in the district with a new outdoor flag.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- September 24, 2013 Work Session
- September 24, 2013 Board Meeting #17
- October 3, 2013 Special Board Meeting (2 sets)

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

Reports and Update

There were no reports or updates at this time.

Resignation

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Mason to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools for Monica Zimmerman effective September 20, 2013.

Discussion: Mr. Yeo thanked Mrs. Zimmerman for her years of service and dedication to the district, and wished her well in her future endeavors.

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 Melanie Castellese as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective October 9, 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.

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve the appointment of Jennifer Sayles as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective October 9, 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.

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the appointment of Kim Bernardo as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective October 9, 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.

Acceptance of the 2012/13 Financial Audit

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Ms. Spicer to accept the 2012/13 Financial Audit as prepared by the firm of Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton, Monroe, Michigan.

Discussion: Deb Sabo of Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton restated that the audit opinion was an unmodified opinion, which is a good, clean opinion.

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

LLI Purchase for Waterloo

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of instructional resources from Heinemann Publishing at a cost not to exceed \$4,860.00. Money for this purchase will come from the 2013-2014 Title I funds in accordance with allowable expenditure guidelines for the use of federal funds for supplemental instructional programming.

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

K-8 ELA Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the purchase of the mentor texts and book sets recommended by the English Language Arts Curriculum Committees for grades kindergarten through eighth. This purchase will come from the Curriculum Budget and will not exceed \$46,779.37.

Discussion: Mrs. Everly thanked the Board on behalf of the teachers who work on these committees for approving this purchase. Melissa Provo has seen a great increase in reading, and it has had a tremendous effect on literacy at Monroe Middle School.

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

Title I Technology Purchase for Trinity Lutheran School

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the technology purchase at a total cost not to exceed \$4,588.00. Money for this purchase will come from the 2013-2014 Title I funds.

Discussion: Mr. Cortez stated that Monroe Public Schools is responsible for Title I in our area. We receive funds from the federal government for students in our area even if they attend Trinity Lutheran School. Trinity has a legal right to access these funds, so each year we identify that amount in the budget. We do not provide technical support.

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

AED Units

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of five AED units at a total cost of \$7,315.00. Money for this purchase will come from the General Fund. Mr. Philbeck agreed to amend his motion, supported by Dr. March to approve the purchase of one additional AED unit for Custer soccer field.

Discussion: Incorporating the additional AED unit for Custer soccer field with this purchase, will be less than if it was purchased individually.

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

MMS In-State Overnight Field Trip

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve Monroe Middle School student choirs, in-state overnight trip to Mackinac Island. Leaving on May 16, 2014 and returning on May 17, 2014 according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Dr. McLeod stated that this is a valuable experience for students.

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

Approval to Extend the Custodial Service Agreement

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to extend the custodial service agreement with Mulligan's Building Maintenance one additional year, expiring June 30, 2014.

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

United Way Resolution

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the resolution declaring October United Way Month. The intent of this proclamation is to encourage our employees to participate in this effort.

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

Superintendent Comments

- MEAP testing for third through ninth graders started today with reading. Testing will continue through October 16, and make-up testing will continue through October 25. To help parents understand how they could help their children prepare for the MEAP, Mrs. Everly was on Channel 13 news to talk about tips for parents.
- This also is a big week at Monroe High because of homecoming. Tomorrow night is the Powder Puff football game between the juniors and seniors. The game starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Homecoming Week bonfire. The Homecoming Parade is at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and it will go down Monroe St. from Fifth St. to Front St., stopping at the Knights of Columbus parking lot. The Homecoming football game is at 7:00 p.m., with announcement of the king and queen, prince and princess at half-time.
- Monroe Pride Night, which we heard about at the last board meeting, was a tremendous success. Estimates were that close to 2,000 people were in attendance, which included families from every one of our schools. The school made just about \$8,000 for its literacy program, thanks to test drives in the new Lincolns, which was sponsored by Friendly Ford-Lincoln. A number of board members stopped by and some worked the event. Val Orr and the high school staff were very appreciative of the support.
- Next Thursday, October 17, will be parent-teacher conferences at Monroe High School and this will feature a number of colleges and universities. So far at least a dozen have confirmed their participation but we expect more to attend. The conferences begin at 4:00 p.m. and run through 7:00 p.m.

- This Friday at Waterloo, a number of students and some staff members will be interviewed on video about any changes or improvements they have seen since lighting changes have been made in four rooms at that building. The four rooms are part of a pilot study by DTE to learn the effect that lighting might have on learning in the classroom.
- This weekend, our ESL program is expected to be featured in a story in the Monroe News. The News will be at Custer School tomorrow to chronicle the work we are doing with our ESL students in both buildings. We also expect a story about the ESL program at Monroe High in an upcoming edition of Inside Monroe magazine. As part of Custer Week, the magazine will cover an event at Monroe High this Friday when a General Custer re-enactor – in character – is interviewed by four students whose primary language is Chinese as a project to see how well the students can listen and understand in English.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo recommended to the Board that they communicate topics of discussion for the Athletic Department Workshop on October 22, with Dr. Martin. Mr. Yeo reminded the Board about the Closed Session next Tuesday at 5:30.

New Business

There was no new business

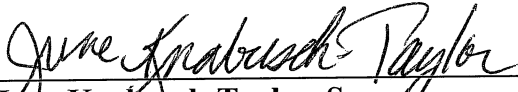
Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Mason that the October 8, 2013, Board Meeting #18 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:48 p.m.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary