

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #19

Tuesday, October 22, 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 (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Trustee Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

MMS Pay it Forward

Every day in Monroe Middle School student planners, there is a random act of kindness that goes along with Pay-it-Forward. The staff is doing many positive things to support this initiative, and the culture within the school is starting to grow. Mr. Hoppert and the NJHS leadership team presented their school-wide theme of Pay-it-Forward. They shared an anti-bullying video featuring MMS students that was developed by Mr. Pollzzie who is the Trojan TV teacher. Dr. Martin remarked that ever since the district started their anti-bullying efforts, Monroe Middle School has always been a leader in this area and he thanked the students and staff for their efforts.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- October 8, 2013 Work Session
- October 8, 2013 Board Meeting #18
- October 15, 2013 Special Work Session

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

Reports and Update

The October 7, 2013 Board Personnel Committee Minutes and Informational Report – Contracted Coaches were received without comments.

Coaching Recommendations

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

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>School</u>
Bole	Jennifer	Assistant Coach	Swimming – Varsity Boys	MHS

Bomia	Amanda	Coach	Basketball – 8 th Grade Girls	Monroe Middle
Dessauer	Tara	Coach	Basketball – 7 th Grade Girls	Monroe Middle
Krug-Elliott	Gretchen	Head Coach	Basketball – Varsity Girls	MHS
Michael	Heather	Assistant Coach	Swimming – 7/8 Co-Ed	Monroe Middle
Nocella	Larry	Head Coach	Basketball – JV Girls	MHS
Pecora	Jackie	Head Coach	Swimming – 7/8 Co-Ed	Monroe Middle
Rooney	Brian	Coach	Basketball – 7 th Grade Girls	Monroe Middle
Schade	Doug	Head Coach	Swimming – Varsity Boys	MHS
Wood	Bobby	Supervisor	Middle School Athletics	Monroe Middle

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Mr. Yeo abstained.

Staff Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the appointment of Shawna Mann as a Secretary with Monroe Public Schools effective October 23, 2013 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova appreciates her outstanding volunteer services.

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

ISD/MPS CTE Consolidated Services

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Mason to approve the position of Career and Technical Education Director at Monroe High School to become a shared services position with the current administrator, Mr. William Ferrara, working 50% as CTE Director for Monroe Public Schools and 50% for the Monroe County ISD starting immediately, pending the signed approval by the superintendents of both the Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe County ISD of a mutually agreed upon contract for shared CTE services.

Discussion: Mr. Ferrara will remain under the current administrative agreement and the ISD will reimburse the district 50% of his salary. Monroe High School will remain his home base but he will have responsibilities, as he always has, that will take him out of the district. The ISD will use a portion of their Perkins grant to cover their share of Mr. Ferrara's salary. They will not be eligible for Perkins money if there isn't someone to secure the grant for them. Mr. Ferrara will be responsible for Perkins money for the county.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

NSBA 2014 Membership Dues

Motion by Ms. Spicer; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the 2014 membership dues to the National School Boards Association in the amount of \$4,165.00.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor voted no.

Navarre Field Scoreboard Refurbishment

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to change the motion to approve the refurbishment of the football scoreboard at Navarre Field by Major Display at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, sell advertising space on the sign, and Monroe Public Schools be included on the sign.

Discussion: A long term plan needs to be developed for Navarre Field through Physical Resources for future expenses.

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

Superintendent Comments

- The initial MEAP test schedule is now complete and each school is doing whatever makeup testing needs to be done the rest of this week. All testing materials will be returned to MDE by next Wednesday.
- We are offering a new program at Monroe High called student shadowing. It's for our eighth graders in local parochial schools. Special invitations are going out this week to the families of those eighth graders inviting them to come to Monroe High on November 7th or 8th to spend a day going to classes with a Monroe High School student. Our aim is to have them see what it's like at Monroe High so they will give us their full consideration when deciding on which school to attend in 9th grade.
- Throughout our schools this week, we are observing Bully Prevention Week. Each school has different activities scheduled throughout the week, with most following the Monroe County Anti-Bully Task Force daily themes. On Thursday, we expect to see a sea of orange as it is Wear Orange Day where children show their support of Bully Prevention.
- Next week is Red Ribbon Week, stressing the fact that children should not take illegal drugs. Like Bully Prevention Week, Red Ribbon Week has different activities each day to make children mindful of not taking drugs. As part of that observance, students from Monroe High's Positive Peer Influence group will visit all of our elementary schools with the message that it is important to stay off drugs.
- At Monroe High this week, we are encouraging students to write on the walls of the cafeteria. In honor of National Day of Writing, which was Sunday, October 20, Monroe High School students are having a writing extravaganza. Each class, 9th through 12th, is writing a shared story on large banners on the walls of the MHS commons area. Each banner started with the beginning line of a story and students are encouraged to write the next line and keep the story going. The goal is to have every Monroe High School student write at least one line of the story.
- National Make a Difference Day is this Saturday and at least two of our schools are having activities this Friday to celebrate that day. First, our "leaders" at Manor will host a benefit breakfast to raise money for cancer treatments for a former Marine who is the sister of one of our Manor employees. That breakfast starts at 7:15 a.m. this Friday. Later that morning, a class from Waterloo will visit the Magnum Care Nursing Home and perform a short skit, read poetry, present some Halloween cards and provide some snacks for the residents.
- Wednesday, October 30, is a one hour early release day for students and our teachers will participate in the county-wide in-service day on Friday, November 1.
- Congratulations go to our vocal music students who participated in the regional honors choirs for high schools and middle schools recently. Five of our high school vocalists were involved and our middle school vocal program had five duets participate. In fact the middle school musical activity was held at Monroe Middle School.
- Finally, congratulations are in order for our Monroe High School marching band which recently earned a straight Division One rating in the District Marching Festival at Flat Rock High School for the second consecutive year. Division One is considered an outstanding performance.
- You can see our marching band and the Monroe High School String Orchestra perform in the Band-o-Rama on Wednesday, October 30, at the Monroe High School auditorium and everyone is invited.
- There will be a presentation on Common Core at MCISD tomorrow evening for area board members and superintendents at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo complimented the high school staff on the Homecoming activities.

New Business

Mrs. Everly invited everyone to view the beautiful art displayed by our K-12 art department. Many of the pieces were recognized at the Monroe County Fair.

Mr. Yeo encouraged the Board to read the recent communication from Dr. Martin. The Board will be provided with updates when necessary.

Monroe Middle School teacher Mr. Myers invited the board to an all-star basketball game on Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the MMS gym. This will benefit the pay-to-play fund and give students who don't typically play sports in front of a big crowd, the opportunity to do so. Mrs. Provo informed the Board that Mr. Myers and Officer Flora meet about 30 boys every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 6:30 to play basketball before school. It's been a tremendous relationship building opportunity for students who need that extra connection to school.


Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the October 22, 2013, Board Meeting #19 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:13 p.m.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary