

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #22

December 10, 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 Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Trustee Dr. Tedd March

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley

Administrators Absent: Julie Everly, David Payne

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

### Student Art Projects

Mary Ann Cyr, Raisinville principal, and art teachers Steve Simon, Bonnie Ritsema, Melissa Cramer and Pam Mathews were present to introduce elementary art students whose work is on display for an entire year on the walls of the board room. These works of art have also been on display at the Mall of Monroe Art Show as well as at the Monroe County Fair. Each student stood by their art project for pictures and received a certificate of merit.

### Recess

A short recess was called to enjoy refreshments at 7:15 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:27 p.m.

### Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

### Approval of Minutes

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

- November 26, 2013 Board Work Session
- November 26, 2013 Board Meeting #21
- December 2, 2013 Special Work Session
- December 5, 2013 Special Board Meeting (4 sets)

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

### Reports and Update

November 18, 2013 Board Curriculum Meeting Minutes were received without comments.

### CSD-1 Testing on 40 District Boilers

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to accept the low bid of \$5,660 from Sieb Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, of Monroe, Michigan to perform state required boiler testing and reject all other bids. Money for this purchase will come from the General Fund.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

- The Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools awarded ten mini-grants in its latest round of mini-grant reviews. It is the largest number of grants in at least five years. Grants were awarded for five iPods so students can record book reviews for their fellow school students at Manor Elementary, a laptop computer for special education students at Monroe Middle School participating in writer's workshop, and materials for a fragmentation box that Monroe High students can use to study how a superconductor works.
- The Monroe High School gym was the site of its first-ever state championship meet for First Lego League teams last Saturday. The gym was packed with representatives from more than 40 teams.
- Monroe Public Schools performers continue their musical presentations at local places for the next ten days. Besides our singers being on My 98.3 FM nearly every morning at 7:45 over the next two weeks, students representing Monroe Public Schools will or have performed at Greenfield Village, the Toledo Zoo and Matthes Evergreen Farm.
- The annual Madrigal Dinner will take place this Friday and Saturday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church performed by MHS Generations of Sound, under the direction of Cate Windelborn.
- Monroe High School will be prominently featured in an upcoming edition of Inside Monroe magazine. A two-page full color spread of art work done by students in Mrs. Amy McBroom's class will be featured in the January issue. That same issue will feature a two-page story by MHS senior and journalism student Ashleigh Jones about the dangers of texting and driving.
- A Christmas tree decorated by Custer kindergarten students has been judged the best tree at the Monroe County Historical Museum's annual festival of trees. The trees will be on display through the end of the year.
- Colton Procy, a 4-year-old student at Riverside Early Learning Center, won a nationwide turkey coloring contest for preschoolers that was sponsored by a school furniture vendor. Entries came from all over the country and Colton won in the pre-K category. Because he won, Riverside will receive a special presentation bookcase for Colton's classroom.
- All administrators attended two days of coach training with Mr. Dan Newby this week. This training centered around understanding how relationships, having good listening skills, and being able to understand the role of emotions when working with people is critical to the coaching process and helping people be effective in their work.
- Tomorrow is our last one-hour early release for students in 2013.

**Old Business**

Mr. Mason suggested including a minimum number of teachers that could be reduced because of declining enrollment in the next budget projection.

**New Business**

Mr. Yeo suggested that Mr. Vergiels send board members his presentation via email instead of presenting at the workshop that will immediately follow this meeting.

**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Selma Rankins, citizen, shared an article that was published in the Monroe Evening News regarding teaching diversity.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason that the December 10, 2013 Board Meeting #22 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:42 p.m.

  
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary