

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #3

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Dave Vensel, Vice President Robert Yeo, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Trustee Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee Wendy Spicer, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Recognition – Foreign Exchange Students

Foreign exchange students, Sebastian Bisballe of Denmark, Nele Gehrman and Lea Schweneker from Germany, were introduced by MHS Assistant Principal Otto Zillgitt. They have all enjoyed their stay in Monroe, enjoy attending Monroe High School and the students and staff they have met. All three agreed that the activities, classes, and friends were all very important to them.

MHS Alumni Fundraiser

Gary Griffin, President of the Monroe High School Alumni Association, handed out a flier, newsletter and brochure from the Monroe High School Alumni Association. The Association offers scholarships to 2 or 3 graduating seniors and will be hosting a fundraiser on March 15 to raise money for this purpose. The event will include a silent auction, music by the Soul Kitchen Band, and dinner prepared by the Monroe Street Grill. The scholarship recipient must have a parent who has graduated from MHS to be considered for the money. Tickets for this fundraiser can be purchased from Gary, Bobb Vergiels or Wendy Spicer. At the February 17 MHS boys' basketball game, twelve former MHS athletics will be included into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Board members will receive copies of the Alumni Association's newsletters via email.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary.

Approval of Minutes

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

- January 24, 2012 Board Meeting #2

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

Reports and Update

The January 24, 2012 Board Curriculum Committee Minutes, January 30, 2012 Board Personnel Committee Minutes and Informational Report – Contracted Coaches were received without changes.

Discussion: Clarification will be given to Board members regarding which sports have assistants and which do not. In some instances, assistants are paid through fundraising efforts or are volunteers. This information is outlined in the teachers' contract.

Coaching Recommendations

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova; to approve coaches for the spring 2011/12 season as named above and as per the MCEA master agreement.

Discussion: Dr. John Ray will be asked to supply the Board with information as to how many coaches are required for each sport and from which funds they are paid.

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

Purchase of Instructional Materials

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; to approve the purchase of two Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Systems and two Benchmark Assessment Kits for a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Funding for this purchase will be from Title I allocations. Fountas and Pinnell is a single source provider for the materials.

Discussion: While this purchase is for St. John's, it will remain the property of Monroe Public Schools. Title funds can be used for private school students who qualify for free or reduced meals, and who live in one of our title school attendance areas.

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

TalentED Perform Purchase

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore to accept the bid from Netchemia, Prairie Village, Kansas for the purchase of TalentED Perform software and a three year agreement at a total cost not to exceed \$37,430. Cost to be taken from general funds.

Discussion: This purchase is for software used to track evaluations which will assist us with information we need to provide to the State of Michigan. All information is kept on a secure server. Employees will be able to access the system, but can see only what pertains to them.

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

Purchase of iPads

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore to approve the purchase of iPads and cases for a total cost not to exceed \$130,491.81. This purchase is to be funded from the district funds.

Discussion: Most of the cost of this purchase will come from individual school teaching supplies.

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

Knabusch Math and Science Center Purchase

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of multimedia equipment for Knabusch Mathematics and Science Center for a total cost not to exceed \$9,427. This purchase is to be funded from a private donation.

Discussion: Mr. Monday will send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Board of Education for this donation.

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

Overnight – In State Conference – DECA

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the DECA State Career Development Conference in Dearborn, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova pointed out what a good conference this is for students. While the conference is as close as Dearborn, it is an overnight trip because of the evening activities planned for the students.

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

Overnight – In State Conference – First Robotics

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the First Robotics Regional Competition being held in Niles, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Mr. Ketron answered questions from Board members regarding the competition this year. Congratulations to the First Robotics team on their partnership with the Monroe County Sheriffs' Department. MHS will host a First Robotics competition on the third weekend in June.

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

Overnight – In State Conference – First Robotics

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the First Robotics Competition being held in Richland, MI according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

Overnight – Out of State Conference – First Robotics

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the First Robotics Competition being held in Cincinnati, Ohio according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: This is a world-wide competition.

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

Monroe Public Schools Education Foundation Request

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the request made by the Monroe Public Schools Education Foundation to split the ticket sales with the athletic department at the October 12, 2012 Monroe High School homecoming game.

Discussion: The homecoming game on October 12, 2012 will be against Bedford High School so attendance should be good, but Foundation members will actively try to garner interest in the event. In regard to the recent Pink Out game, Mr. Benore pointed out that signs noted that half of the ticket sales would be donated to the Cancer Connection, but in reality, only \$500 was donated. Other board members felt that if the sign said that, then it should be honored. Mr. Monday will be checking into this. There are many groups interested in benefiting from gate sales. In the future, requests of this type will be brought before the board to decide.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Monroe High School recently held its National Honor Society induction where 98 students were inducted. This is the highest number of inductees in five years.

- Ten members of the Monroe Middle School Orchestra received blue ribbons and top Division 1 honors in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Festival at Livonia Franklin High School. Eight other students received Division 2 ratings and red medals.
- Elementary schools are participating in the annual science fair. So far 41 students from Raisinville and Manor have qualified to attend the county-wide science fair.
- On Wednesday, February 15, nine members of the legal community (including Board member Ronald Benore, Jr.) will be at MHS participating in a mock trials class exercise where students will argue actual cases in front of a panel, just as they would in a Supreme Court case.
- Custer kindergarten students can now reach the SmartBoards in their classroom thanks to seven platforms built for them by members of Bill Miller's construction technology class at MHS.
- Students at Waterloo elementary have collected 16,000 redeemable labels in a national promotion. In the past, students have earned enough money in this program to purchase physical education equipment and some office tools for teachers.
- Monday, February 27, 2012 from 6-8 PM, MHS will host its open house for parents and eighth graders who will attend MHS in the fall.
- On February 29, 5:00 PM, MHS Principal Matt Cortez will begin his "Conversations with Cortez" sessions.
- The second meeting of the new PTSCO group also has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 at 4:30 PM for members of local businesses, with parents joining the meeting at 5:15 PM.
- The MMS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will present a public screening of the PBS program, "Soundtrack for a Revolution," at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 29 in the MMS auditorium. Admission is free, but donations are accepted. Soundtrack is the story of the American Civil Rights movement through music, and features the music of many prominent performers.
- MPS has a new 30-minute TV show on MPACT TV. It airs every Wednesday at 9:30 PM, Thursday at 1:30 PM, and Sunday at 6:00 PM. Some Trojan TV students from Mr. Pollzzie's classroom may be doing some of the filming.

Old Business

Asbestos bids are still coming back for work on the Christianity and Lincoln buildings. People who have turned in proposals for the use of these buildings are welcome to come to a board meeting to address the board, but it should be done soon.

New Business

Board members will be put on the mailing list to receive Lotus Leaf editions in the future. Also, Board members will be sent a link where they can view the district calendar to become aware of events across the district.

Mr. Benore recently chaperoned the Zombie Apocalypse which he and the students enjoyed. As usual, the students' behavior was exemplary. He was also able to enjoy the pep rally and pink out games.

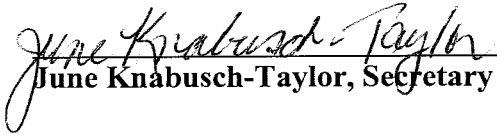
Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was no public commentary.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the February 14, 2012, Board Meeting #3 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:06 PM.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary