

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #4

Tuesday, February 28, 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 7:09 PM.

### **Presentations for Christiancy and/or Lincoln Building Use**

Paul Howey expressed thanks to Bobb Vergiels for allowing him to tour Christiancy and Lincoln to determine conditions of the buildings for possible purchase. After doing so and taking into account construction costs, market demand and economic conditions, Mr. Howey concluded that it would not be financially feasible to purchase either Christiancy or Lincoln.

Reverend Heather Boone of H.U.G. Ministries, is interested in purchasing Lincoln to invest in the community by providing a location for continuing education, adult education, life skill training, business centers, leasing space, and social service agencies, to name a few, which would serve as a "one stop shop" for the citizens of the Orchard East area. Reverend Boone has submitted applications for grants to accomplish these tasks, but will not be notified until spring or summer if the applications are approved. She noted that this type of service has been successfully accomplished in other cities and would give hope to the community if it could happen in Monroe. Reverend Boone was advised to submit a final proposal very soon as abatement and demolition of the buildings will be moving forward in the near future.

Stewart Road Christian Ministries, which had submitted a proposal to purchase Lincoln, declined to proceed with the process.

### **Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only**

There was no public commentary.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor, to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- February 14, 2012 Board Meeting #3
- February 15, 2012 Special Board Meeting (3 sets)

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

**Reports and Update**

The February 13, 2012 Board Personnel Committee Minutes and the February 15, 2012 Board Physical Resource Committee Minutes were received without comments.

**Adoption of Amended 2011/12 Budgets for General, Debt, Food Service, Building and Site Sinking Funds**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo, to adopt the amended 2011/12 fund budgets for the General, Debt, Food Service, and Building and Site Sinking funds as presented.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova expressed hope that things get better in the future and that a \$3 million deficit is not good.

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

**Concession Stand – Soccer Field at Custer II**

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore, to approve construction of a Concession Stand at the MHS Soccer field located on the Custer campus. Cost to be covered by donations and fundraising through the Soccer Club.

Discussion: Mr. Benore was in attendance at the Physical Resource Committee meeting when the concession stand proposal was presented. The soccer parent involved is a licensed contractor and the club understands that once the building is constructed, it becomes the property of Monroe Public Schools. The concession stand will also be a safe location for students and fans in case of inclement weather. Proper permits have been obtained for the construction and our staff will be working with them to make sure the proper codes are met. Jennifer Devenish, soccer club member, assured the Board that the group does have the money needed for this project. However, MPS may need to run electrical wire and obtain a pump.

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

**MHS Marching Band and Orchestra Out of State – Overnight Field Trip**

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the Monroe High School Marching Band and Orchestra trip to New York City according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor noted that this is a well planned trip packet.

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

**Business Professionals of America (BPA) In State - Over Night**

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: It should be noted in the background detail, that a portion of the trip will be covered by CTE funds. If this group is successful at the state competition, they would earn a trip to the nationals.

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

**Extension of Existing Energy Management System**

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore to award the contract for an upgrade to the software and equipment of the existing energy management system to Control Systems of Ohio, Sylvania, Ohio. Cost not to exceed \$62,566.20. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: This purchase will save the district on overtime costs, temperatures can be adjusted in buildings from home, and notifications are sent when problems are imminent. The district will incur a lot of savings with minimal cost.

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

### **Superintendent Comments**

- ACT/MME testing at MHS will be held next week with adjusted schedules for students. Thanks to Mr. Zillgitt who is coordinating this testing.
- Noted children's book author and illustrator, Patricia Polacco, will do a series of presentations at our elementary schools next week. She has written and illustrated over 50 children's books.
- Custer students will present a check for nearly \$800 to the local Humane Society for use at the animal shelter. The money was raised by students participating in a recent pajama day.
- Our second 30 minute television show on MPACT will be taped live next Monday. Topics will be upcoming kindergarten registration, Music in our Schools month including a live performance by two MMS students, the I/E program at Custer, and the recently concluded mock Supreme Court trials.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade open house at MHS was very successful. We have received positive feedback from guests and participants.
- MHS Principal Matt Cortez will hold his first Conversing with Cortez session at 5:00 PM Wednesday where anyone can come in to Monroe High and discuss whatever is on their minds about MHS with the principal.
- MMS is hosting a screening of Soundtrack for a Revolution, which is a look at the American Civil rights movement through song. The event begins at 7:00 PM, February 29, and is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by the MMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.
- MEAP scores have been released and MPS has lots of improvements to make. We are working on plans to aggressively improve student academic performance.

### **Old Business**

Motion by Mr. Benore; support by Mr. Yeo to donate half of the proceeds from admissions received at the recent Pink Out game to the Cancer Connection.

Discussion: Some advertising for the Pink Out games noted that half of the proceeds from admission sales would be donated to the Cancer Connection. There was a total of \$4,800 which was donated – but only \$500 of this was from admission ticket sales. The rest of the ticket sale admissions went to the general fund. Some board members felt that since it was advertised that half of admission sales would go to the charity, it should be honored. The Board has already voted to donate half of the admission ticket sales for the October 12, 2012 homecoming game and to the Education Foundation. If admission ticket sales for a school event are to be donated to a charity in the future, permission to do so will be required from the Board of Education prior to the event.

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

### **New Business**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova, to reinstate three students to Monroe Public Schools effective March 5, 2012.

Discussion: Several students came before the Reinstatement Committee earlier in the day and three of them were determined to be eligible for reinstatement. Waiting until the next Board of Education meeting on March 13, 2012 would mean these students would not be able to begin at the start of the third trimester which is March 5, 2012. Therefore, to enable these three students to start at the beginning of the third trimester, the motion was made to reinstate them at this board meeting.

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

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to allow three students who qualified to attend the upcoming overnight state bowling competition.

Discussion: Normally, overnight trips need to be brought before the board with completed paperwork, before a vote is taken. However, this is a last minute opportunity for three of our students who qualified to compete in the state competition and the meet takes place before the next board meeting.

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

Mr. Benore was recently a judge in the mock Supreme Court trials at the high school and complimented both students and staff on a job well done.

Mr. McLeod noted that Dr. Ray is concerned about future overnight, last minute trips that need board approval without enough time to present it at a Board meeting. This will be brought up at a future Board Policy Committee meeting as a discussion item.

**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Melanie Davis, Arborwood parent, discussed the issue of the bed bugs pest problem at Arborwood. She spoke on behalf of several parents and inquired about the steps taken to rid the school of bed bugs. Mrs. Everly assured her that all precautions have been taken to take care of this problem and offered to meet with her and any other parent to go into detail regarding steps taken and future plans to eliminate this from occurring again.

Selma Rankins noted that our MEAP scores are not improving.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo that the February 28, 2012, Board Meeting #4 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:39 PM.

  
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary