

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #5

Tuesday, March 13, 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, Parliamentarian Tedd March, Trustee Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee Wendy Spicer, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Lifesaving Recognition

Bobb Vergiels introduced Laura Schultz Pipis, Executive Director of the Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Megan Albright, 7th grade student at Monroe Middle School and Chuck Kern, teacher at Monroe Middle School. Mr. Kern taught the students how to help a person who was choking and later Megan was babysitting a child who began choking on a cracker. Using the skills she learned in class, Megan performed the Heimlich maneuver on the child which saved her life. Ms. Schultz Pipis read a citation from the National Red Cross and presented a Lifesaving Award of Merit to Megan. This award is the highest award presented from the Red Cross Association. Mark Cochran, a representative from Congressman John Dingell's office, read a letter from Congressman Dingell stating that the community, congressmen and country are proud of Megan for her lifesaving efforts.

MHS Student Council Award-Healthy High Schools Competition

Hal Davis, District Manager of Sodexo, recognized the Monroe High School student body for their efforts in the Healthy High School Challenge. MHS finished in tenth place out of 201 schools across the nation. Purchases were tracked and points were awarded for students' selecting healthy choices. Mr. Davis presented a check for \$1,000 to the Monroe High School Student Council for their tenth place accomplishment.

Sodexo Update

Nancy Boykin gave an update of the Food Service Department whose role is to manage the financial goals, provide continual improvements and innovations, provide staff training and nutritional resources and allow the district to focus on what it does best – educating students. Sodexo provides breakfast, lunch and catering services in all schools and for three locations of the Monroe County Head Start program. Forty-eight percent of our students receive free or reduced meals compared to 46% in 2011. Many parents are utilizing the on-line payment option for school meals. Sodexo provides 100 back packs per week to families in all elementary buildings. A typical back pack contains seven pounds of food for the family to have over the weekend. New federal regulations will require a mandatory meal price increase annually until the "paid lunch gap" is closed. Beginning in July, 2012 all districts must use the Food Based menu planning process and components must be verified on each student tray. Also, 51% or more of grains offered must be whole grain, all students are required to take at least ½ cup of fruit or vegetables

and all vegetable categories must be offered each week with an emphasis on dark green, orange and beans/peas.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- February 28, 2012 Board Meeting #4
- February 29, 2012 Special Board Meetings (three sets)

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Dr. March abstained.

Reports and Update

The February 23, 2012 Board Policy Committee Minutes and the February 28, 2012 Board Finance Committee of the Whole and Public Relations Committee of the Whole minutes were received without comments.

HOSA State Leadership Conference - In State, Overnight

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova ; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the HOSA State Leadership Conference in Traverse City, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Leah Morelli, MHS teacher, introduced five of the students who will be competing in these competitions. HOSA is a voluntary, after school organization and our students competed against 750 other students in the regional competition. Last year, over 4,600 students competed at the state level. The Board members wished the students good luck and congratulations.

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

Asbestos Abatement (Christiancy and Lincoln)

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore to award the contract for Christiancy and Lincoln asbestos abatement to Qualified Abatement of Detroit, Michigan. Cost not to exceed \$51,380. This project is contingent on final Board approval of the demolition of Christiancy and Lincoln. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: Jerry Oley reported that the lowest bidder took back his bid as he had made a mathematical error. The asbestos abatement is contingent on final approval of demolition by the Board. The demolition bids will be in soon. Bobb Vergiels noted that Reverend Boone and several members of her church toured the Lincoln building, but we have not heard back from them.

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

Asbestos Consulting Service (Christiancy and Lincoln)

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to award the contract for Christiancy and Lincoln asbestos abatement monitoring to DMD Environmental, Inc., Toledo, Ohio. Cost not to exceed \$12,700. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: Jerry reported that we are required to have oversight on asbestos removal and we have used this company for the past twenty years and are confident they will do a good job. The costs will be covered by the Building and Site Sinking Fund. We do have a legal opinion that this is ok, but we are trying to get a determination in writing for assurance.

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

Roofing Replacement and Related Work at MHS E-Wing

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to accept the bid of \$114,096 (Base Bid, Proposal A) from Advanced Roofing Services, Inc., of Maumee, Ohio for roofing replacement and related work at Monroe High School and reject all other bids. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: This roof is just over the E-wing. Mr. Yeo requested that the subject of the MHS roofs be taken back to the building committee to determine whether the metal roofs should be painted or a new material put on them.

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

Hot Water Replacement at MMS

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore to accept the bid of \$31,782 (Base Bid, Proposal A) from Thompson Plumbing & Heating, Inc. of Petersburg, Michigan for the hot water heater replacement and related work at MMS and reject all other bids. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: Mr. Benore noted that Jerry Oley took him on a tour of the building and he is happy to see that this work is being done as the hot water heater currently at MMS is antiquated.

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

MMS Boiler Replacement

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to accept the bid of \$859,000 (Base Bid, Proposal A) from Erie Welding & Mechanical Contractors, Inc., Erie, MI, for boiler replacement and related work at Monroe Middle School and reject all other bids. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: Per Jerry Oley, once the boiler is replaced, we will be saving the district money. Boilers in other buildings that are 30-40 years old will also need to be replaced. This is the first of three phases for the boiler replacement at MMS.

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

Radio Station Resolution

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resolution to authorize, ratify, approve and consent to the assignment of the license and certain associated assets of Radio Station WYDM-FM to Monroe Public Access Cable Television, Inc.

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

Resolution Adopting Amendment to Board of Education Policy

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the amendment to Board Policy BBB, attached as Exhibit A, to change the terms of office of School District Board member from 4 years to 6 years.

Discussion: Some board members felt a six year commitment was too long and yet four year terms would mean a greater turnover in board members.

Vote: Motion failed by a 1-6 hand vote. Mr. Benore, Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor, Dr. March, Ms. Spicer, Mr. Vensel and Mr. Yeo voted no.

Superintendent Comments

- Congratulations to MMS student Andrew Rabines who has qualified to be one of the semi-finalists in the 2012 Michigan National Geographic Bee. He will compete March 30 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

- The Theater Company of MHS will present the one-act play, "Freak", on March 30-31 and April 1 in the MHS auditorium. This is the first time the play will be presented in Michigan. Next year, the show will travel and be presented to different schools and local organizations as part of our extensive anti-bullying program.
- On March 27, 35 sixth graders from Waterloo will tour the University of Michigan Hospital and U of M campus at the invitation of Dr. Blackwood, head of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Department at the University of Michigan Hospital.

Old Business

Bob Yeo recently visited a magnet school in Richland, Michigan with the MHS robotics class. Bill Ferrara and his team do a great job with these students.

Larry VanWasshenova would like clarification regarding the function of a committee. Is it a place that we hear what is going on, make recommendations, hear testimony? A committee member essentially is a representative for the rest of the board members. At a committee meeting, information is discussed and board members should then spread it among the rest of their group.

Dave Vensel distributed a template developed by MASB for evaluating a superintendent. He suggested board members take a look at the template and decide if that is how they wanted to evaluate Randy. Some board members felt a group evaluation was the right way to go; others felt individual evaluations were needed. Dave would like every board member to take the time to evaluate the superintendent. The community and Randy deserve this. Due to student growth being unavailable at this time, Dave would like to see the time frame change. Board members will use last year's evaluation template this year and will look at the MASB suggested template next year when more student data is available. A suggestion was made that Board members come up with their own goals for the Superintendent, not just those that Mr. Monday presented.

New Business

There was no new business.


Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March that the March 13, 2012, Board Meeting #5 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 9:07 PM.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary

**MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MONROE
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENT
TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Monroe Public Schools (the "School District"), was held in the District, on March 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President David Vensel.

Present: President David Vensel, Vice President Robert Yeo, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Tedd March, Trustee Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee Wendy Spicer, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Absent: n/a

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member VanWasshenova and supported by Member Yeo.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has recently enacted amendments to the Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.1 *et seq.* (the "Act"), whereby Michigan school districts are mandated to hold its elections for the office of school board member on the November general election date; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the School District, in conjunction with the change in the Board election date to even-year November, desires to adopt the following amendment, attached as **Exhibit A**, to Board Policy BBB in order to change all the terms of office for its Board members from 4 years to 6 years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the School District, in amending or adopting new Board policies, is required by Board Policy BFC to present such policy for a first reading at a regular meeting of the Board and then tabled for final action at a later regular meeting of the Board, unless the Board, by unanimous vote of those present, suspends its rules to give immediate effect to the policy, when it is deemed necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of the School District hereby approves the amendment to Board Policy BBB, attached as **Exhibit A**, to change the terms of office of School District Board member from 4 years to 6 years.

2. The Board of the School District authorizes and directs its Secretary to file this resolution with the office of the Michigan Secretary of State and with the Monroe County Election Coordinator in order to implement the change in its Board member terms.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: VanWasshenora

Nays: Benore, Knabusch-Taylor, March, Spicer,
Vensel, Yeo

Resolution ~~adopted~~
failed

Jane Knabusch-Taylor
Secretary
Board of Education
Monroe Public Schools

The undersigned duly qualified and acting secretary of the Board of Education of Monroe Public Schools, County of Monroe, State of Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a regular meeting held on March 13, 2012, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

Jane Knabusch-Taylor
Secretary
Board of Education
Monroe Public Schools

EXHIBIT A

File BBB

BOARD GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

School Board Elections and Terms

The regular annual school election for the School District shall be held on the November general election date, meaning every even-year November.¹ At least one school board member for the School District shall be elected at each of the School District's regular elections. A School District Board member's term begins on January 1 immediately following the election.²

Members of the Board shall be elected by the School District electors for terms of six (6) years.

If a vacancy of an officer of a School District Board members occurs under Section 310 of the Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.310, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment or election in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section 311 of the Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.311.

¹ Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.642c

² Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.302

Policy Adopted	<u>July 5, 1971</u>
Policy Revised	<u>October 11, 1971</u>
	<u>July 9, 1973</u>
	<u>August 11, 1977</u>
	<u>January 9, 2001</u>
	<u>December 13, 2011</u>