

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #6

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: 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: President David Vensel arrived at 7:12 PM.

Administrators Present: Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley

Administrators Absent: Randy Monday

Vice-President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins was opposed to spending site sinking fund money on old buildings such as Monroe Middle School.

Approval of Minutes

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

- March 13, 2012 Board Work Session
- March 13, 2012 Board Meeting #5
- March 20, 2012 Special Board Meeting (three sets)
- March 21, 2012 Special Board Meeting (one set)

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

Reports and Update

The March 5, 2012 Board Personnel Committee Minutes and the March 13, 2012 Board Curriculum Committee minutes were received without comments.

Medical Assistant Recommendation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve a recommendation to contract with Temporary School Staff, Inc. for the placement of Kimberly Woods as a medical assistant in the Monroe Public Schools district upon completion of criminal history verification.

Discussion: Ms. Woods was in attendance and the Board of Education members offered their congratulations.

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

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignations of Amy Eisenmann, Polly Marshall and Kathryn Rahal effective at the end of the 2011/12 school year, from Monroe Public Schools.

Discussion: Mr. Vensel noted that the Board appreciates these teachers' years of service. He has personally worked with Ms. Eisenmann and complimented her on being an outstanding teacher and great leader.

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

Elementary Math Curriculum Revision: Technology Component

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the two year purchase of the Dreambox Learning site license subscription for the math curriculum technology component. The cost for the two year subscription is \$51,000.00 for all elementary schools. This will allow all elementary students both in school and at home access for two years.

Discussion: With Dreambox, students work at their own individualized levels. The program will be part of math instruction in every classroom and can be used for enrichment as well as mediation. Dreambox will be funded with monies from the curriculum budget. Dreambox will be implemented right away and should be noted that summer school at risk students have shown positive results with this technology component.

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

School Lunch Prices

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Yeo to approve Option C to set prices for school lunches for the 2012/13 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Benore noted the irony of the state requiring us to raise lunch prices on one hand and then telling us that we are too profitable and need to spend money.

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

Gymnasium Door and Frame Replacement at Custer and Manor

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept the low bids of \$5,120 (Manor) and \$4,650 (Custer II) from Tanner Supply Company, Toledo, Ohio for door and frame replacement and related work at Custer II and Manor and reject all other bids. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: The gym doors are a safety issue because at the present time they do not shut or lock on their own. Monroe Public Schools has used Tanner Supply Company previously and are pleased with their work.

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

Operations Center HVAC Update

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to accept the low bid of \$7,978 from Thompson Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Petersburg, Michigan for HVAC update and related work at the Operations Center and reject all other bids. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

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

Demolition of Christiancy Elementary and Lincoln Elementary Schools

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Benore to approve the bid of \$380,000 from International Construction, Inc. of Shelby Township for the demolition of Christiancy and Lincoln and to reject all other bids. Money to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund. In addition, the administration should investigate having some type of program to provide keepsake bricks from the building to anyone interested.

Discussion: Nine bids were submitted and all bidders attended the mandatory Pre-Bid Walk Thru meeting. The bids at both buildings include securing the perimeter of the site; disconnecting all utilities;

removing, recording, and properly disposing of all universal waste (asbestos abatement not included); demolishing and removing buildings, footings, contents, and slabs down to 4' below finish grade; demolishing and removing all above ground amenities including playground equipment, retaining walls, walks, paving, etc.; and backfilling, grading, and seeding site. Two bidders, STE Construction Services, Inc., and Homrich, Inc. both withdrew portions of their bids due to bidding errors as shown on the bid tabulation sheets. International Construction, Inc. has had extensive experience working with projects this size and larger, and with schools that are sensitive in nature to demolition. References were checked and found that they have excellent safety records, conducted the demolitions in a very clean manner, met deadlines, had minimal change orders, and had great communications with the owner. Dr. March inquired and was told that there is no interest in anyone purchasing either Christiancy or Lincoln. In addition, we have spoken to our attorneys and in their opinion, the demolition of these buildings can be funded by the Site Sinking Fund.

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

Superintendent Comments

Mr. Monday was unable to attend the Board meeting, so Mrs. Everly and Mr. McLeod updated the Board on the recent and upcoming events.

- Waterloo and Raisinville have been awarded Michigan Green School status and will be recognized at the Monroe County Earth Day Expo on Saturday, April 21.
- April is the Month of the Young Child. We will hold our annual kindergarten registration at the Administration Building during the week of April 2-5. For the first time, assessments will be done on our new students and we will be able to offer some of our new students summer school in preparation for kindergarten.
- At Riverside Early Learning Center this Friday, students will be planting a "Pinwheel Garden" in the front yard. The Pinwheel Garden is a program of the local CAN Council as a way of promoting prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- MHS art teacher, Amy McBroom, has developed an art lesson plan which will be featured in a national art magazine early next school year.
- MHS Student Council, Renaissance Club and the Seam Rippers, will soon be making 50 cloth bags and filling them with snacks and school supplies to be delivered to Bates Elementary School in Dexter, Michigan. Dexter was recently hit by a devastating tornado.
- MMS recently presented a play, "Into the Night", which was very well received. The MHS Select Ensemble received an excellent rating in the District Festival, while the MHS Concert Choir achieved a rating of good. Four MHS students received top honors in the MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Contest. All three MMS choirs received excellent ratings at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association District Choir Festival, and the MMS Orchestra earned a first-division rating in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Festival.
- "Light It Up Blue", events for autism awareness, will be held at MMS on Monday, April 2nd and at MHS on Thursday, March 29, 2012.
- The MHS Theater Company will present "Freak" and "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" during the upcoming weekend.
- Congratulations to former board member, Dr. Kenneth McNamee, who will receive a Humanitarian Award this Friday for all of his hard work that he regularly gives to Monroe athletes. He will receive a \$250 award to be given to an organization of his choice, and Dr. McNamee has selected the Monroe Public Schools Athletic Fund to receive the donation.
- A short video clip was shown regarding the Ludington School District and their findings regarding supplying iPads to their students.

- The pre-kindergarten assessments which will be done during kindergarten registration, will be some of the data used that will follow the students throughout all of their school years. All of our schools will have access to the pre-kindergarten summer school which will be supported through Title funds.
- It should be noted that with all of our new technology available, the most important piece is still the teacher.
- After surveying the job market and going through the results of a survey the MMS students took as to what language they would most be interested in learning, the administration will decide which new foreign language will be incorporated into our curriculum.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo attended the first MHS PTSCO (Parent/Teacher/School/Community Organization) and said Mr. Cortez is doing the right things for the district, in particular, connecting with the community. Mr. Vensel reported that there had been a meeting to discuss the possibility of a joint venture between the City of Monroe, the YMCA and Monroe Public Schools in opening the Cantrick pool for the summer.

New Business

Mr. Yeo welcomed the gentlemen representing International Construction, Inc., who were in the audience and noted that he was impressed with the company and the presentation earlier.

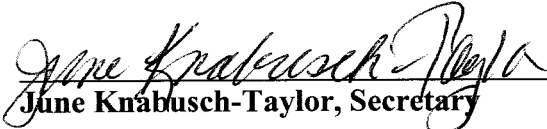
Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo that the March 27, 2012, Board Meeting #6 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:25 PM.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary