

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #10
Tuesday, June 12, 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 Aaron N. Mason, Trustee Wendy Spicer, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Barry Martin, and Jerry Oley

Administrators Absent: David Payne

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:18 PM.

Veteran Diploma Presentations

To provide special recognition for the service of military veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict, Public Act 181 of 2001, as amended, authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award high school diplomas to World War II and Korean veterans. The State of Michigan recognizes the important contribution and sacrifice these generations of men and women made in our nation's defense. On behalf of the State of Michigan, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs encourages school districts to present these diplomas to World War II and Korean veterans or their families. This year, three veterans qualified for these diplomas. Mr. Vincent Giarmo, Sr., received his diploma at the MHS graduation ceremony on June 1, 2012. At this board meeting, two veterans, Mr. Carl J. Peltier and Mr. William R. Kohler, were present and received their high school diplomas and an American flag.

American Red Cross Lifesaving Award

Laura Schultz of the American Red Cross, Kristin Irwin of the Monroe YMCA, and Chuck Kern, instructor at MMS, presented Reid Heiser, senior at MHS, with the American Red Cross Certificate of Merit. This award is given by the American Red Cross to an individual who saved a life or sustained a life using the skills and knowledge learned in the American Red Cross Health and Safety course. It was also mentioned that Mr. Kern has received two such awards in his lifetime and he was asked to give an account of the events leading to his receipt of these honors.

Choir Students Trip to New York

Cate Windleborn, MHS Choir Director, and Devin Mayata and Kayla Giarmo, MHS students, spoke about their recent trip to New York City where they performed six songs at St. Patrick's Cathedral. They presented a slide show detailing some of the highlights of their trip. Thanks to the Board for allowing the students to take a trip they would otherwise never experience.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Tom Tippery addressed the board regarding agenda item C.12 (Extend Custodial Service Agreement.) He thanked the board for all the work they have done and noted that their conscientiousness in balancing the budget has not gone unnoticed. Several years ago, the administration contractually agreed to privatization

of the custodial unit through attrition and he hoped the board would continue to honor that agreement. He noted that the group has made significant cuts so that they are competitive with the private sector.

Approval of Minutes

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

- May 22, 2012 Work Session
- May 22, 2012 Board Meeting #9
- May 29, 2012 Special Board Meeting (2 sets)

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

Reports and Update

The May 7, 2012 and June 4, 2012 Board Personnel Committee Minutes were received without comments.

HOSA National Leadership Conference

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the Health Occupations Students of America conference being held in Orlando, Florida June 19-23, 2012 according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: The \$90 registration fee will be paid by district's added cost funds.

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

Teacher Tenure Recognition

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to confirm and endorse the granting of tenure for Meghan Bernard, Kyle Christensen, John R Clark, Krystal Clawson, Jennifer Davis, Valerie Delekta, Brian DeMaggio, Alison Drougel, Kate Dunlap, Lindsay Gaertner, Patricia Geiman, Stacey Goins, Jenna Groves, Amanda Iocoangeli, Maribeth Lore, William Miller, Ronald Motyka, Larry Nocella, Alka Pandya, Sonya Samona, Tim Smith, Teresa Stewart, Holli Weaver, and Stacey Wylie on the appropriate anniversary dates.

Discussion: Congratulations to these twenty-four teachers on their achievement.

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

Seat Time Waiver

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the online program used for the Monroe Public School district's seat time waiver offering for the purpose of awarding credit that meets the requirements of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations or the Michigan Merit Curriculum for the 2012/2013 school year.

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

Adoption of Board Policies

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to adopt the following policies:

- Discipline, Demotion and Discharge of Certificated Staff
- Staff Evaluation Process
- Layoff and Recall
- Individualized Development Plan
- Teacher Placement

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

Adoption of Rules and Regulations, M.H.S.A.A.

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the year August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013 as presented.

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

Extension of Sodexo Food Service Contract

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to extend the food service management contract of Sodexo for the 2012/2013 school year.

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

First Vehicle Services Contract Extension

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Yeo to award the fleet maintenance contract to First Vehicle Services covering the 2012/13 and 2013/14 school years. The agreed upon rates for each of those years is as follows: 2012/13 – no cost increase, 2013/14 – adjustment as per CPI.

Discussion: CPI is usually a 2-4% increase. Mr. Oley reported that the track record for First Vehicle has been impeccable. Mr. VanWasshenova said the cost for First Vehicle has increased 60% since the contract was first signed and he would like to form a committee to review options before this contract extension expires in two years. Mr. Oley pointed out that the committee would most likely discover that there are very few options available as this is a unique and specialized field. Mr. VanWasshenova would like to see other avenues explored; i.e., sharing with other districts, SEMTA, etc.

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

Asbestos Abatement – Arborwood South Office Renovation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to award the contract for Arborwood South asbestos abatement to Midwest Environmental Control of Toledo, Ohio. Cost not to exceed \$9,880. Money for this project is to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: Midwest Environmental Control has done other projects in our district and we are very satisfied with their performance.

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

MHS Track and High Jump Repairs

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept the bid of \$4,500 from Star Trac Enterprise, Southfield, MI for repair of the track and high jump surface at Monroe High School and reject all other bids. Money for this project is to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: This is not a large project and the goal is to have it completed before school starts.

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

Approval to Extend Custodial Service Agreement

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to extend the custodial service agreement with Mulligan's Building Maintenance one additional year, expiring June 30, 2013, with the addition of language in the contract to clarify that the MPS administration will set the hours for these employees.

Discussion: We are not going to go with full privatization and the board is pleased with the arrangement that we have in which we will privatize positions only through attrition as previously agreed upon with the union. Mr. VanWasshenova wanted language in the contract with Mulligans that administration would set the hours and it was added as an addendum to the motion. At this time we have 31 MPS employees and 11 Mulligans employees. The board continues to be impressed with the

maintenance/custodial union which has continued to step up with concessions during these budget reductions.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Despite the bad weather that forced us inside, we received many positive comments about the MHS graduation ceremony held on June 1st. We estimated about 4,000 people there including some 700 people who watched the streaming video live in the auditorium. Thanks to the many employees who made all of it possible.
- Our counseling department estimated that the Class of 2012 earned scholarships of approximately \$2 million.
- If you happen to stop into State Representative Dale Zorn's office over the summer, you will notice some attractive pieces of art on the walls. These pictures were produced by four MHS art students who are taught by Mrs. Amy McBroom.
- Congratulations to our MHS girls' softball team which won its regional game last Saturday and moved on to the quarterfinals.
- Three members of the MHS girls' soccer team made the all-region team.
- Several years ago, MPS students entered a program called the University of Toledo Scholarly Savings Program. In this, our students in middle school could start earning scholarships to the University of Toledo that they could use at that school for their college education. At this point, we have 1,253 students who will be 9th, 10th, and 11th graders at MHS next year and who are sharing more than \$5 million in potential scholarships if they choose to attend UT after they graduate. Criteria is maintaining a 2.5 GPA and earning all their credits for that school year.
- Next week, Steve Pollzzie and Terry Joseph will be interviewed by the Monroe Evening News in regard to the DreamBox Learning initiative.

Old Business

- Mr. Yeo noted the Top 100 book was an excellent publication.
- Mr. VanWasshenova commented that we had a nice graduation ceremony although the sound system was not the best. Mr. Mason received only positive comments about the event. Mr. Monday noted that our maintenance, custodial, and technology personnel did an outstanding job preparing the school for graduation and Matt Cortez did an outstanding job as well. Mr. Yeo suggested sending notes to these people and Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor volunteered to do that on behalf of the board. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor mentioned how every student said "thank you," and Mr. Vensel felt having a graduation ceremony indoors created more respectful behavior than when it is held on a football field. Ms. Spicer offered congratulations to the students at Orchard Center High School who graduated June 5th.
- The GED ceremony took place this evening and Bobb Vergiels attended until our board meeting started. It was held at the Monroe County Community College cafeteria with a full house in attendance. The MPS Board of Education was recognized and thanked for their contribution and support. On behalf of the board, a proclamation of congratulations was read.

New Business

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to form an Ad Hoc committee to study the transportation program.

Discussion: The committee will be formed to analyze the transportation department and make recommendations to the board after its research is complete. Dr. March said that we hire Jerry Oley to

make these decisions for us. He didn't feel the committee was a good idea. Mr. Oley noted that the ISD recently paid \$50,000 to complete a regionalized transportation study and the end result was that it was not practical for us to be involved in it. Mr. VanWasshenova noted that First Vehicle has raised its costs by 60% in less than a ten year period. He would like to form the committee to study whether or not there are other options available for us. Bob Yeo, Aaron Mason, Larry VanWasshenova and Jerry Oley will be members of this Ad Hoc committee to study our transportation department.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-3 roll call vote. Dr. March, Mr. Mason and Mr. Yeo voted no.

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept a check in the amount of \$16,000 from a donation by Dr. Kenneth McNamee to be used to retain the Christianity masonry sign from the side of the school and send a letter of thanks for his generosity.

Discussion: The Christianity building is in the process of being razed. Dr. McNamee gave a \$16,000 check to Mr. Monday to be used for the sign to be removed from the Christianity building before it is razed. A plan would be to use some of the bricks from the building and mount the sign on a type of wall or archway made from the original bricks which would be placed on the grounds of Christianity leading into a park which we will maintain. In addition, there are several red maple trees on the grounds near the street that could be transplanted somewhere else on this property or on some of our other school property, otherwise they will be destroyed. Mr. Monday called Floral City Tree Service and they will transplant the trees at a minimal cost as well.

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

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to support the partnership between the City of Monroe, the YMCA and Monroe Public Schools to re-open Cantrick pool for the summer.

Discussion: A partnership between the City of Monroe, the YMCA and MPS to re-open Cantrick pool was formed to plan the re-opening of Cantrick pool for the summer. This pool would be a benefit to the children of the city who would otherwise not have a pool to use during the hot summer months. The City is set to approve this partnership at their June 18th meeting. Monroe Public Schools costs are very minimal and we will keep track of the number of people who use the pool to see if it should be continued again next summer.

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

Public Commentary-Any Topic


Selma Rankins said MHS had a nice graduation ceremony. He also spoke about closing the achievement gap.

Tim Stahulak, 2009 MHS graduate, complimented the Board, the Superintendent and Mr. Vergiels about getting the word out about the good things going on in Monroe Public Schools. From his viewpoint, Mr. Monday should be more visible to the community.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Ms. Knabusch-Taylor that the June 12, 2012, Board Meeting #10 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 9:40 PM.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary