

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #12
Tuesday, July 10, 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 (arrived at 7:08 PM), Parliamentarian Tedd March, Trustee Wendy Spicer, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: Trustee Aaron N. Mason

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Barry Martin, Jerry Oley (arrived at 8:30 PM), David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Recognition – Vince Rossi and Tony Pollzzie

Two long-time Monroe Public Schools coaches recently retired and were in attendance at the board meeting with members of their families. Mr. Monday highlighted their careers and each spoke briefly to the board and members of the audience.

Vince Rossi, MHS girls' varsity softball coach, retired with 807 career victories. As only the second softball coach in the school's history, he helped prepare numerous players to be college student athletes. Mr. Rossi was the head coach for 32 years after a successful coaching career in the Monroe recreation leagues. Coach Rossi had retired in 2001 from a long teaching career as well.

Tony Pollzzie retired as head coach of the Monroe Middle School football team after being with that program for 33 years. During his tenure, he developed hundreds of football players for the MHS varsity. Mr. Pollzzie is retired from coaching, but not teaching and he will remain in the classroom at MMS and produce Trojan TV.

Both Coach Rossi and Coach Pollzzie thanked the board and administration for their support over the years. Likewise, board members and administration voiced their appreciation for their dedication to the students of Monroe both in and out of the classroom.

Moment of Silence

At this time, there was a moment of silence to honor former schoolteacher and former Mayor of Monroe, Mark Worrell, who passed away in Cleveland last week.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- June 26, 2012 Budget Hearing
- June 26, 2012 Board Meeting #11

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

Reports and Update

The June 26, 2012 Board Finance and Community Relations Committee minutes were received without comments. The June 28, 2012 Board Policy Committee minutes were also received without comments.

Board Policies – First Reading

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the following policies as a first reading:

- Section 1000 – Board Bylaws
- Section 2000 – General School Administration

Discussion: Many of the policies are MASB suggested policies. Mr. VanWasshenova noted that board members may not agree with MASB suggestions, and to let committee members know if they have concerns. A question was raised regarding the number of votes needed to change bylaws and removal of the president. In these cases, it would require 2/3 of the entire board to agree to the motions. In policy 1180 regarding committees, it states that committees do not make policies; they make recommendations. Board members would like committee meeting minutes included in the Board Briefs immediately following committee meetings so they may have a longer period of time to review them.

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

Resolution of Support – Library Operating Millage

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Dr. March to approve the Resolution of Support for the Monroe County Library System Operating Millage as presented.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova had a concern about the board supporting a political issue one way or another. As educators, we tell our families that if they do not have access to technology at home, they are always free to visit their local library to utilize their resources. It should be noted that this millage is for an eight year renewal and in all probability libraries will not look the same in eight years as they do now.

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

Discipline Mandates

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the revised Elementary Code of Conduct, Grades 7-12 Disciplinary Mandates and the Monroe Public Schools Substance Abuse Mandates as submitted.

Discussion: Mrs. Everly and Dr. McLeod pointed out major changes to the discipline mandates. At the elementary level, the steps were aligned to match secondary. In addition, behaviors were referred to in the same terms as secondary; i.e., creating a disturbance. At the secondary level, additional terms were added; i.e., stun guns were added to the firearms or weapons mandate. In the substance abuse mandates, we added synthetic drugs to the terminology. Our attorney, James Davies, recommended that we reduce the number of examples used and instead use the words “including but not limited to.” Mr. VanWasshenova pointed out that our bylaws state that the board may not vote to change policies until it goes to the policy committee. This issue will be talked about at the policy committee meeting when the 8000 series is discussed.

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

CTE Textbook/Teaching Supplies Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of textbooks and teaching supplies for the MHS Accounting program at a cost not to exceed \$5,466.30. Monies to be taken from Added Cost funds.

Discussion: Approximately 200 students per year are registered in accounting classes at Monroe High School.

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

Fiber Repair and OTDR Testing

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Dr. March to approve fiber repair and testing as proposed for a cost not to exceed \$12,485. Monies to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: ACI is the company we use for all fiber repairs. The original fiber build was sent out to RFP. As this is something that we need completed as soon as possible, Mr. Payne did not want to risk any downtime on sending out an RFP. The downtime would cost much more. Also, with the complexity of our network there would not be proper time to plan and get another vendor up to speed with our fiber network. The original fiber was paid for out of the site sinking fund which can be used for repairs. We will try to recoup some of the costs with our insurance company. At this time a question was raised regarding the mail deliverer and why he is being paid from technology funds. The portion of his time used to deliver mail will be taken from the general fund. The time he works on technology will be taken from the technology account.

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

Superintendent Comments

- The Dick Waters swimming pool continues to be popular with swimmers. So far, over 1,500 swimmers have taken advantage of this community pool.
- The Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools has recently passed significant milestones. Since the Foundation has been awarding mini grants, it has given grants to 150 different projects for a total of \$100,000 awarded to our staff to fund projects that otherwise would not have been able to be done.
- This week, school of choice applications have been approved for 61 students or 1% of our population. We had to deny over 30 applications for school of choice, so board members may receive phone calls from people who are unhappy with these decisions.

Old Business

Data is being accumulated as to student growth and will be available to board members at our upcoming retreat.

Summer school at MHS is going very well. Out of 120 sections, 117 are filled. Seventy students are participating in summer school and approximately 60 of them are MHS students. Dr. Martin reported that there are 250 elementary summer school students – 240 of whom are MPS students. Our pre-Kindergarten class is also going very well and students have shown a lot of progress. Mr. Monday will update the board on the Knabusch Math and Science Center summer camp.

New Business

Mr. Yeo suggested that John Ray utilize Tony Pollzzie and/or Vince Rossi as mentors for our coaches. Dr. Ray is having a meeting with all coaches on August 3 and will stress our rules and expectations. He too, is hoping Tony and Vince will be able to contribute their knowledge and invaluable work ethics. Of

our 97 coaches, only 17 are teachers. In regard to the hockey program, the agreement has been signed by both parties and sent to the state. We have hired a coach and assistant as well.

The football coaches hosted an overnight boot camp which was very well organized and well run with 85 students participating. It was a huge success, but next year it will be handled differently in that there will be no sleep deprivation component.

Overnight Trip

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Dr. March to approve the overnight field trip by the MHS varsity basketball team to attend a team camp at Hope College in Holland Michigan, July 11-14, 2012.

Discussion: This is the fourteenth year the coach has taken students to this basketball camp. The coach will be informed that the paperwork for this trip will be handled differently next year and taken to the board for approval much earlier.

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


Public Commentary-Any Topic

Mr. Tarantej Chana represented his neighbors and expressed their concerns about the demolition at Lincoln Elementary School. He is concerned that due to the dust in the air stirred up by the demolition equipment, he is unable to take his daughter outside. In addition, several holes have been cut in the fence so thieves can steel scrap materials. Mr. Chana does not want this type of person in his neighborhood. No trespassing signs have been put on the fence now and Mr. Monday will contact Mayor Clark to see if he can lend police presence. Also, Mr. Oley has made sure the contractors are spraying water on the site.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Vensel that the July 10, 2012, Board Meeting #12 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 9:15 PM.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary