

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #14
Tuesday, August 14, 2012
7:00 p.m.

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, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: Trustee Wendy Spicer

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Barry Martin, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- July 24, 2012 Board Work Session
- July 24, 2012 Board Meeting #13
- July 31, 2012 Special Board Meeting

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

Reports and Update

The TSSI Contracted Coaches report was received by the board members. Dr. Ray explained that Annalee Volpi and Gary Griffin had both worked in these positions previously.

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Dr. March to approve the appointment of Kellie Cook as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 4, 2012 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: The board members welcomed Mrs. Cook to Monroe Public Schools and congratulated her on her new position.

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

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the appointment of Lidia Talaba as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 4, 2012 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: The interview panel was extremely impressed by Ms. Talaba and Monroe Public Schools is

fortunate to have her on our staff.

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

Recall from Layoff

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the recall of Letitia Kunselman from the Monroe Public Schools layoff list, to notify said teacher of this recall by official communication, and to approve the teacher contract extension for said teacher for the 2012/13 school year effective August 14, 2012.

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

Coaching Recommendation

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve James Davis as the Varsity Girls Softball Coach for the spring 2012/13 season and Scott Hochradel as the Middle School Athletic Supervisor for the 2012/13 school year, winter season, as per the MCEA master agreement.

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

Staff Resignation

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to approve the resignations of Renee Faziani effective July 31, 2012, and Mari Treece and Stacy Johnson effective August 24, 2012 from Monroe Public Schools.

Discussion: Mrs. Treece was present and thanked the board and administration for the opportunity of working with them. She has accepted a position with Wayne RESA.

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

Lucy West

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to approve the contracted professional development from Lucy West. This expenditure will be covered using Title I and Title II funds not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Discussion: By contracting Ms. West's services, we will be able to provide professional development to 40 staff members rather than sending individual personnel to New York for training.

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

CTE Textbooks

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of new textbooks for the MHS Photo Shop classes at the cost of \$4,640.63.

Discussion: This class is popular with the students and we expect to offer it for a number of years. There will be a large online component to this course as well.

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

Technology Sound System Update

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of the sound system for MHS and MMS at a cost not to exceed \$230,000.00. The funds will come from the Technology Millage.

Discussion: The new sound system will cover the MHS auditorium, commons, gym and football field as well as the MMS auditorium. This project will provide quality and consistent sound coverage to the key locations in the district commonly used for large and public events.

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

Security Service Agreement

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Yeo to accept the bid from Roberts Security to provide security services at MMS and MHS for three years, expiring June 30, 2015. The hourly rate will be \$13.75 for

2012/13, \$13.89 for 2013/14 and \$13.96 for 2014/15.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova will vote against this motion because Roberts Security did not provide the lowest bid. Mrs. Eighmey pointed out that a rating system was in place with Roberts scoring highest in 4 of the eight categories. Mr. Monday noted that familiarity and experience working with our secondary team is very important. He reported that we have had several years of success with the current Roberts Security group.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Planning has begun for the 150th year of Monroe High School and we are forming a committee to work on a number of activities.
- We will auction excess equipment and some artifacts from our closed schools on September 22.
- Our presence at the county fair was very successful this year. Over 55 volunteers staffed our booth during the course of fair week.
- August 21-23 is registration and the New Trojan Retreat at MHS. The first football game will be August 24.
- MPS will have a presence this weekend at the backpack distribution at the Arthur Lesow Community Center. Teachers and administrators will be on hand to work at our booth.
- Congratulations to Lance Schmidt, Samantha Waltz and Preston Lemanski, recipients of the 2012 MHS Alumni Association scholarships.
- The MHS Jazz Band will play during the Detroit International Jazz Festival during Labor Day weekend.

Old Business

Mr. VanWasshenova will chair the Transportation Committee and will call a meeting in the near future.

According to Board policy, goals for the board of education need to be established prior to the start of school. We will devote time for this at an upcoming work session.

Fencing is still around Lincoln. At this point, we are unsure when it will be removed.

Mr. Yeo complimented Dr. Ray and Mr. Monday on their recent meeting with athletic coaches during which expectations and athletic codes of conduct were discussed.

New Business

Candidates for the school board are Aaron Mason (2 year term), Dr. Tedd March and Ryan Philbeck (4 year terms.) Dave Vensel, member of the MPS board of education for the past 17 years, has decided not to run again.

Mr. Mason was happy to be part of the reinstatement committee and noted it was a gratifying experience.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the August 14, 2012, Board Meeting #14 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:11 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary