

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #15

Tuesday, August 28, 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, Trustee Wendy Spicer, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley, David Payne

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Public Commentary

Jessica Burt spoke to the board about her recent school of choice application for her daughter which had been denied. She explained her current situation and why it is necessary for her daughter to attend school in the Jefferson district. The board members indicated this would be Mr. Monday's decision. Jessica will meet with Mr. Monday on Wednesday for further review of her application.

Keenen Tullis, Nick Kurtansky and Rami Dahbour, MHS students, addressed the board regarding the lack of AP classes available at Monroe High during the 2012/13 school year. Other options are available to the students and they will meet with Mr. Monday on Wednesday to discuss solutions for these students.

Selma Rankins commented on students presenting their case regarding AP classes.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary regarding agenda items at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- August 14, 2012 Board Meeting #14
- August 21, 2012 Special Board Meeting

Discussion: Jeremy Chisholm and Gary Collins' names will be added to the August 21, 2012 Special Board Meeting minutes as being in attendance.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Ms. Spicer abstained due to the fact that she was not in attendance at either meeting.

Reports and Update

The August 6, 2012 Board Personnel Committee Minutes and the Information Report – Contracted Coaches were received without comments.

Board Policies – Second Reading

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Dr. March to approve the following policies as a second reading:

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

Discussion: Section 2450 will be revised using updated administrative titles. The next step is for these sections to be sent to MASB. Once reviewed by them, they will be brought back before the board for a final reading.

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

Recall from Layoff

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the recall of Traci Wilson, Kelly Skidmore-Baltrip, and Katie Collins from the Monroe Public Schools layoff list, to notify said teachers of this recall by official communication, and to approve the teacher contract extension for said teachers for the 2012/13 school year effective August 28, 2012.

Discussion: This will leave eight teachers remaining on lay-off.

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

Administrator Appointment

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to approve the appointment of Jennifer Bennett as Principal of Custer School effective immediately and place at the appropriate salary in accordance with the Master Agreement.

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

Contract Extension

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the contract extension through Temporary School Staff, Inc. for Robert Vergiels as the Coordinator of Communications and Public Relations as recommended through June 30, 2013.

Discussion: Both Mr. Mason and Ms. Spicer commended the administration on the improvement plan and Bobb Vergiels on clearly outlining the role of the Coordinator of Communications and Public Relations.

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

Coaching Recommendation

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to approve Patrick Finnegan as a Middle School 8th grade Football Head Coach for the 2012/13 fall season as per the MCEA master agreement.

Discussion: Patrick has been an assistant football coach for many years.

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

Manor Overnight In-State YMCA Camp Storer Trip

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the 5th and 6th grade Manor Elementary trip to Jackson, Michigan YMCA - Camp Storer from September 17-19, 2012. This is in accordance with the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

Student Reinstatement Request

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to approve the recommendation by the Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee that Scott Stepp be reinstated to Monroe Public Schools – Orchard Center High School for the 2012/13 school year.

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

Baseball and Softball Fields

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Dr. March to approve refurbishment of the softball and baseball fields at Monroe High School. The total cost of the project is \$15,430, Athletic Fund share not to exceed \$7,700. The remaining balance is to be paid by the baseball and softball clubs.

Discussion: Funds for this project could have been taken out of the site sinking fund. We have raised a lot of money over the years from the community for athletic projects like the football scoreboard and weight room floor. We haven't had to use our own money in a long time.

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

Consent Agenda – CTE Purchases

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Yeo that Agenda Items C.12, C.13, C.14, C.16, C.17 and C.18 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended

- C.12 – Purchase automotive technology lab equipment from SnapOn Tools for a cost not to exceed \$5,720.
- C.13 – Purchase of teaching supplies, student texts and on-line services from the Center for Work Ethic Development for a cost not to exceed \$11,693.14.
- C.14 – Purchase of two alternative energy labs from Questech, Inc. of Farmington Hills for a cost not to exceed \$6,960.
- C.16 – Purchase of machine tool lab equipment from Vision Engraving of Phoenix, Arizona for a cost not to exceed \$14,731.
- C.17 – Purchase of textbooks and workbooks for the Medical Terminology classes at MHS from Elsevier, Maryland Heights, MO for a cost not to exceed \$8,497.81.
- C.18 – Purchase of software for the MHS Machine Tool Technology Lab from Haas Factory Outlet, Flat Rock, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$9,140.

Discussion: These materials could not be purchased sooner due to the fact that we had to wait for the recent approval of the Perkins Grant. In addition, after hiring a CNA teacher, discussions with the teacher and Monroe County Community College had to take place to determine the proper textbooks to purchase. Bill Ferrara noted that a package is being put together to send to the state in order for students to receive their CNA certification.

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

Welding Lab Equipment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the purchase of welding lab equipment from Baker's Ace Hardware, Monroe, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$12,284. Monies are to be taken from the Perkins Grant.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova requested that purchases be bid out rather than getting pricing from a catalog.

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

Roof Shingles at the Knabusch Math and Science Center

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept the proposal for shingle replacement at the Knabusch Math & Science Center from Wandell's Working Crew, Monroe, Michigan, and reject all others, for a cost not to exceed \$6,250. Monies to be taken from the General Fund and the Monroe County ISD will be asked to reimburse Monroe Public Schools for half the cost, \$3,125.

Discussion: It is our intention to split the costs on Knabusch Center building improvements with the ISD.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Over 150 of our teachers have attended the annual Technology Institute coordinated by our Technology Department. The topics this year centered mainly on how best to use the iPads for teaching and data collection.
- The first day of school is Wednesday, September 5. That follows a one day teacher inservice to be held at Monroe County Community College. Open houses at all of our schools have been scheduled as well.
- Bus routes are now available on our website and Transfinder. They will be published later in the week in the Monroe Evening News.
- We are sending welcoming letters to our new families of students who have come from parochial, home schools or charter schools, school of choice, and who have moved into the district since last year.
- Plans are moving ahead for our auction to be held September 22. We have more than 500 items to be sold or auctioned off that day.
- Planning has begun for the 150th anniversary of Monroe High.
- During the week of September 17, activities will be held at all schools throughout Monroe County focusing on Bully Prevention. The highlight of the week will be the bully prevention event at MCCC featuring noted anti-bully expert Cary Trivanovich.
- My 98.3 FM will be doing a live remote broadcast from the front entrance of Custer Elementary School on Wednesday, September 5, the first day of school.
- MPS will be hosting Lucy West, coaching expert, who will provide training to our principals and school improvement coaches for two days at Monroe County Community College.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

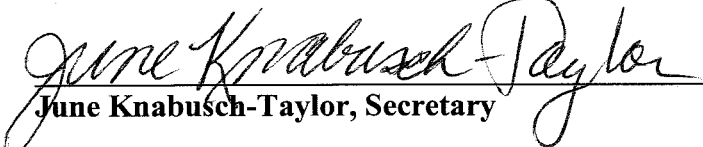
- Board members received a letter from a citizen regarding pay-to-play athletics. Dr. Ray and Mr. Cortez have both met with this parent and his issue is resolved. Dr. Ray is meeting with the members of the athletic committee on September 18 at which time pay-to-play athletics and alternative funding will be discussed.
- Board members also received an email from a parent questioning why open houses are scheduled after the start of school this year. Administrators have responded to this inquiry.
- Mr. Mason suggested it may be time to start thinking about selling the land adjacent to the Administration Building.
- Meetings with the committees for restoration of the Lincoln and Christianity sites will be held at a later date.
- Board members will support Mr. Monday's decision on requests for schools of choice.
- Dr. Barry Martin commended the staff of Monroe Public Schools on the tremendous efforts put forth to implement our district's school improvement plan. Student achievement is what attracts people to school districts and he assured the board that those issues are being addressed and major changes are taking place. Not one of our schools was placed on the state's Focus or Priority lists

and we don't have schools that did not make AYP that are not title schools, so we are able to allocate nearly a half million dollars to our schools. We can expect good things this year because of our school improvement plans.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo that the August 28, 2012, Board Meeting #15 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:48 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary