

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #16

Tuesday, September 11, 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, Barry Martin

Administrators Absent: Katherine Eighmey, David Payne, Jerry Oley

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. A moment of silence was observed before the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited in remembrance of those lost on September 11, 2001.

Public Commentary

Selma Rankins complimented two successful students at Monroe High School and was pleased with the recent administrative assignments.

Helen Arocha-Lezama, parent, voiced concerns regarding her recent communications with members of the Transportation Department and other administrators. Board members asked the administrative team to continue to address her concerns and will continue the conversation with Ms. Arocha-Lezama following the board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

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

- August 28, 2012 Board Work Session
- August 28, 2012 Board Meeting #16

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

Reports and Update

The August 15, 2012 Board Physical Resource Committee Minutes were received without comments.

Back to School Report

Mrs. Everly and Dr. McLeod gave a report on the recent successful opening of the 2012/13 school year. Many teachers met over the summer in study groups, and two-thirds of our teaching staff attended a summer three-day iPad technology training. We were unable to hold open houses prior to the start of the school year due to legislative changes, but we do anticipate returning to hosting open houses prior to the beginning of school next year. Trojan Family Time has successfully begun at Monroe High School and 9th graders are traveling to the Knabusch Math and Science Center for their biology and ecology classes. An increasing number of parents used our Transfinder system to determine bus routes, and all support staff worked diligently to get things ready for the start of the school year.

Ratification of Bus Driver Contract

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. Mason to ratify the Master Agreement for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 between the Teamsters Local 214 Bus Drivers and the Monroe Board of Education effective September 11, 2012.

Discussion: Board members offered thanks and appreciation to the bus drivers for working together with the administration during these difficult economic times.

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

Board Policies – Final Reading

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to adopt Board Policies – Sections 1000 and 2000 as written effective September 11, 2012.

Discussion: These policies will be posted on our website.

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

Out of State/Overnight Field Trip

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason to approve the Monroe Middle School three day trip to Washington, D. C., from May 9, 2013 to May 12, 2013 according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Last year, over half of the Monroe Middle School 8th graders took this trip.

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

Administrator Appointment

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the appointment of Melissa Provo as an Administrator 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: There were four great candidates interviewed for this position.

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

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Yeo support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the resignations of Abbie Bucska and Emily Turk from Monroe Public Schools effective 9/4/2012.

Discussion: Board members were pleased that these teachers were able to find employment in other districts.

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

Superintendent Comments

- ❖ All staff members worked together as a team which resulted in another successful school year opening.
- ❖ Bully Prevention Week activities will take place across the county next week. One of the highlights of the week will be an appearance by noted Bully Prevention expert, Cary Trivanovich, at a community program Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Monroe County Community College.
- ❖ Plans for the September 22 auction are well under way.
- ❖ The MHS senior class is working with Monroe Charter Township Clerk, Bob Schnurr, to sponsor two voter registration drives within the next couple weeks.

- ❖ Tickets are available from the Education Foundation board members for the “Fill the Stands” homecoming football game versus Bedford on October 12.
- ❖ This Sunday, Michigan College of Beauty students are offering free “Back to School” haircuts for Waterloo students.
- ❖ Open houses will be held this week and next at our elementary buildings.
- ❖ Wednesday, September 12 is a one hour early release for students to provide time for professional development for our teachers.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Donald Thurber encouraged the board members and superintendent to speak out against all of the testing that teachers are forced to give students due to state and federal mandates. He suggested having first or second grade teachers keep track of how much time is spent testing which should instead be spent on teaching students.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the September 11, 2012, Board Meeting #16 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

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



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary