

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #18
Tuesday, October 9, 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, Jerry Oley (arrived at 7:48 p.m.)

Administrators Absent: David Payne

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Dale DeSloover cautioned the board to ask the right questions when researching the possibility of installing LED lighting in any of our buildings.

Approval of Minutes

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

- September 25, 2012 Board Finance Committee and Public Relations Committee of the Whole
- September 25, 2012 Board Meeting #17

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

Reports and Update

The September 27, 2012 Board Policy Committee Minutes were received without comments.

The LED lighting proposal for Waterloo School has been submitted to the board for informational purposes only. This proposal will be taken to the Physical Resource Committee on October 17 before coming back to the board. Mr. Oley has been working with DTE Energy to conduct an energy assessment for Monroe Public Schools.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the resignations of Patricia Stefanski effective September 25, 2012 and of Barbara Johnson effective November 30, 2012 from Monroe Public Schools.

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

Exempt Employee Appointment

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the appointment of Peter Frailing as an Entry Level Computer Technician for the 2012/13 school year effective October 10, 2012 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to approve the appointment of James Seelhoff as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective October 3, 2012 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: According to board policy, no one should be working until approved for employment by the board. If necessary, the policy could be changed to make allowances in certain circumstances when the employee must begin work before approval is given.

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

Board Policies – First Reading

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

- Section 3000 – Fiscal Management

Discussion: Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor questioned the wording in a few areas of Section 3000. If anyone has specific questions on any point in this section, please notify one of the committee members and it will be discussed at the next policy meeting before coming back to the board for a second reading.

Vote: No vote was necessary as this was a first reading.

Acceptance of 2011/12 Financial Audit

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to accept the 2011/12 Financial Audit as prepared by the firm of Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton, Monroe, MI.

Discussion: Deb Sabo from Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton was present and noted how well the audit went and that it is always well organized when her firm comes here.

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

Purchase of Instructional Materials

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the purchase of classroom materials for the READ 180 program at Monroe Middle School for a cost not to exceed \$4,500. Funding for this purchase will be taken from at-risk 31a fund allocations.

Discussion: We may be replacing Read 180 at the middle and high school levels and we will keep the board informed.

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

Superintendent Comments

- MEAP testing has begun for students in grades 3-8.
- Friday is the MHS homecoming game against Bedford. The parade of floats and homecoming candidates will take place at the field at 6:00 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will support the Education Foundation.
- Student count day was last week and we had 92 fewer students than last year.
- October 18 is the date of the first MHS choir concert. Tickets for the Madrigal dinner can be purchased then as well. The Madrigal dinners will be held December 7 and 8.
- Parent/teacher conferences will be held Wednesday, October 17 for MHS students.

- Thank you to UAW Local 14 at GM's Hydramatic Plant in Toledo for their generous donation of school supplies for students in one of our Waterloo elementary classes.
- The MHS volleyball teams will host a pink out volleyball match against Ida on October 25 as part of the Dig Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Rally.
- Congratulations to our MHS Trojan Marching Band, under the direction of Jim Nuechterlein for receiving a straight Division I rating at the District 12 Marching Festival.
- The homecoming parade will be held at the MHS field this year. A great number of people will be able to see the parade since they will already be at the field.

Old Business

A discussion was held regarding the recent Transportation issues that have arisen. Mr. Oley is working diligently to resolve these issues in a timely manner. There are approximately 4,000 students being transported to and from school every day. With that many students, our parental concerns or issues are very minimal. If Board members receive correspondence from parents complaining about our services, please let Mr. Monday know so he and the appropriate supervisor, can deal with the issue.

Cameras on buses have been invaluable. Mr. Oley is now working with the Technology Department to secure equipment necessary to tape phone calls for quality control purposes.

New Business

We will remind building administrators that no Honeywell message should go out without talking to Bobb Vergiels first.

Mrs. Everly distributed copies of the Great Start Readiness Pre-school agreement with the MCISD. We now have 30 additional seats for our free Discovery Pre-school program.

Board members should be aware of things that are going on in Lansing which could adversely affect our schools.


Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins, citizen, is concerned about the achievement gap. He distributed an article for board members and administrators to read.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo that the October 9, 2012, Board Meeting #18 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:29 p.m.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary