

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #20

Tuesday, November 13, 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, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

MHS Student Council Presentation – Pink Out

Members of the Monroe High School Student Council attended the Board meeting to update Board members on the upcoming Pink Out varsity girls' basketball game against SMCC. The game will be held December 7 with proceeds from the game being donated to the Mercy Memorial Cancer Connection. This year the students will be supporting both breast cancer and ovarian cancer awareness. Board members commended the students for their annual effort in supporting this worthy cause.

Presentation by DTE - Energy Efficiency Pilot Study

Hope Allen, principal program advisor from DTE for the electric energy program, spoke to the Board regarding the possibility of DTE and Monroe Public Schools forming a partnership to study ways to save energy in our schools. DTE would like to work with Waterloo Elementary, which has already been designated as a green school due to their efforts in recycling and gardening, to begin this study. Four classrooms would initially be used to study energy efficient lighting. DTE would showcase Monroe Public Schools to other public schools that are interested in saving money for their districts. One of the distinct advantages of participating is that it will offer a controlled, scientific experiment in which students and staff can participate. The proposed trial period would be from eight months to a year in order to get a rough idea of savings over different seasons. Outsourced Innovations is the consulting company DTE works alongside. After the Board approves the trial period for Waterloo School, DTE will come back with a cost proposal.

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:

- October 23, 2012 Board Work Session
- October 23, 2012 Board Meeting #19

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

Reports and Update

The Informational Report – Contracted Coaches, October 1, 2012 Board Personnel Committee Minutes, and the October 30, 2012 Board Transportation Committee Minutes were accepted by the Board. The Transportation Committee Minutes were especially impressive.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Mason to approve the resignation of Jolene Yourist effective November 22, 2012 from Monroe Public Schools.

Discussion: The Board commended Mrs. Yourist on her many years of service with Monroe Public Schools.

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

Coaching Recommendations

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve the coaches listed below for the winter seasons, as per the MCEA master agreement.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Sport	School
Nocella	Larry	Head Coach	Basketball - Freshman Girls	MHS
Rausch	Eric	Head Coach	Basketball - JV Girls	MHS
Elliott	Gretchen	Head Coach	Basketball - Varsity Girls Swimming - Varsity	MHS
Schade	Doug	Head Coach	Boys Swimming - Varsity	MHS
Bole	Jennifer	Assistant Coach	Boys Basketball - 7th Grade	MHS
Hoffman	Carl	Coach Supervisor	Boys	Monroe Middle
Wood	Robert	WI&2	Middle School Athletics	Monroe Middle
Pecora	Jackie	Head Coach	Swimming - 7/8 Co-Ed	Monroe Middle
Michael	Heather	Asst. Coach	Swimming - 7/8 Co-Ed Basketball - 7th Grade	Monroe Middle
Rooney	Brian	Coach	Girls Basketball - 7th Grade	Monroe Middle
Dessauer	Tara	Coach	Girls Basketball - 8th Grade	Monroe Middle
Howe	Mary	Coach	Girls	Monroe Middle

Discussion: According to Board policy, coaches need to be approved before beginning practices.

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

Ratification of the Custodial/Maintenance Master Agreement

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to ratify the Master Agreement for November 2, 2012 through June 30, 2013 between the MCESPA/MEA (Custodial/Maintenance) and the Monroe Board of Education effective November 2, 2012.

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

Energy Efficiency Pilot Study

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the preliminary pilot study for an energy efficiency program at Waterloo Elementary School in partnership with DTE, using Outsourced Innovations as a consultant.

Discussion: The final recommendation will be brought back to the Board at a later date. Mr. Mason noted that we would be doing a disservice to the community if we passed up an opportunity to save money that could instead be used in classrooms for students.

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

Mr. Vensel left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Purchase – Title I iPads

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of iPads and mobile charging stations for a total cost not to exceed \$129,312.00. The money for this purchase will be funded by the Title I grant.

Discussion: Mobility is the key to this purchase. Carts move directly to the students and are accessible to every grade level.

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

Purchase – Dell Laptops

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the purchase of 50 Dell Latitude D630 laptops for Custer and Raisinville from CWI for a total cost not to exceed \$10,200.00. The money for this purchase will come from the Technology millage fund.

Discussion: This purchase will finish a project started last summer to put four laptops in every classroom.

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

Purchase of Instructional Materials

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the purchase of nonfiction trade books to be implemented as mentor text for a cost not to exceed \$8,220. Funding for this purchase will be taken from Title I allocations.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Arborwood campus has opened an Arborwood Parent Center for evening hours. The Parent Center gives families access to books, computers, Dream Box, and any homework resources they may need. The Parent Center is open from immediately after school until 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.
- The Theater Troupe at Monroe High School will present Little Women (The Musical) this weekend at the MHS Auditorium. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- The Turkey Trot at Custer Elementary is set for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 20. This year students will be running with adult family members as a way of promoting family fitness.
- Congratulations to MHS senior Adam Miller who has been named as MHS Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen for the 2012/13 school year.
- Wednesday, November 21 is a half day of school for students with teacher records in the afternoon.

Old Business

A reinstatement hearing was held on November 8, 2012 for a student who had been in the Expelled Students Program.

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the reinstatement of this student to Orchard Center High School.

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

New Business

Dr. March noted that as of today, we have had no expulsion hearings for our students. MHS Principal Matt Cortez credits this to the introduction of Trojan Family Time where every student is linked to an adult. As of this time, there is a 50% reduction in discipline incidents as well as a 50% increase in student attendance compared to last year.

Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor recently attended the National Young Reader's Day event held at Custer Elementary. People from all professions took time to read to students hoping to instill in them the importance of reading. She also praised the artwork of the students there and those pieces which were added to our Board room recently.

Dr. McLeod noted the importance of Movember, a time for men's to grow beards and mustaches in support of awareness of men's health issues.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Principal of Waterloo Elementary, Lisa McLaughlin, has bread items donated by the Knights of Columbus every Friday. A group of volunteers sort the items and all students take home a bag of breads and muffins every week. A gently used clothing giveaway will be held at Waterloo this weekend.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March that the November 13, 2012, Board Meeting #20 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:08 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary