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**Monroe BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162**

**Minutes – Board Meeting #1 – January 11, 2011**

David Vensel, President  
Kenneth McNamee, Vice President  
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary  
Tedd March, Parliamentarian  
Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee  
Wendy Spicer, Trustee  
Larry VanWasshenova, Trustee

Randall Monday, Superintendent  
M. Christine Butler, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary &  
Secondary Curriculum  
Kenneth Laub, Assistant Superintendent, Business & Finance  
Jennifer Watterworth, Secretary to Superintendent and Board

**MINUTES**

**Roll Call and Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Mr. Vensel.**

Board Members Present:	Board Members Absent:	Others Present:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Benore</li><li>• Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor</li><li>• Dr. McNamee</li><li>• Dr. March</li><li>• Ms. Spicer</li><li>• Mr. VanWasshenova</li><li>• Mr. Vensel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Monday</li><li>• Mrs. Butler</li><li>• Mr. Laub</li></ul>

**January – School Board Recognition Month**

Mr. Monday reminded the audience that January is School Board Member Appreciation Month. Earlier in the evening, Board members were honored at a dinner given by the Sodexo staff, and were presented with plaques by Mr. Monday.

**Teacher Recognition – Deb Scheich**

Mr. Vergiels introduced Deb Scheich, who was recently named “Teacher of the Year” by Monroe’s local VFW Post 1138, Mr. Gaston of the VFW Post 1138, as well as Julie Klemz, a Manor teacher who nominated Deb for the honor. Now, Deb will be entered in the district competition for Michigan teacher of the year. If she is selected, she will then go further to compete for National Teacher of the Year.

**Public Commentary**

There was none at this time.

**Approval of Minutes**

Move to approve the following minutes:

- December 14, 2010 Board Meeting #23 Minutes
- January 5, 2011 Special Board Meeting Minutes (Student Discipline)

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Benore.

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

**Reports and Updates**

- December 14, 2010 Board of Education Finance Committee of the Whole
- Informational Report – Contracted Coaches

The reports were accepted without comment.

**Purchase of Used Cargo Van**

Move to approve the purchase of a used 2001 Chevrolet 2500 Cargo Van from Kachar's Used cars for a cost not to exceed \$7,523. This purchase will be funded from general maintenance capital outlay.

Motion made by Dr. McNamee; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor.

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

**Purchase of Instructional Materials**

Move to approve the purchase of four Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy and Intervention program kits for a cost not to exceed \$11,855.60. Funding for this purchase will be from Title I allocations. Fountas and Pinnell is a single source provider for these materials.

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March.

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

**Teacher Tenure Recognition**

Move to confirm and endorse the granting of tenure for Amanda Perkey and Cassidy Wodke on the appropriate anniversary dates.

Motion made by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March.

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

**Establish Dates, Time and Location of Board of Education Meetings**

Move to establish Monroe Board of Education meeting dates as follows:

January 25, 2011 Finance Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting #2

February 8, 2011 Work Session and Board Meeting #3

February 22, 2011 Finance Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting #4.

All workshops will begin at 5:30 pm and regular meetings will begin at 7:00 pm at the Administration Building, 1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, MI 48162 as listed.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Vensel.

Discussion: Dr. McNamee and Dr. March will not be able to attend Tuesday meetings during January and February due to other conflicts. A compromise was worked out whereby two meetings could be held on Mondays rather than Tuesdays. Therefore, the motion was rescinded.

Move to establish Monroe Board of Education meeting dates as follows:

January 31, 2011 Finance Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting #2

February 8, 2011 Work Session and Board Meeting #3

February 28, 2011 Finance Committee of the Whole and Board Meeting #4.

All workshops will begin at 5:30 pm and regular meetings will begin at 7:00 pm at the Administration Building, 1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, MI 48162 as listed.

Motion by Mr. Vensel, support by Dr. March. Vote: Motion carried by a 5-2 roll call vote. Mr. Benore and Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor voted no.

**Old Business**

Mr. VanWasshenova asked for an update on the Virtual High School. At the present time, we have 26 students with full FTEs. We are able to enroll students from other districts if the student is expelled or a drop out.

**New Business**

- Dr. McNamee noted a scholarship is available for a 10 year old fifth grade boy who is interested in joining an AAU basketball team.
- Mr. Vergiels spoke to the Board about his meeting with Tracey Palm of the Arthur Lesow Community Center. Their discussion was regarding the use of the Lincoln School gym for a boxing program on a three month trial period.
- Mr. Benore thanked the administration for all of their help since his election to the school board.
- Mrs. Knabush-Taylor thanked the Board of Education for selecting her as School Board Secretary.

**Superintendent's Comments**

- In honor of Martin Luther King Day, activities sponsored by the MCCC Diversity Committee will be held January 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:30 pm and January 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:00 am.
- Congratulations to MHS students Brandon Dusseau and Kelsey VanAken, who qualified for the state competition at the Business and Professionals of American regional last week.
- Congratulations to the 39 MHS students who have qualified for the National Technical Honor Society at Monroe High. The induction ceremony will be January 19 at 7:00 pm in the MHS Auditorium.
- MMS students will participate in a video streaming activity with StormTracker 11 Meteorologist, Chris Vickers on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Julie Everly and Ryan Starr were interviewed for a story in next month's "Principal Communicator" magazine regarding the combining of Hollywood and Cantrick Schools into one unified campus.
- WYDM 97.5 radio station will be broadcasting twelve sporting events during the winter sport season.
- Registration is taking place for winter Community Education classes.
- The MHS Athletic Hall of Fame's newest class will be introduced at the basketball game on February 25.
- Board Members should indicate on which committees they are interesting in participating and submit their choices to Jenny or Randy by the end of the week.

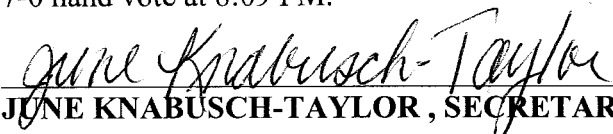
**Public Commentary – Any**

There was none at this time.

**Adjournment**

Move that the January 11, 2011 Board Meeting #1 be adjourned.

Motion made by Dr. McNamee; support by Mrs. Knabusch Taylor. Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:09 PM.

  
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 JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY