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**MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION
1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162
Minutes – Board Meeting #2 – January 31, 2011**

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MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Mr. Vensel.

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

Sodexo Food Service Update

Nancy Boykin brought the Board up to date on our food service program. Sodexo provides breakfast and lunch at all schools including Orchard and Riverside. There are 3,019 free lunch students and 361 reduced price, which represents 2.6% more students than last year. Throughout the Monroe Public Schools district, we have 48.9% free and reduced students. Due to federal regulations, meal prices will probably go up ten cents per year next year from the current \$1.75 price.

MHS Student Council Representatives – Winterfest Update

Mckenzie Harper and Kapri Defelice, members of the MHS student council, updated the Board on the upcoming Winterfest 2011 activities this week. The theme is Disney Wish Upon a Star. Some of the activities have been moved to the latter part of the week because of the anticipated snow.

Public Commentary

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Move to approve the following minutes:

- January 11, 2011 Board Work Session
- January 11, 2011 Board Organizational Meeting
- January 11, 2011 Board Meeting #1

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Dr. March. Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Updates

The Informational Report – Contracted Coaches – was accepted without comment.

Overnight Field Trip to the Student Leadership Conference in Kalamazoo, MI by the MCCC Upward Bound Program

Move to approve the request for the Upward Bound students from Monroe High School to attend the 2011 MI-CAPP “Stand up, Speak out” Student Leadership Summit to be held at the Radisson Plaza

Hotel in Kalamazoo on Friday, February 18 until Sunday, February 20, 2011 according to the terms on Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Dr. March.

Discussion: Anthony Quinn, Director of Upward Bound, explained to the Board members that at this conference, students learn about the importance of good GPAs, self-esteem and many other important lessons. He will bring an update back to the Board after the trip.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Overnight Field Trip – FIRST Robotics

Move to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the First Robotics District Competition being held at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

Discussion: Mr. Ketron reported that General Motors is sponsoring this group and will continue to pay registration fees for as long as they continue in the competition.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Overnight Field Trip – Overnight Field Trip to the Business Professionals of America State Conference at the Amway Grand Hotel and Conference Center

Move to approve the Monroe High School students' overnight trip to the 2011 Business Professionals of America – State Leadership Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, March 24-27, 2011 according to the terms of Bylaw IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Dr. March.

Discussion: Ann Knabusch reported that two students qualify for this leadership conference and a third is attending as a voting member.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Old Business

There was none at this time

New Business

Motion by Dr. McNamee, support by Mr. Vensel to authorize administration to engage in negotiations with the Arthur Lesow Community Center to acquire Lincoln Elementary. In addition, the administration is authorized to take whatever steps are needed for Christianity Elementary to remain a viable school.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor voted no and wanted included in the record that her reason for voting no was because these should be two separate motions and more information was needed on the Christianity building options.

Superintendent's Comments

- Winterfest at MHS is all set for Friday night, February 4th.
- The recent Daddy/Daughter dance was sold out and very successful with 412 in attendance.
- The 21-member Bully Prevention Task Force met recently. These members are a cross section of our community. Clarence Smith, Consultant, brought lots of information to the group. The next step is to develop sub-committees.
- The MPS Music Department continues to do well in district competitions.
- On March 25, the Eye on Art auction will be held at the Monroe Golf and Country Club. This auction, coordinated by Shelly Hehl, is a fundraiser for scholarships for our MHS seniors.

Tickets are \$20 and art will be auctioned off made by our own students as well as members of the community who have donated pieces.

- The MPS winter newsletter is going to be mailed out this week. Special thanks to Bobb Vergiels for putting this together.

Public Commentary – Any

Dr. McNamee complimented the cheerleading team for their performance during halftime of the basketball game last week where they performed a routine with young students from around the district.

Chris Butler attended the National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony recently. Thirty-nine students were inducted into this group.

The National Honor Society induction ceremony has been rescheduled to March 16, 2011.

Adjournment

Move that the January 31, 2011 Board Meeting #2 be adjourned.

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor. Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:55 PM.



JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY