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**MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION
1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162
Minutes – Board Meeting #3 – February 8, 2011**

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Wendy Spicer, Trustee
Lawrence VanWasshenova, Trustee

Randall Monday, Superintendent
M. Christine Butler, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 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 7:04 PM by Mr. Vensel.

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

Public Commentary

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Move to approve the following minutes:

- January 31, 2011 Special Work Session
- January 31, 2011 Board Meeting #2

Motion made by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Ms. Spicer. Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Michigan School Principals' Week

February 14-18, 2011 has been designated as Michigan School Principals' Week. Mr. Monday and the Board of Education recognized principals for their outstanding work and gave principals in attendance a certificate as a token of appreciation.

Reports and Updates

There were none at this time.

Overnight Field Trip to the DECA State Career Development Conference at the Amway Grand Hotel and Conference Center

Move to approve the Monroe High School students' overnight trip to the 2011 DECA State Career Development Conference at the Amway Grand Hotel and Conference Center Friday, March 18 through Sunday, March 20, 2011 according to the terms of Bylaw IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Motion made by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor.

Discussion: When asked, Mr. Ferrara noted that the funding for this trip comes from fundraisers as well as added cost funds which are strictly for CTE.

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

Approval to Purchase Technology Equipment for Arborwood, Custer, Manor and Waterloo

Move to approve the purchase of technology equipment as proposed for Arborwood, Custer, Manor and Waterloo at a cost not to exceed \$71,906. Monies to be taken from Title I funds.

Motion made by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Benore. Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Old Business

- Mr. Vergiels reported that the boxing club has moved into the Lincoln facility everyone seems very satisfied.
- Ms. Spicer inquired as to the progress of broadcasting the Board meetings. Mr. Monday agreed that this is very important to the community and he has recently met with a group of people at the college who are trying to bring the radio/tv program back. If this occurs, we would have the capabilities of broadcasting MPS Board of Education meetings.
- At this time, there are 36 students enrolled in the virtual high school program.

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Superintendent's Comments

- Congratulations to MMS instrumentalists who performed at the District 12 contest in Livonia. Nine students earned Division I ratings; eleven other students received Division II ratings. The students are led by Ann Felder and Chris Morelli.
- Thanks to Arborwood PTO for the Jonathan Rand visit, an author who promotes reading.
- The Winterfest games held last weekend were successful with both teams beating Bedford. Because of the snow on Saturday, the dance has been postponed until March 12th.
- February 9th is count day.
- There will be no school for students from February 18-22 for Presidents' Day, Winter Break Day and teacher inservice day.
- Reporters will be visiting the virtual high school as well as the Raisinville class of Teresa Stewart. Ms. Stewart's class made flags and sent them to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan.
- There will be a diversity presentation Wednesday, February 9th at MHS from 5:30-6:30 pm sponsored by MCCC.
- Mr. Monday met with Clarence Smith, Consultant for the Bully Prevention Task Force. Mr. Smith is doing surveys around the community and has a lot of information he plans to share with the committee.


Public Commentary – Any

- Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor thanked Holly Scherer and Larry Zimmerman for the new nameplates for Board members.
- Mr. Rankins commented on Winterfest, Black History Month, and MHS principal posting.
- Mr. Benore thanked everyone who sent condolences on the recent passing of his mother.

Adjournment

Move that the February 8, 2011 Board Meeting #3 be adjourned.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor. Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:26 PM.



JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY