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**MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION
1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162
Minutes – Board Meeting #4 – February 28, 2011**

David Vensel, President
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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 7:01 PM by Mr. Vensel.

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

Student Recognition – MHS Automotive Technology

Bill Ferrara recognized Bryan Zamorski, Automotive Technology Instructor, as well as his students for their recent recertification by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), in the areas of Brakes and Electrical Systems. This program was evaluated, according to strict standards set by the automotive industry, by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). The MHS program was found to be exemplary and recognized as one of the top in the State of Michigan. Mr. Zamorski introduced two students who are currently in the automotive technology program at MHS. The goal of the program is for students to be certified by the end of their senior year.

Public Commentary

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Move to approve the following minutes:

- February 8, 2011 Work Session
- February 8, 2011 Board Meeting #3
- February 15, 2011 Special Board Meeting (Discipline) – 2 sets

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

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

Reports and Updates

The January 31, 2011 Finance Committee of the Whole Minutes were accepted without comment.

Field Trip

Move to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the First Robotics District Competition being held at Niles Senior High School in Niles, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

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

2011/2012 Budget Planning Overview

Ken Laub presented data on budget planning for the 2011/2012 school year. Funding in state categoricals is being eliminated in some areas and Title I and Title 2D will no longer have enhanced funding. At this time, the retirement rate is 20.66%; next year it will be 24.46%, which is an increase of \$1.1 million. Increases in health insurance, teacher lane changes and vehicle fuel are also anticipated. At this time, it appears we will have a loss of approximately \$661 per student.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

Dr. McNamee updated the Board members on the recent AAU basketball scholarship opportunity for fifth grade boys. Thirty students attended tryouts last weekend. Thirteen students received scholarships and uniforms were ordered for the team. Al Jagutis (a member of the MHS Hall of Fame) will be coaching.

Superintendent's Comments

- Mr. Monday thanked Dr. McNamee for the basketball scholarships for the fifth grade students.
- The MPS scholarship committee art auction will be held Friday, March 25 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Monroe Golf and Country Club. Each Board member was given six tickets to sell for this event.
- The Monroe Middle School quiz bowl team was chosen to attend the county-wide semi-finals Thursday, March 10, and the finals, Friday, March 11th.
- The MMS Mathcounts team competed in the annual district competition with eleven schools and finished third.
- Beginning March 1, the MHS juniors will be taking the ACT and MME exams.
- Incoming MHS freshmen and their parents will be attending open house on Wednesday, March 2. On March 10, incoming freshmen who currently attend a parochial school, and their parents, will be attending an open house as well.
- Kindergarten registration will be held at the Administration Building during the week of March 14-18. Hearing and vision screening will be held all five days. Tuesday, March 15, registration will take place until 7:00 pm for the convenience of those parents who work during the daytime. On May 18th in the afternoon, each elementary school will hold an orientation for their new Kindergarten students, complete with a short bus ride.
- Next week begins boys' district basketball tournaments and the girls' regional tournament.
- Friday, March 4, one of our MMS students, Matthew Evans, will be interviewed on NBC 24 Toledo regarding his interest in meteorology.
- Congratulations to our girls' bowling team which has qualified to participate in the state finals this weekend in Battle Creek.
- Last weekend, the MHS hockey team beat SMCC 4-2 in the first annual Battle of the River Cup.

- Congratulations to Waterloo school students who collected 1,420 pairs of socks which they donated to God Works for distribution to people who need them.
- A white out is planned at Monroe Middle School this Wednesday as the students there pledge to eliminate the R-word (retard or retarded).
- Finally, four classrooms at Custer will participate Tuesday, March 1st in the World Math Day where they will compete with students from around the world in on line math exercises.

Public Commentary – Any

Mr. Rankins noted that a former MPS student will perform as a comedian at MCCC Friday night.

Detective Mike Bozar of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, was welcomed to our meeting.

Adjournment

Move that the February 28, 2011 Board Meeting #4 be adjourned.

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

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:00 PM.



JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY