

Official

**MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION
1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162
Minutes – Board Meeting #7 – April 12, 2011**

David Vensel, President
Kenneth McNamee, Vice-President
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary
Tedd March, Parliamentarian
Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee
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 7:03 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• Mr. VanWasshenova• Mr. Vensel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Spicer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Monday• Mrs. Butler• Mr. Laub

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag/National Anthem Presented by the MHS Singers

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited followed by a performance of a group of MHS singers, under the direction of Cate Windelborn.

Board President –Vision Statement

Mr. Vensel read the Monroe Public Schools vision statement.

Bridge Building Challenge

Victoria Sweet, Drafting/CAD instructor at MHS, reported to the Board about a recent design and bridge building competition at the Lansing Center. Over 200 students (77 teams) representing schools across Michigan were invited to participate. MHS had seven teams that competed in the Suspension Bridge division and one team that competed in the Floating Bridge division. One of our Suspension Bridge teams placed third and received \$225 (\$75 each). The students were Justin Ellison, Molly Kaminski and Edward Chakmakian and all three attended the meeting and spoke about their project and the competition.

Eagle Scout Award – Samuel Doty

Samuel Doty, MHS senior, has been a member of the Boy Scouts since fifth grade. He will be receiving his Eagle Scout award soon and was congratulated by the Board members and received a certificate of achievement.

Public Commentary:

Several staff members spoke in support of resolution opposing school aid fund transfer to higher education and voiced their opposition to the legislature’s proposed budget cuts, especially the cuts to public education. Audience members who addressed these issues were: Nikki Klonaris,

President of MCEA, Amy McBroom, MHS teacher, Deb Mau, MHS teacher, Sara Ziegler, MHS teacher, and Jerry Oley, MPS administrator. Several students spoke in support of elective classes and how cuts affect students. The students were: Chantall Asmaro, Katre'ana Daily, and Jaime Baker.

Approval of Minutes

Move to approve the following minutes:

- March 22 Board Work Session
- March 22, 2011 Board Meeting #6
- March 29, 2011 Special Board Meeting – Discipline (4 sets)
- April 5, 2011 Special Board Meeting – Discipline (4 sets)

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

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

Reports and Updates

- March 14, 2011 Board Personnel Committee Minutes
- March 24, 2011 Board Policy Committee Minutes
- March 30, 2011 Board Physical Resource Committee Minutes

The reports were accepted without comment.

Resolution Opposing School Aid Fund Transfer to Higher Education

Move to approve the resolution opposing school aid fund transfer to higher education as presented.

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova commented that transferring school aid funds to higher education would be devastating to our students.

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

Resolution for Notice to Layoff Administrators

Move to approve the “Resolution for Notice to Layoff Administrators”, as attached, for the layoff of Montyne Barbee, Jennifer Bennett, Vince Castiglione, Mary Ann Cyr, Kim Diven, Julie Everly, William Ferrara, Cindy Flynn, Alice Malik, Barry Martin, Lisa McLaughlin, Ryan McLeod, Kelly McMahan, Jerry Oley, John Ray, Ryan Starr, Mari Treece, Scott Tucker, and Otto Zillgitt, due to economic reasons, effective at the end of the 2010/11 school year; and to provide the appropriate notifications as required by statute.

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

Discussion: Mr. Benore noted that by state law, we are required to give certified staff sixty days’ notice in the event of a layoff.

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

Resolution for Notice to Layoff Teachers

Move to approve the “Resolution for Notice to Layoff Teachers”, as attached, for the layoff of the listed teachers, due to economic reasons, effective at the end of the 2011/12 school year; and to provide the appropriate notifications as required by statute.

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova.

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

Staff Resignations

Move to approve the resignations of Betty Cady and Denise Lemirande from Monroe Public Schools effective at the end of the 2010/11 school year (June, 2011.)

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova.

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

Consent Agenda - Student Reinstatements

Move that Agenda Items C.8 thru C.13 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.8 Move to reinstate Christopher Brinkman to Monroe Public Schools, with the understanding that Christopher will attend Orchard High School.
- C.9 Move to reinstate Artyonna Mccray to Monroe Public Schools, with the understanding that Artyonna will be enrolling immediately at Monroe High School to complete her education and obtain her diploma.
- C.10 Move to reinstate Dakota Musarelli to Monroe Public Schools for the fall 2011 trimester, with the understanding that Dakota should complete trimester 3 in the Expelled Students Program then move to Monroe High School for the fall of 2011.
- C.11 Move to reinstate Jesse Vallade to Orchard High School for trimester 3. There will be consideration for Jesse to go to Monroe High School for the fall 2011 trimester based on good attendance and the completion of his classes at Orchard High School for trimester 3.
- C.12 Move that Justin Goetz *not* be reinstated to Monroe Public Schools at this time, with the understanding that Justin should complete trimester 3 in the Expelled Students Program then reapply after trimester 3 based on improved attendance and grades.
- C.13 Move that Skyler Pendleton *not* be reinstated to Monroe Public Schools at this time. The recommendation is that Skyler complete trimester 3 in the Expelled Students Program, show continued progress, and request a reinstatement hearing in June, 2011.

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

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

Consent Agenda – Purchases

Move that Agenda Items C.15 and C.16 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.15 Move to accept the Base Bid, Proposal A from Folding Equipment Company, Toledo, Ohio for the corridor locker installation at Raisinville Elementary at a cost not to exceed \$46,259. Monies to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.
- C.16 Move to accept the Base Bid, Proposal A from Folding Equipment Company, Toledo, Ohio for the corridor locker installation at Custer II Elementary at a cost not to exceed \$33,669. Monies to be taken from The Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee.

Discussion: Mr. Laub clarified that the lockers were needed at Raisinville and Custer at the suggestion of the fire marshall due to the many coats and boots in the hallways during the winter months which could delay escape during an emergency.

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

Approval for Carpet and Floor Tile Bids

Move to accept the low bid from Victory Carpet, Luna Pier, Michigan, for carpet and tile replacement at a cost not to exceed \$67,352 and reject all other bids.

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

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

Consent Agenda – Resolutions

Move that Agenda Items C.19 and C.20 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.19 Move to approve the National School Family Appreciation Week Resolution as read.
- C.10 Move to approve the May, 2011 Prom and Graduation Safety Month Resolution as read.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee .

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

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

There was none at this time.

Superintendent's Comments

- Mr. Monday noted that Jerry Oley was called at his home on Sunday evening and was asked to assist a busload of students and parents from Toronto. Their bus had broken down and all were stranded on the roadside on I-75. Mr. Oley took one of our school busses, picked up the stranded passengers, and delivered them to a local McDonald's restaurant to wait for their replacement bus.
- The movie, *Mooz-lum*, which was filmed in Monroe, will be shown Sunday, April 17, at 7:30 PM at the Phoenix Theater in the Mall of Monroe. Twenty-two of our middle school students are shown in the film as extras in a scene shot at Lincoln School.
- Congratulations to Waterloo School for earning a Michigan Green School Certification for the second straight year. The school staff and students will be presented with a flag and certificate on Earth Day for this achievement.
- Together with Sodexo food service, Monroe Public Schools has been collecting canned and non-perishable food to support the Backpack weekend food collection, now in its third year. In addition, the Sodexo staff is holding a garage sale Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 AM with proceeds used to support the Backpack program.
- Thirteen soloists and musical ensembles from MHS earned top state honors, including nine Division I ratings.
- Congratulations to our MHS DECA group who are being recognized by the state DECA group for raising \$3,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- Sign up is under way now for our Spring Community Education classes.
- Our recent art auction to benefit the Monroe Public Schools Scholarship Fund brought in \$9,600 to be used for student scholarships. Thanks to Shelly Hehl and Nancy Monday for their efforts to make this auction a success.

Public Commentary – Any

- Rather than purchasing tile and carpet, parent Kathy Graham would like to see money spent on bussing and have the board explore other ideas for cutting expenditures.
- Amy Bowen-Pace, Manor teacher, supported the resolution opposing school aid fund transfer to higher education and voiced her opposition to the legislature's proposed budget cuts, especially the cuts to public education.

April 12, 2011

5

Adjournment

Move that the April 12, 2011 Board Meeting #7 be adjourned.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:16 PM.



JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY