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**MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION
1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162
Minutes – Board Meeting #8 – May 10, 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 7:15 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. VanWasshenova• Mr. Vensel		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Monday• Mrs. Butler• Mr. Laub

Recognition – Technology Millage Participants

Our recent technology millage renewal was approved by a 3-1 margin, and Bobb Vergiels recognized several people who made significant efforts to get information to the public in support of this vote. In particular, Bob Schnur and Shelia Benes from Monroe Charter Township who worked with Monroe Public Schools on a voter registration drive for MHS students. Anne Knabusch was instrumental in designing the “Remember to Vote” magnets which were passed out around the community. PTOs were invaluable signing their names in support of the millage. The Monroe Senior Center, IHM Motherhouse, the Monroe Housing complex on Roessler Street and Frenchtown Center were recognized for allowing access to the residents to provide information regarding absentee ballots. All of these people and groups were instrumental in a successful millage renewal campaign.

Mr. Vergiels introduced two Custer Elementary students, brothers Enzo Mignano and Sven Wollschlager. During the millage campaign, Mr. Vergiels and Connie Fox (MPS Technology Department) took these students to the Monroe Senior Center who demonstrated their computer skills to the residents. In addition, Sven and his mother wrote letters to the editor of the Monroe Evening News in support of the millage.

Connie Fox of the Technology Department and Marc Drougel, MHS teacher also deserve thanks for their outstanding participation in promoting the campaign.

Mr. Monday recognized Bobb Vergiels for his efforts on the millage campaign as well.

MHS Competitors in National and International Competitions

Quite a few Monroe High School students have been or will be participating in various national and international competitions. Erick Rollman was introduced as the winner of the 31st annual Home Builders Association and Monroe City-County Fine Arts Council student design competition. The home he designed is being built by Habitat for Humanity.

Brandon Dusseau recently participated in the state level competition representing the Business Professionals of America and qualified for nationals in an open event – Information Technology.

Melissa Drouillard, representing HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America), competed in the state leadership conference in April. Melissa and another student, Emily Simenauer, qualified to compete in the national conference in Anaheim, California in June.

Four students took high honors in the state MITES competition competing in the wrought metal division. Theressa Lizyness, Caleb Green and Jenna Olson were present and received congratulations from the Board.

Members of the Monroe Trojan Robotics team were present as well. They recently ranked 32nd out of 171 teams in the state competition.

Finally, two students who were not able to come to the meeting, Amanda Miller and Sean Harwood, were recognized for competing in the International DECA conference in Orlando, Florida in June.

Sodexo Food Service

Nancy Boykin and Debbie Fortino of Sodexo food service gave a power point presentation regarding the history of Sodexo and the rules and regulations in place for them to follow regarding healthy nutrition for students. Prices for school lunches are set following a formula provided by the government. In Monroe Public Schools, student lunch prices have remained the same for the past seven or eight years, however, a five cent increase is expected during the 2011/2012 school year.

Public Commentary

There were no comments at this time

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the following minutes:

- April 12, 2011 Board Meeting #7 Minutes
- April 19, 2011 Special Board Meeting Minutes – Discipline (3 sets)

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

Reports and Updates

The following reports were accepted without comments:

- April 12, 2011 Finance Committee of the Whole Minutes
- May 16, 2011 Personnel Committee Minutes
- Summer, 2011 Facility Project List/Building and Site Sinking Fund

Resolution – Section 105 Opt-Out

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Vensel to approve the Section 105 Opt-Out Resolution as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Benore asked for clarification regarding the state school aid penalty imposed if a district does not comply.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Mr. Benore voted no.

Resolution to Support the MCISD Proposed Budget for 2011/2012

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the ISD Budget Resolution as presented.

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

Extension of Sodexo Food Service Contract

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to extend the food service management contract of Sodexo for the 2011/2012 school year.

Discussion: Ms. Spicer congratulated Nancy Boykin on the positive principal surveys which were submitted.

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

Consent Agenda – Purchases

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that Agenda Items C.7 thru C.10 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.7 Purchase – Fire Alarm Upgrade at Monroe Middle School
- C.8 Purchase – Update Boys Locker Room at Monroe Middle School
- C.9 Purchase – Contract Award for Asbestos Removal and Monitoring –Custer I Elementary Carpet Replacement
- C.10 Purchase – Window and Door Replacement - Waterloo Elementary #1102

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

Electrical Work at Navarre Field

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to accept the bid from Staelgraeve Turner Electric of Monroe, Michigan for the electrical work at Navarre Field at a cost not to exceed \$7,370 and reject all other bids. Monies are to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: The cost to complete the electrical work was considerably less than the original estimate, and Dr. March asked for an explanation. Mr. Laub responded that originally, Detroit Edison thought a transformer needed to be changed, but it appears to be just a switch needed now. If a new transformer is necessary, Detroit Edison will absorb the price. Mr. Laub will approach SMCC to see if they are able to assist us on the cost since they use Navarre Field.

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

Old Business

When asked if there are any developments on the sale of Lincoln School, Mr. Laub replied that there has been some discussion on some uses for the building, but we opted not to list the property for sale. The

boxing club is currently using part of Lincoln and other ideas will be discussed at the upcoming Physical Resources Committee meeting.

Mr. Laub met a few months ago with ARD (Alternative Revenue Development) company at which time we were assured they had received some cash flow so they could stay viable and move forward.

New Business

Ms. Spicer recently attended the annual NSBA conference and shared a trip report with the Board members. She also offered to be available to answer questions if anyone was interested in more information on the NSBA Conference. She noted that all districts across the country appear to be in the same monetary situation as Michigan. The sessions she attended were very informative some of which were diversification, self-evaluation of the board, and fundraising.

Mr. Benore visited MHS during lunch recently and was entertained by a flash mob. He also complimented the students and staff at MHS on their recent prom at The Henry Ford which he helped chaperoned. Over 500 students attended and a member of The Henry Ford commented that our students were some of the most well behaved they have had who used their facility.

Superintendent's Comments

- MHS senior trumpet player, Cara Kern, and MHS sophomore vocalist, Hannah Walls, will tour Europe this summer as part of the Blue Lakes Fine Arts Camp international program.
- Congratulations to MHS drafting teacher, Victoria Sweet, and to our MHS drafting and CAD programs which have been selected to be included in this year's Magna Best Practices Database. This program is one of only 114 in the country selection for recognition this year.
- Ten teachers received mini grants from the MPS Education Foundation this spring. They are Kate Dunlap and Sonya Samona – Custer; Mary Bullard – MHS; Lee VanValkenburg – Arborwood South; Melissa Provo, Scott Hoppert, Lisa Cole, Cathy Furnari, Holly Renko and Beth Addis – MMS.
- Everyone is invited to attend the student recognition event at the Habitat for Humanity house that our construction technology class built. The address of the house is 1302 Michigan Ave. The event is Friday, May 20 at 1:00 PM.
- Students and staff recently collected nearly 2,700 pounds of food during a non-perishable food drive to benefit Gleaners Food Bank, sponsored by Sodexo.
- May 18th is kindergarten orientation for the class of 2024. At the orientation, our newest students will be able to meet teachers, see classrooms and even take a short bus ride.
- The all-county baccalaureate service will be held Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM at MHS.

Public Commentary – Any

Mr. Rankins spoke about issues that concerned him at Monroe Public Schools.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer that the May 10, 2011 Board Meeting #8 be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:20 PM.


JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY