

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #4

February 24, 2015

7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### **Roll Call and Call to Order**

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Secretary Ryan Philbeck, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Floreine Mentel

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **Black History Month**

Mrs. Everly provided Board members with a summary of what each building has done to celebrate Black History month. Celebrations involved classroom activities and special speakers who came into the buildings.

### **Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only**

Selma Rankins talked about his meeting with Dr. Martin and Monroe Middle School administrators.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- February 10, 2015, Board Meeting #3
- February 19, 2015, Special Board Meeting (2 sets)
- February 19, 2015, Closed Meeting (2 sets)

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

### **Reports and Update**

The February 11, 2015, Physical Resource Committee Meeting Minutes and Informational Reports consisting of Contracted Services Recommendations, Contracted Coaches, and Club Paid Coaches were received.

### **Clerical Appointment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the appointment of Coleen Billings as Secretary with Monroe Public Schools effective Wednesday, February 25, 2015, and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

**Staff Resignation**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. Taylor to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools of Jessica Maniaci effective February 20, 2015.

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

**Upward Bound Student Leadership Summit**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the attendance of eight Monroe High School students at the Upward Bound Student Leadership Summit in Traverse City, Michigan, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Dr. McLeod thanked Danielle Lambert for all the work she has done in the Upward Bound program.

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

**FIRST Robotics Competition**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the attendance of 12 Monroe High School students at the FIRST Robotics Competition in Richland, Michigan, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

**State Wrestling Meet**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the attendance of Monroe High School wrestling students at the State Wrestling Meet in Battle Creek, Michigan, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

**TalentEd Perform Subscription Purchase**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of online evaluation software TalentEd Perform at a cost not to exceed \$4,113.00 paid for out of the Personnel Budget.

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

**Softball Scoreboard Refurbishment - MHS**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the refurbishment of the Monroe High School softball scoreboard by Major Display, not to exceed \$12,580.00. Cost for this project will be funded through revenue in advertisement sales with any remaining expenses taken from the 2014/15 Athletic Fund.

Discussion: This is the same plan that was used to refurbish the Navarre Field scoreboard and it was very successful.

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

**Marketing and Communications Plan**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the Marketing/Communications Plan proposed by Mr. Dennis O'Conner of DOCOM Consulting of Novi, Michigan, at a cost not to exceed \$39,000 over approximately a year and a half. This expenditure would be made out of general fund allocations within the marketing and communication budget which are currently designated for this school year and would be in line with the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Philbeck is pleased with this strategic plan and thanked Dr. Martin for putting it together.

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

**Summer Tech Fest – Guest Speaker**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve Kevin Honeycutt as a guest speaker for the upcoming Summer Tech Fest at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. This will be funded by the Technology Millage.

Discussion: The committee that organizes the Tech Fest has seen Kevin Honeycutt's presentation and feels he would enhance the current training we offer our teachers. In the future, we hope to offer Tech Fest to other county school districts to help defray the cost of training we have to pay for, such as Apple and Google Chrome. Mr. Honeycutt will specifically target technology to engage struggling learners.

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

**Title I Technology Purchase**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Title I technology purchase for Arborwood, Custer and Raisinville at a total cost not to exceed \$137,528.72.

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

**TRIG Purchase**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of 100 Dell Chromebooks and 100 Chrome management licenses at a total cost not to exceed \$28,944.00. Funds for this purchase will come from the TRIG grant.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

Members of Monroe Middle School's National Junior Honor Society will attempt to set a world's record for group texting in a five-minute period. This is part of Monroe Middle School's annual Spread the Word to End the Word campaign to eliminate the use of the R-word when referring to people with various intellectual disabilities.

Raisinville Elementary students will do the ultimate "selfies" when they gather in the gym to draw self-portraits on 5x8 index cards. This activity is part of the school's Positive Behavior Incentives program where good behavior by the children earns them the right to participate in a fun activity each month.

Also at Raisinville, representatives of the Detroit Lions Agility Club will be teaching various football skills to students.

Former Negro Leagues baseball star Ted Toles Jr. will visit Custer School for two 30-minute programs as part of Black History Month. Mr. Toles played professional baseball for about 10 years, and in 1946 he won 18 games for the legendary Pittsburgh Crawfords and even barnstormed with Jackie Robinson, Satchell Paige and Bob Feller before the 1947 season.

Juniors at Monroe High School will take the ACT and Work Keys next Tuesday and Wednesday. Schedules will change significantly due to the testing. Because the MME was eliminated, testing has been reduced to two days. Instead of the MME, juniors will take the M-STEP on April 14. Final exams have been rescheduled to March 9 and 10.

Congratulations to five Monroe High School wrestlers who qualified for the state finals. They are Carl Antrassian, Travis Labell, Tyler Hammack, Logan DiCarlo, and Neil Antrassian. Coach Don Mayes was

named Regional Coach of the Year. This year's wrestling team is considered by many to be the finest in the history of our wrestling program and last week won a regional title.

Three singers from the Monroe High School choral music program qualified for the state finals of the Solo and Ensemble Contest which will be held April 18 in Howell. Congratulations to soloist Michaela Foulkrod, and to Jenna Bolster and Brittnee Avritt who qualified as a duet.

We will have a booth at the Home Improvement show this weekend highlighting Monroe High School's CTE program. The construction technology class is celebrating building its tenth home for Habitat for Humanity.

With school being canceled last Friday, we are now one cancellation over our limit of six for the year. We will need to make that day up at some point before we can conclude our school year.

**Old Business**

There was none at this time.

**New Business**

There was none at this time.

**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

There was none at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the February 24, 2015, Board Meeting #4 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:48 p.m.



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**Ryan Philbeck, Secretary**