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**MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162  
Minutes – Board Meeting #10 – June 14, 2011**

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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 7:00 PM by Mr. Vensel.**

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

**Budget Hearing**

During the work session, Mr. Laub covered in detail the final amended 2010/2011 general, building and site sinking fund and food service budgets, as well as the continuation budget for the 2011/2012 school year. Based on the final revision, he is anticipating a \$1.9 million surplus and Monroe Public Schools is on target for next year for our projected budget.

**Adoption of the Final Amended 2010/2011 General, Building and Site Sinking Fund, and Food Service Budgets**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to adopt the final amended 2010/2011 fund budgets for the General, Building and Site Sinking and Food Service funds as presented.

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

**Recognition – MHS Outstanding Teachers**

During the recent honors award ceremony held at Monroe High Schools, three teachers were recognized by the students as outstanding teachers. They are Doug Schade, Scott McCloskey and Katelyn Martin. These teachers are to be commended as they were selected by the best students for this recognition.

**Recognition – Magna Award – Victoria Sweet**

The Magna award is a national award sponsored by the American School Board Journal and Sodexo. Victoria Sweet, MHS drafting/CAD teacher, has been honored with this award for her program. This program for girls as well as boys, helps students understand the importance of engineering.

**Lincoln School Scholarship**

Laura Lavender, Literacy Coach and Elise Hill, ISD Social Worker, announced winners of the Lincoln School scholarships provided to former students of Lincoln Elementary School. They are Trevor Palys and Robyn Monk. Trevor plans on attending Grand Valley State University to study biology and pre-med, while Robyn will be attending Wayne State majoring in liberal arts.

A ten-minute recess was called to enjoy refreshments provided by Sodexo.

**Introduction of Matt Cortez – MHS Principal**

Matthew Cortez was introduced as the new principal for Monroe High School. He, in turn, introduced his children who were able to attend the meeting with him. He and his family are looking forward to moving into the Monroe community.

**Disproportionality Report**

As a follow up to her August report to the Board of Education, Vicki Arbour reported on the progress of strategies for intervention for students at risk for school failure who were identified based on poor performance in ELA and math scores, absent 10% or more days of school with a history of behavioral concerns.

For the students in the first cohort, year one, 29 students were originally identified by their 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers as at-risk for school failure. One student was identified and placed in special education, one student was evaluated and found not to qualify and four moved out of the district. As a result of the interventions put in place for these at-risk students, the results were that none of these students was absent more than 10% of the school year, 1 student failed ELA more than one quarter, two students failed math more than one quarter and 11 students had more than one discipline referral. As proof that RTI is working, 29 students were identified as at-risk in ELA and math for the 2010/11 school year and for the 2011/12 school year – only 19 of those students have been identified as at risk.

**Public Commentary**

Tyler Dickerson, Manor parent, requested results of the safety survey. Chris Butler and Kelly McMahon stated that this survey, which was part of the school improvement process, was submitted to the state and will be presented at the first PTO meeting in September.

Lynne Duncan, Manor parent, praised the staff at Manor Elementary as very conscientious regarding the safety of the students, as well as the parents who volunteer their time to ensure all children at Manor are safe.

Stefanie McLeod, a Manor parent whose children previously attended school in Wayne County, noted the tremendous difference in supervision at Manor compared to her children's former school. Teachers at Manor are always waiting to care for students. If parents drop their children off too early or too late, that would be the only reason teachers would not be outside waiting for them.

Brenda Bressler, Manor parent, informed the board that she has never had a concern for her children's safety at Manor Elementary. She complimented the staff for their willingness to stay late, give blood, appear at birthday parties, and tutor after school.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

- May 24, 2011 Board Meeting #9
- May 31, 2011 Special Board Work Session (Discipline – 4 sets)

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

### **Reports and Updates**

The following reports were accepted without comments:

- May 24, 2011 Finance Committee of the Whole Minutes
- May 16, 2011 Personnel Committee Minutes
- Informational Report – Contracted Coaches

### **Continuation Budget Resolution Fiscal Year 2011/2012**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee that the continuation budget resolution for the General, Debt, Food Service, Building & Site, and Building & Site Sinking Funds be adopted as presented. Furthermore, the Board has determined that the district approve the full 18 mills non-homestead levy and the 1.0 mill sinking fund, which are crucial to meet the financial needs of the district.

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

### **Approval to Participate in the Michigan Finance Authority (MFA) State Aid Note Program**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the Board of Education approve the District's participation in the Michigan Finance Authority 2011 State Aid Note Program as presented.

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

### **Board Policy Adoption – Fund Balance Policy GASB 54**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. McNamee that the Board of Education waive the first and second readings of the Fund Balance Policy GASB 54 and adopt this policy effective June 30, 2011. Discussion: This is mandatory and the wording fit our needs. This will provide better definition for people who are looking to analyze financial budgets.

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

### **School Lunch Prices**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Benore to approve Option B to set prices for school lunches for the 2011/2012 school year.

Discussion: Mike Miller, Sodexo Regional Manager, stated that the law is written to close the gap between the money the school receives for a free meal and the paid lunch price. Each year until that gap is closed, the district will be faced with similar decisions.

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

### **Teacher Tenure Recommendation**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to confirm and endorse the granting of tenure for Emily Bundon, Amy Lynn, Kari McCormick, Kendan Myers, Erin Otter, Lisa Scheich, Delsie Sissoko, Christine Trapp, and Andrea Wylie on the appropriate anniversary dates.

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

### **Recall from Layoff**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the recall of Valerie Deletka and Teresa Stewart from the Monroe Public Schools layoff list, to notify said teachers of this recall by

official communication, and to approve the teacher's contract extension for said teachers for the 2011/12 school year effective June 15, 2011.

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

#### **Overnight MHS Michigan State University Band Camp**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the Monroe High School Trojan Marching Band field trip to Michigan State University's Annual Band Camp, July 25-July 30, 2011, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

#### **Overnight Out of State Trip to the HOSA National Leadership Competition Held in Anaheim, California**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Monroe High School students' overnight out of state trip to the 2011 HOSA National Leadership Competition held in Anaheim, California Tuesday, June 21 through Friday, June 24, 2011 according to the terms of Bylaw IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Mr. Ferrara reported that science teacher, Alka Pandya, will be in California at the same time and has offered the students to stay at her family's home during the competition.

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

#### **Overnight Out of State MHS Upward Bound Trip to Nashville, TN**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the Upward Bound Program overnight out of state trip to Nashville, Tennessee from July 31, 2011 to August 3, 2011 according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Upward Bound Program Director, Anthony Quinn, reported that this annual trip is to reward students by visiting universities and business. There are 44 students with three adult chaperones. Students with behavior issues will not be allowed to go and the student/chaperone ratio has never been a problem in the past.

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

#### **Adoption of Rules and Regulations, Michigan High School Athletic Association**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the year August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012 as presented.

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

#### **Coaching Recommendations**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee to approve coaches for the fall and/or winter 2011/12 season as named above and as per the MCEA master agreement.

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

#### **Consent Agenda – Purchases**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that Agenda Items C.16 thru C.18 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

**C.16** - Motion to accept the Base Bid, Proposal A from TSC, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio for the masonry repairs and related work at Monroe High School at a cost not to exceed \$24,450 and reject all other bids.

**C.17** - Motion to accept the Base Bid, Proposal A from Al's Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. of Taylor, Michigan for the Riverside Early Learning Center asphalt parking lot re-construction at a cost not to exceed \$87,665 and reject all other bids.

**C.18** - Motion to accept the Base Bid, Proposal A from Wilson Builders of Toledo, Ohio for the Custer concrete walk replacement at a cost not to exceed \$15,900 and reject all other bids.

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

### **Staff Resignation**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignation of Barry Bunkelman from Monroe Public Schools effective at the end of the 2010/11 school year (June, 2011).

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

### **Recommendation of Student Reinstatement Requests**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Vensel to approve the Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee recommendations as follows:

- After a complete review, the Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee is recommending that Troy Moody, Boston Dussia, Marquis Evans, and Justin Goetz should be reinstated to Orchard Center High School based on good attendance, improved grades and the recommendation of the committee.
- The recommendation of the committee is to reinstate Collin Cole to Monroe High School based on good grades, good attendance and that he has gone to counseling for the infraction that caused his expulsion.
- The committee is in agreement that Dakota Musarelli has the choice to be reinstated to either Monroe High School or Orchard Center High School.
- The committee is reserving their right to make a recommendation at this time for Skyler Pendleton. The committee feels it would be in his best interest to continue with the Expelled Students Program.

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

### **Old Business**

Manor Bus Drop Off Update – Chris Butler visited Manor and Custer Elementary several times and observed teachers at their duty stations as well as teaching assistants supervising the hallways. Both Custer and Manor schools manage supervision very well. Board members received an email from the parent who had originally complained about Manor supervision who indicated that she felt the matter had been successfully resolved.

Ms. Spicer conveyed her congratulations to the 38 proud graduates of Orchard Center High School. The original date for the graduation had been postponed by a couple days due to a power outage at MHS caused by a storm. Dr. McNamee mentioned that graduation at MHS was perfect as well and the staff should be commended. Mr. VanWasshenova suggested board members wear gowns similar to staff members at the next graduation ceremony. This will be brought up again in April, 2012. Mr. Monday shared a thank you card received from a student who had recently graduated and appreciated the support he received from the board of education members.

### **New Business**

Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor suggested a sub-committee be formed to develop goals for the board and superintendent. Although Mr. Monday's main goals are in the School Improvement Plan, Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor, Mr. VanWasshenova and Ms. Spicer will serve on this sub-committee, and with the help of a facilitator provided by DTE, develop additional goals, if necessary.

Ms. Spicer mentioned that three former members of the MPS staff passed away this week – Jack Smith, Bill McEwen and Dave Hartzell.

**Superintendent's Comments**

- Congratulations to MMS Graduation Coach, Lisa Warnke, Principal Cindy Flynn and MMS for being recognized by the state Department of Education as one of only 3 schools in the state for "Winning the Challenge." The challenge recognizes a school's efforts to improve educational outcomes of students who have various dropout risk factors as they near their transition to high school. Student, Christian Espada, received an iPad from the state for his remarkable effort to improve his classroom performance and attendance. In addition, MMS received 15 iPads as a result of winning this award.
- The MHS Jazz Band has once again been selected to perform at the 2011 Detroit International Jazz Festival in Detroit on Labor Day.
- The construction technology students have built a new guard shack at MHS.
- A \$1,000 grant from the MPS Education Foundation has helped transform the pond and courtyard at Arborwood South.
- At 7:00 PM on June 19<sup>th</sup> at MHS, the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Southern Winds tour musicians will perform before their European tour. One of our recent MHS graduates, Cara Kern, is a member of the group.
- The MHS robotics team will host a major robotics meet at MHS on June 24-25 which has attracted 48 high school teams.

**Public Commentary – Any**

There was none at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to adjourn the June 14, 2011 Board Meeting #10.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:50 PM.

  
JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY