

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #12  
Tuesday, July 12, 2011  
7:00 PM

## MINUTES

### Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Dave Vensel, Vice President Ken McNamee, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Tedd March, Trustee Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee Wendy Spicer, Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Chris Butler, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod

Administrators Absent: Ken Laub

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

### Recognition – 2011 Media Honor Roll Recipient – Danielle Portteus

MASB annually recognizes members of the media for outstanding reporting of school news. Danielle Portteus of the Monroe Evening News has been selected as a media honor roll recipient this year. Bobb Vergiels introduced Danielle who noted that the most impressive stories she covered this year were the *Don't Text and Drive* event at MHS and the student at MMS who recently was awarded an iPad. Thanks and congratulations to Danielle for her outstanding efforts.

### Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

### Approval of Minutes

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

- June 14, 2011 Special Board Work Session
- June 14, 2011 Board Meeting #10
- June 21, 2011 Special Board Meetings (two sets)
- June 21, 2011 Special Board Meeting

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

### Reports and Update

The June 20, 2011 Board Personnel Committee Minutes were received without comments.

### Staff Resignations

Motion by Dr. March; support by Dr. McNamee to approve the resignations of M. Christine Butler, effective August 31, 2011, Kenneth Laub, effective July 15, 2011, and Diane Heck effective September 30, 2011 from Monroe Public Schools.

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

**Recall from Layoff**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the recall of Dawn Brodie from the Monroe Public Schools layoff list, notify said teacher of this recall by official communication, and to approve the teacher contract extension for said teacher for the 2011/12 school year effective July 13, 2011.  
Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**Secretarial Appointment**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the appointment of Kimberly VanDevelde as a secretary with Monroe Public Schools effective August 15, 2011 and place on the Class 3, 10 month step 1 salary for the 2011/12 school year as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.  
Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**Resolution Designating Monroe Board of Education as Policyholder of Insurance Benefits and Programs**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to designate the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education as the policyholder for the insurance benefits and programs provided to the School District's employees.  
Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**Out of Country Trip for MHS Students – June, 2012**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Benore to approve the Monroe High School Costa Rica trip, 6/7/2012 to 6/15/2012 according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.  
Discussion: Board members asked Brian DeMaggio if it was safe to send our students to Costa Rica. Mr. DiMaggio responded that Costa Rica is one of the safest countries in Latin America. No district funds will be used for this trip. Contingency plans are in place in the event of an emergency situation.  
Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**Out of State Field Trip – MHS Choir**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. Benore to approve the Monroe High School choir students overnight out of state trip to New York City.  
Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

**Consent Agenda-Purchases**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer that Agenda Items C.10, C.11, C.12, and C.14 be considered as a Consent Agenda and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended. Mr. Vensel noted that Item C.10 is to be funded by Title I.

- C.10 Move to approve the purchase of smart boards from Smart Ed Services, voice amplification systems from Lightspeed Technologies and AV equipment from Red Letter Productions for a total cost not to exceed \$49,406. Monies to be utilized from the Title I funds.
- C.11 Move to approve the purchase of equipment to upgrade from Netech for a cost not to exceed \$396,095.90 to be funded from Technology millage monies.
- C.12 Move to approve the purchase of phone system equipment from Suntel Services at a cost not to exceed \$67,637.34. Monies to be utilized from the Technology millage fund.
- C.14 Move to accept the Base Bid, Proposal A, plus Alternate A-1 and A-2, from Bryant Asphalt Paving of LaSalle, Michigan for the Operations Center asphalt parking lot reconstruction at a total cost not to exceed \$113,357.50 and reject all other bids.

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

**Custer Bus Shelters**

Motion by Mr. Benore; support by Dr. March to accept the low bid from Snider & Associates of North Royalton, Ohio for the construction of two bus shelters at the Custer Complex at a total cost not to exceed \$23,986.18 plus \$950 for engineered/sealed drawings.

Discussion: When asked, George O'Dell explained that these would be open pavilions with metal roofs. There were no bids from local companies as no one in Monroe manufactures these structures.

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

**Purchase of Wood Chips**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. McNamee to approve the purchase of 280 cubic yards of wood chips from Brink Wood Products at a delivered cost not to exceed \$4,300 with funding to come from the operations budget.

Discussion: Board members received a revised recommendation with correct calculations. They were inclined to award the bid to a local company if there was only a 5% difference in bids.

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

**Approval to Extend School Security Guard Contract**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Vensel to extend the security service agreement with Roberts Security one additional year, expiring June 30, 2012. The hourly rate will be established at \$13.75. It should be noted the requirements of Public Act 129-131 and 138 of 2005 (laws pertaining to criminal checks) be included.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova will vote no on the motion because the contract should have been bid out this year. He would like to investigate installing cameras as well. Mr. Vensel would like to study whether or not it would be in our best interest to invest in another liaison officer rather than security guards. Administrators noted that these security guards also lock and unlock doors and assist community members who use our facility at all hours of the day and night when needed.

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

**Approval to Extend Custodial Service Agreement**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to extend the custodial service agreement with Mulligan's Building Maintenance one additional year, expiring June 30, 2012.

Discussion: Board members asked the reason for added costs. Administration will inform the board members before the next meeting.

Vote: No vote was taken because a motion was made to table this item.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova, support by Dr. March to table the motion to extend the custodial service agreement with Mulligan's Building Maintenance one additional year, expiring June 30, 2012.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-3 roll call vote. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor, Dr. McNamee and Mr. Vensel voted no.

**Superintendent Comments**

- Mr. Monday welcomed Julie Everly and Ryan McLeod to their first Board of Education meeting as central office administrators.
- We are looking forward to the upcoming fair where MPS will have a booth at the Monroe Bank and Trust Expo Center. Bobb Vergiels highlighted our planned activities at the booth this year.
- The local Fashion Bug store is collecting school supplies at their Telegraph Road location.
- Our first "back to school" activity is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Monroe High School when registration will be held for incoming students.

- Thank you to the MHS class of 1956 which has donated 100 solar-powered calculators to Monroe Middle School for use in the classrooms.
- On August 16-18, the Technology group will host its third annual Technology Summer Institute at Monroe High School for our teachers.
- Two board of education seats are expiring this year and the deadline to register to run for these seats is August 16 at 4:00 pm.

**Old Business**

Mr. VanWasshenova would like to discuss the vacant school nurse position at a Personnel Committee meeting before it is posted. A meeting will be scheduled.

**New Business**

Dr. March is concerned about the 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes not being held at the Knabusch Math & Science Center during the upcoming school year due to a drop in enrollment. Only 18 students had registered for the two classes scheduled to be held there. Mr. Monday will investigate this matter further and report back to the board members.

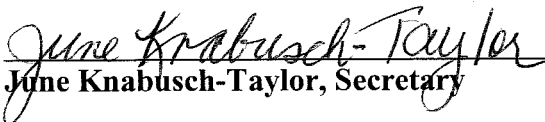
**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

There was none at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March that the July 12, 2011, Board Meeting #12 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:04 PM.

  
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary