

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #13  
Tuesday, July 26, 2011  
7:00 PM

## MINUTES

### Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Dave Vensel, Vice President Ken McNamee, Parliamentarian Tedd March, Trustee Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Trustee Wendy Spicer

Administrators Present: Chris Butler, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod

Administrators Absent: Randy Monday

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

### Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

### Approval of Minutes

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

- July 12, 2011 Board Work Session
- July 12, 2011 Board Meeting #12

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

### Reports and Update

There were no reports at this time.

### Approval to Extend Custodial Service Agreement

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

Discussion: Board members were concerned with the lack of terms and conditions in the contract as well as the higher rate of pay. Kathy Eighmey explained that regular custodial hours are paid at \$12.50 per hour and the \$13.50 hourly rate is for any additional hours worked. When the original RFP went out, there were only three custodial positions. Now, however, through attrition, there are seven positions. Mrs. Eighmey pointed out that \$13.50 is still less than our regular custodians earn. Mrs. Eighmey will provide the board with additional information on this. It will also be discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an RFP put out for custodial services next year.

Vote: Motion fails by a 3-2 roll call vote. Mr. Benore and Mr. VanWasshenova voted no. Once the Board members are provided additional contract language and information, the Board may rescind this vote at its next meeting provided it is the first item acted upon and the motion must be made by either Mr. Benore or Mr. VanWasshenova who voted against the original motion.

**Consent Agenda - Purchases**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Benore that Items C.5 – C.9 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

**C.5 – MHS Guard Shack Gates** - proposal from Traffic & Safety Control Systems, Inc., Wixom, MI to replace the gates on the guard shack at Monroe High School at a total cost not to exceed \$6,408.

**C.6 – MHS Pool Heat Exchanger** - accept the low bid from Sieb Plumbing, Monroe to replace the heat exchangers for the Monroe High School swimming pool at a total cost not to exceed \$46,663 and reject all other bids. Monies to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

**C.7 – MHS Fire Extinguishers** - accept the low bid from Baker's Ace Hardware to replace the fire extinguishers at Monroe High School for a total cost not to exceed \$5,143. Monies to be taken from the General Fund.

**C.8 – Technology Purchases** - approve the installation and completion of multimedia setups at Custer by JBK Technologies, Oxford, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$19,800 to be funded from Technology millage monies.

**C.9 – Elementary School Planners** - approve the purchase of 2,600 student planners from School Specialty Premiere Planning and Student Development in the amount of \$5,239.20 including shipping and handling. The funds will come from the teaching supplies budget for each elementary building.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

In the absence of Mr. Monday, Mr. McLeod and Mrs. Everly updated the board on the following:

- Mr. Monday is doing well following his surgery and is available via telephone.
- Follow up information on a couple items have been given to board members regarding pending issues.
- Monroe Public Schools will have a booth at the upcoming Monroe County Fair. Matt Cortez, MHS principal, will be in attendance for an hour each day so students and parents can be introduced to him.
- On August 9 and 10, Matt will be meeting with approximately twenty community leaders at their work locations.
- Our MHS marching band is in its annual band camp at MSU this week.
- Summer school classes end Thursday.
- MHS will hold registration August 2 and 3. During the second week of August, registration will be held for all new Virtual High School students.
- MHS will hold its annual registration day August 23 and 24 for sophomores, juniors and seniors. On August 25, the New Trojan Retreat for incoming freshmen will be held.
- Elementary open houses will be held August 30 from 5:30-7 PM while MMS open house will be August 31 from 5:30-7 PM.
- On August 31, board members are invited to attend the Bullycide Project to be held in the Meyer Theater in the La-Z-Boy Center at Monroe County Community College. This is a key piece of our anti-bullying program and will be presented to all of our staff members.

**Old Business**

Mr. VanWasshenova reported that the sub-committee formed to develop goals for the board and superintendent has met several times and is making good progress. Thanks to DTE, which has loaned us a person from their Human Resources Department, to assist us. The committee is formulating a plan and will present it to the other board members on August 23.

**New Business**

Mr. Vensel met earlier in the day with the central administrative team and noted that in the near future, bids will be going out for a new food service truck which has been in the planning stages for a couple of years. The money from this truck will be taken from the food service account. Mr. McLeod noted that with the new healthy food service guidelines, we may need to purchase new cooking equipment as well.

Mrs. Everly said that with the completion of the new science curriculum adoption, it will be necessary to purchase some consumables and 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum materials.

Mr. Vensel reported on a conversation he had earlier in the day with Dr. Nixon of the community college regarding the future of the radio station. It is possible that a four way partnership will be formed between Monroe Public Schools, Monroe County Community College, MPACT and the MCISD for the operation of the radio station which could benefit many students.

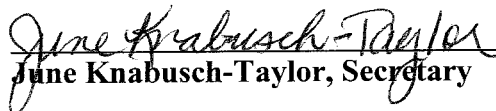
**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

There was none at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Benore that the July 26, 2011, Board Meeting #13 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:35 PM.

  
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary