

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #14

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

7:00 PM

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

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

Board Members Absent: Vice-President Kenneth McNamee

Administrators Present: Chris Butler, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod

Administrators Absent: Randy Monday

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Rescind Motion

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to rescind the motion adopted at the July 26, 2011 Board Meeting #13 to extend the custodial service agreement with Mulligan's Building Maintenance one additional year, expiring June 30, 2012.

Discussion: Board members had requested additional information on the custodial service agreement prior to this board meeting. In order to bring the motion to extend the custodial service agreement back for a vote, the original motion from the July 26th meeting had to be rescinded as the first order of business at this meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes

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

- July 26, 2011 Board Meeting #13

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor and Ms. Spicer abstained because they were not in attendance at the July 26, 2011 Board Meeting #13.

Reports and Update

There were none at this time.

Approval to Extend Custodial Service Agreement

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

Discussion: With the new agreement, Mr. Benore's concerns have been addressed. Mr. VanWasshenova was opposed to the agreement because it does not follow the original RFP. Mr. Vensel pointed out that we can bid it out again next year if we are not satisfied. Jerry Oley noted that Mulligan's bid was substantially lower than any of the other bids we received and the district is saving money by not having

to pay benefits for these employees.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

Elementary Science Consumables

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of 12 sixth grade science kits from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in the amount of \$16,354.80 including shipping and handling. The funds will come from each elementary building's curriculum teaching supply account.

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

Monroe Middle School Sidewalk Replacement

Motion by Dr. March; support by Ms. Spicer to accept the low bid from the City of Monroe to replace the sidewalks at Monroe Middle School for a total cost not to exceed \$20,313.00. Monies to be taken from the site sinking fund.

Discussion: When asked why we are replacing the sidewalk, Mr. McLeod stated that the sidewalks have been a safety issue for a number of years. This is a large traffic area that the majority of our middle school students use daily. It is anticipated that this project will be completed prior to the start of school.

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

Staff Resignation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the resignation of Dawn LaBell, effective July 31, 2011, from Monroe Public Schools.

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

Superintendent Comments

In Mr. Monday's absence, Mrs. Everly and Mr. McLeod updated the Board members regarding events in the district. Mr. Monday stopped by the Administration Building earlier in the day. He is doing well and will be back to work as soon as his doctors allow it.

Stephanie Cavanaugh began her duties as the new principal of Orchard Center High School and will be introduced at the next board meeting. Board members are invited to attend an ice cream social at OCHS on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Many teachers have been involved in professional studies and inservices over the summer. Monday, August 15, the 10 month administrators and secretaries will report back to work for the 2011/2012 school year and will spend the day on professional development, focusing on the district school improvement plan as well as technology.

We have had quite a number of people interested in our virtual high school program after learning about it at the recent county fair. This week, one of our graduates from last year's virtual high school program stopped in and picked up his diploma. This was a great accomplishment for him as he has had many obstacles to face in his life.

Bobb Vergiels reported on the success of the MPS booth presence at the Monroe County Fair. Matt Cortez, who attended every day for a few hours, was able to make many contacts with students and parents. Mr. Vergiels recognized the efforts of the volunteers who staffed the booth all week in support of Monroe Public Schools.

At the recent Monroe Middle School learning fair, students displayed work they had created during the summer. Several of these projects were on display in the board room for review.

Elementary schools will host their back to school open houses on Tuesday, August 30, from 5:30-7:00 PM, while Riverside Early Learning Center and Monroe Middle School's open houses will be Wednesday, August 31, from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Chris Butler was acknowledged for her many years of service to Monroe Public Schools as this would be the last board meeting she would attend.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

There was none at this time.

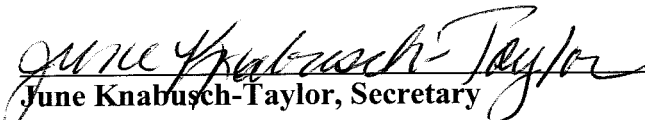
Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Benore; support by Dr. March that the August 9, 2011, Board Meeting #14 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

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


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary