

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #15

Tuesday, August 23, 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, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

Introduction – Stephanie Cavanaugh, Orchard Center Director

Mr. Monday introduced Stephanie Cavanaugh who has recently begun her duties as Director of Orchard Center replacing Ray Leighton. Ms. Cavanaugh invited board members to the Orchard Center ice cream social to be held Tuesday, August 30, from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Introduction – MHS Football Game Broadcasters

Brian Mathe and Ryan Weiss, MHS graduates, will be broadcasting MHS football games, with Bobb Vergiels in the broadcasting booth assisting them. Board members were invited to listen to the broadcast on Dream 97.5 if they are unable to attend the games in person.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- August 9, 2011 Board Meeting #14

Vote: Motion carried by 6-1 roll call vote. Dr. McNamee abstained.

Reports and Update

The August 1, 2011 Board Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes and the August 9, 2011 Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes were received without comments.

Authorization to Attend Conferences-MASB & NSBA

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Benore to authorize the attendance of board members to attend the 2011 Annual Fall MASB Leadership Conference, October 27-30, 2011 in Traverse City, MI; and the NSBA Annual Conference, April 21-23, 2012 in Boston, MA, and to approve the related

expenditures within the guidelines of Bylaw BHD and to reimburse said board members for additional applicable expenditures up to the amounts permitted by the bylaw.

Discussion: Mr. Benore questioned where the money for these conferences comes from and was informed that money is budgeted for this type of professional development every year. Any money not used goes back to the general fund. Dr. McNamee would like to limit the number of board members that attend the conferences who would then bring information back to share with other board members. He would rather use the funds allotted in other ways.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-3 roll call vote. Dr. March, Dr. McNamee and Mr. Benore voted no.

Staff Resignation

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignation of Ryan Starr, effective August 19, 2011, from Monroe Public Schools.

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

Secretarial Appointment

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Dr. March to approve the appointment of Stefanie McLeod as a secretary with Monroe Public Schools effective August 15, 2011 and place on the Class 3 10 month step 1 salary pro-rated for the 2011/12 school year as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Mrs. Everly is the administrator overseeing elementary personnel.

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

Ratification of the Custodial-Maintenance Master Agreement

Motion by Dr. March; support by Dr. McNamee to ratify the Master Agreement for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 between the MCESPA/MEA (Custodial/Maintenance) and the Monroe Board of Education effective September 1, 2011.

Discussion: Board members would like to see the entire contract with the changes included. They will be provided a complete copy before voting on this motion. Therefore, no vote was taken.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to table the ratification of the custodial-maintenance master agreement until they get the entire contract to review.

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

Elementary Student Learning Portfolios

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee to approve the purchase of 4,000 Student Learning Portfolio folders from Gary Schroeder and Associates in the amount of \$4,520.00 plus shipping and handling.

Discussion: Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor asked about the cost for shipping and handling. The cost for the folders has not increased from last year. It was not bid out but was suggested this item be put out for bid next year. Our print shop machines are not designed to handle the heavy laminate paper needed for these folders.

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

Purchase – Food Service Truck

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to accept the low bid from Gorno Brothers, Inc. in Woodhaven, Michigan to purchase a 2012 F550 refrigerated truck at a total cost not to exceed \$59,013 and reject all other bids. Money to be taken from the Food Service Fund.

Discussion: The trade-in value of the old truck is only \$5,000 and is thirteen years old. We will be able to use it as a secondary back-up truck in case of emergencies. No local dealers bid on the truck.

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

Purchase – iPads

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Vensel to approve the purchase of 20 iPADS from Apple, Inc. for a total cost not to exceed \$9,580. Purchase to be funded from the Technology millage.

Discussion: The cost of the iPads is half the cost of laptops. Administrators will receive in house training and will learn to utilize data in decision making. All teachers are now required to be evaluated annually, so principals will be spending a great deal of time away from their offices and in the classrooms. These iPads will assist then in being away from the office, but still being able to receive and send communications instantly.

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

Knabusch Math & Science Center Remodel – Michigan Gas

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve payment to Michigan Gas in the amount of \$16,233.70 to install a natural gas line at the Knabusch Math and Science Center. Monies to be taken from the General Fund.

Discussion: The money to install the natural gas line at the Knabusch Math and Science Center may not come from the sinking fund because we do not own the building. The MCISD will reimburse us half of the \$16,233.70 as agreed upon in our contract with them. Architects recommended natural gas rather than propane, as propane is becoming cost prohibitive. Although we cancelled the ninth grade class at the Knabusch Math and Science Center, we will have more children attend there than before as it is now available for elementary students from throughout the county.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Mr. Monday thanked Ryan McLeod and Julie Everly for their assistance during his recent absence.
- Monroe High School's jazz band will be performing at the Detroit International Jazz Festival on Labor Day. This is the sixteenth time they have performed at the festival.
- Monroe Middle School will hold an open house on Wednesday, August 31st. Mrs. Flynn, Principal, reported that parents will have an opportunity to accompany their child from class to class that evening. Orchard Center's Ice Cream Social and the elementary open houses will be Tuesday, August 30th from 5:30-7:00 PM. Riverside Early Learning Center's open house will be August 31st. Mrs. McMahan, Principal of Manor Elementary, noted that due to the limited parking available, open house at Manor would be staggered with lower and upper elementary parents arriving at different times.

- One of our Lotus Leaf (MHS newspaper) reporters will write about their experiences on the first day of school and the story will run in the Monroe Evening News on September 7th.
- Transportation will have the bus routes assigned soon. Mr. Oley took on additional duties of the Fenmoor Operations and has made many positive improvements.
- Thank you to Connie Fox and the Technology Department for the recent Summer Technology Institute for teachers. It was very successful with over 100 teachers participating in 41 classes. Mrs. Fox gave credit to all MPS personnel who made the institute a positive experience.
- Returning teaching staff will have two days of professional development activities August 30-31, 2011.
- Homecoming week at Monroe High School begins with a Monroe Tastefest on Saturday, October 15 followed by a full week of fun activities for the students and staff. Student organizations at MHS will also be participating in the annual Bed Race in downtown Monroe on Saturday, October 16.
- Interviews will be held next week for two vacant administrative positions.

Old Business

Mr. Vergiels noted that we have had three separate proposals regarding the radio station.

New Business

Dr. McNamee stated that we are asking employees to accept additional duties and responsibilities and asked if they are being compensated. Mr. Monday is planning to get direction from the board on this issue and agrees that it needs to be evaluated.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the August 23, 2011, Board Meeting #15 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:05 PM.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary