

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #16

Tuesday, September 13, 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 7:10 PM.

### **Back to School Report**

Julie Everly and Ryan McLeod distributed a written report highlighting the many positive things that happened during the first week of the 2011/12 school year. We have 590 kindergarten students which is an increase from our projected enrollment. Transportation had one of its smoothest starts ever and the open houses at the elementary and middle schools helped prepare students and parents for the new school year. Monroe High School will host their open house on September 21 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Many thanks are given to all employee groups for the preparation necessary for a successful opening of the school year.

### **Annual Report**

Dr. Barry Martin presented the annual report to the Board of Education. The annual district and individual school reports can be found on the Monroe Public Schools website and in each of our buildings. Included in the reports are MEAP scores, AYP scores and various pieces of teacher quality data. For schools that did not make AYP, the reasons for this and what is being done to address the issues are also included. These reports are very detailed and contain MI-Access data, attendance rate, as well as the graduation rate.

### **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:

- August 23, 2011 Work Session
- August 23, 2011 Board Meeting #15
- August 30, 2011 Special Work Session
- September 1, 2011 Special Board Meeting
- September 7, 2011 Special Work Session

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

**Reports and Update**

The September 7, 2011 Community Relations Committee meeting minutes were accepted without comment.

The TSSI Informational Report – Contracted Coaches, was brought before the board because there were changes from the original list and some positions were not named when it was first brought before the board in the spring.

**Staff Resignations**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee to approve the resignations of Jonathan Scharf and Laura Strube, effective September 13, 2011, and the resignation of Ron Brown, effective August 31, 2011, from Monroe Public Schools.

Discussion: At the point, we still have 12 staff members on layoff; two of those staff members have declined recall at this time. Board members and administrators agreed that Ron Brown was a fine person and great employee and he will be missed.

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

**Recall from Layoff**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the recall of Katie Collins from the Monroe Public Schools layoff list, to 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 August 30, 2011.

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

**School Nurse**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to table the motion to approve the school nurse restructuring and budget reduction proposal.

Discussion: The school nurse restructuring and budget reduction proposal will be brought before the Personnel Committee for discussion before bringing it back to the board for a vote.

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

**Coaching Recommendations**

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve Bobby Wood and Russ Columbus for the fall 2011/12 season as per the MCEA master agreement

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

**Ratification of Custodial/Maintenance Agreement**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March 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.

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

**Ratification of Bus Drivers Agreement**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to ratify the Master Agreement for July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 between the Teamsters Local 214 Bus Drivers and the Monroe Board of Education effective September 13, 2011.

Note: The regionalization language on Page 7 was removed.

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

**Election of Treasurer**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to appoint Katherine Eighmey as Treasurer of Monroe Public Schools Board of Education for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

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

**Appointment of School Election Administrator**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Benore to approve the following: I, June Knabusch-Taylor, secretary of the Monroe Board of Education, do hereby appoint Robert Vergiels, Facilitator, Communications/Public Relations/Marketing, to administer all matters pertaining to the Monroe Public School District elections for the remainder of the year 2011, and that a signed Constitutional Oath of Office be affixed to the official minutes of the Board of Education.

Discussion: This appointment of Robert Vergiels as school election administrator will be at no additional cost to the district.

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

**Consent Agenda – Facsimile Signatures**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor ; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that Agenda Items C.12 through C.18 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

C.12 - Adopt the Resolution for Facsimile Signature – **Monroe Bank and Trust** for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

C.13 - Adopt the Resolution for Facsimile Signature – **PNC Bank** for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

C.14 - Adopt the Resolution for Facsimile Signature – **Fifth Third Bank** for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

C.15 - Adopt the Resolution for Facsimile Signature – **Education Plus Credit Union** for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

C.16 - Adopt the Resolution for Facsimile Signature – **Flagstar Bank** for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

C.17 - Adopt the Resolution for Facsimile Signature – **Wells Fargo Bank** for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

C.18 - Adopt the Resolution for Facsimile Signature – **Key Bank** for the remainder of the 2011 calendar year.

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

**Robotics Curriculum Items**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of electronic robotics items to be used for the Introduction to Engineering and Advanced Robotics Classes not to exceed the amount of \$9,221.95.

Discussion: The money for this purchase will come from the CTE and Perkins Account. This is single source supplier. We are still in partnership with DTE.

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

**Purchase – Web Subscription**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of a one year Turnitin web subscription at a total cost not to exceed \$4,510. This purchase will be funded from the Technology millage fund.

Discussion: Teachers have been trained on this software, it is user friendly, and we have already received positive feedback on this program. Students will submit papers to teachers electronically and the software

will determine if any plagiarism may have been used. For those students who do not have computers at home, access to school computers in the MHS library both before and after school hours will be available.  
Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

#### **Purchase – Technology Supplemental Equipment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the purchase of 20 Dell Desktops, 20 Dell Monitors, 64 Dell Laptops, 3 Laptop Carts and 16 Cisco Wireless Access Points at a cost not to exceed \$92,258.09. These purchases will be funded from the Technology millage fund.

Discussion: These items are needed to complete the technology refresh which was begun in the summer.

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

#### **Superintendent Comments**

- Although official enrollment counts are not in yet, it appears at this time we are very close to last year's numbers.
- Sixth grade band and string members will visit elementary buildings Thursday to recruit 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to join one of the groups.
- The Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools will have a fundraiser on October 10<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Wild Wings. Twenty percent of the proceeds for the day will be given to the foundation.
- The Community Education fall classes brochure is now available.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Benore said that the Board should begin thinking about pro-active plans for empty school buildings. Mr. VanWasshenova added that this is the last year we can keep them vacant before upgrades need to be made. Ms. Spicer noted that a gentleman from DTE would like to tour Christiancy and has some ideas regarding a possible use.

Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor suggested the policy committee look at limiting the number of Board of Education members who attend conferences.

Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor also noted the Foundation brochure as an excellent resource to explain the purpose and goals of the Education Foundation.

#### **New Business**

There was none at this time.

#### **Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Selma Rankins spoke about the achievement gap on the MEAP scores shown in the annual report and mentioned accomplishments of a current student as well as a former MHS student.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the September 13, 2011, Board Meeting #16 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

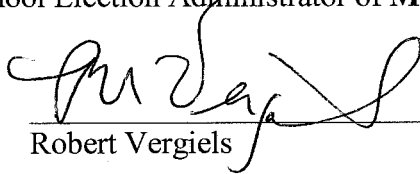
Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:10 PM.

  
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**June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary**

**ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

I do hereby accept the office of School Election Administrator of **Monroe Public Schools, Monroe, Michigan.**

Dated: **September 13, 2011**

  
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Robert Vergiels

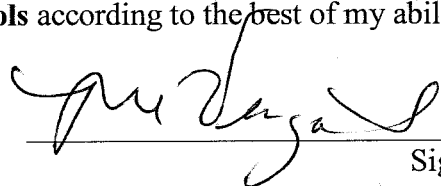
**CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE**

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF **MONROE**

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of **Monroe** appeared

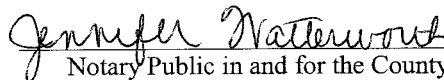
**Robert Vergiels** who took and subscribed the following oath:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of school election administrator of the board of education of **Monroe Public Schools** according to the best of my ability."

  
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Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

14<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, A.D., 2011

  
Notary Public in and for the County of  
Monroe, State of Michigan

My commission expires 4-8, 2011

