

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #17

Tuesday, September 27, 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, Kathy Eighmey

Administrators Absent: None

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 Dr. McNamee; support by Dr. March to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- September 13, 2011 Work Session
- September 13, 2011 Board Meeting #16

Discussion: Ms. Spicer pointed out two changes to the minutes. The first is in regard to the school nurse restructuring and budget reduction proposal. It should be noted that the motion was tabled and referred to the Personnel Committee for further discussion before being brought back before the Board of Education for a vote. The second change is in reference to the appointment of a school election administrator. The minutes should reflect that there will be no charge to the district with this appointment.

Motion by Dr. McNamee, support by Dr. March to approve the minutes of the following meetings with the two changes noted:

- September 13, 2011 Work Session
- September 13, 2011 Board Meeting #16

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

Reports and Update

- September 22, 2011 Board Policy Committee Minutes

Discussion: Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor would like the word "athletics" included in the anti-bullying policy. Mr. Monday pointed out that the intent of the policy is to cover all school related functions, which would include athletic events. Members of the Board Policy Committee noted that the policy also covers employees as well and that they are still reviewing and suggesting changes to Dr. Martin. Omitted from the policy, however, are plans for enforcement. A suggestion might be to get members from the community to form a panel to listen to the complaints. The end result is that the plan will be thorough and comprehensive. The committee may meet before the October 27th board meeting in order to bring the anti-bullying policy before the board for its first reading.

School Nurse Restructuring

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the school nurse restructuring and budget reduction proposal as presented.

Discussion: The restructuring plan was designed with extensive input from the Personnel Committee, health department and Mercy-Memorial Hospital personnel. The motion is to accept all three parts of the restructuring plan, but would be evaluated at the end of the school year to determine if we indeed needed the services. Dr. McNamee pointed out that with this plan we are getting a lot for our money. He also referred to an unsigned letter board members received at their seats regarding the restructuring plan. Anonymously written communications are often disregarded. Mrs. Everly noted that with this new plan, we are actually getting 82 hours of health care services, which more than doubles the hours available last year, at a smaller cost to the district. In fact, with this proposed restructuring, MMS and MHS will now have regularly scheduled health care services unlike past years when they had none. Mr. VanWasshenova credited the doctors for their expertise in this matter.

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

Staff Resignation

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignation of Connie Fox effective September 30, 2011, from Monroe Public Schools.

Discussion: Connie has been a valuable member of the technology team.

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

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the appointment of Patricia Stefanski as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 25, 2011 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Through the layoff and recall process, a teacher chose to pass an opening as he had accepted a position at another school. Our part-time resource room teacher took the full time opening, which left her position vacant. No one else on the lay-off list qualified, therefore, this position was vacant.

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

CTE Purchase of 3D Model Printer

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of the Dimension uPrint Educational Package as specified in quote from Advanced Technologies Consultants, Inc., Northville, Michigan, not to exceed \$19,915. Monies are to be taken from the Perkins Grant and CTE Added Cost funds.

Discussion: Before the motion, Mr. Ferrara stated this this printer takes a three dimensional drawing, sends it to a printer and the machine builds the model, layer by layer, into a hard plastic replica. There are a number of three dimensional printers, but this particular model is from a single source provider.

After the motion, Dr. McNamee asked for the definition of a single source provider and the Perkins Grant. Mr. Ferrara brought a few other quotes with him, but those products did not meet the CTE department needs with a reliable finished product, thus only a single source is able to provide the product needed for the MHS program. The Perkins Grant is federal money allocated from a grant that is earmarked for CTE programs only. The only replacement supply needed to operate this piece of equipment is weed-wacker material, which is relatively inexpensive.

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

NSBA 2012 Membership Dues

Motion by Dr. March; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the 2012 membership dues to the National School Boards Association in the amount of \$4,525.00

Discussion: Several questions were raised regarding NSBA membership.

- Does administration feel it necessary to belong?
- Can you belong to MSBA without paying dues for NSBA membership?
- Do we pay dues to belong to MSBA?

Mr. Monday said it is important to have this service to receive information regarding pending federal legislation. More information will be provided to board members on this organization.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to table the motion until board members receive more information on the benefits of belonging to NSBA

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

Superintendent Comments

- Mr. Monday distributed a press release and congratulated Dave Vensel on his appointment to the Governor's Council on Educator Effectiveness. Mr. Vensel thanked Senator Randy Richardville for his nomination to this council and acknowledged the high quality of education in Monroe County.
- On September 28th, President Obama will address students across the country in his annual Back to School address, and several of our schools plan to participate.
- Congratulations to MMS for being accepted into the Affiliate Schools Program of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, which will make a tremendous amount of resources available for teaching history. Thank you to Carol Sliwka, social studies consultant, for finding and pursuing this grant.
- Wednesday, October 5th, is student count day. It will be more important than ever for our students to be counted as this will represent 90% of our state support rather than 75% as it has in the past.
- Congratulations to MHS football Trojans and their coach, Eric Redmond, on their 5-0 record this season.
- Finally, a reminder to the Board of Education that there will be a student discipline hearing on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

Dr. March suggested discussions need to begin regarding the demolition of Lincoln and Christiancy. The costs to keep them open are a drain on the system. A gentleman from DTE is able to recycle some of the materials from these buildings.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

A parent of a high risk student asked the board about their plans for medical needs of students once Mrs. Heck retires Friday. It was suggested that the parent meet with Mrs. Everly, Mr. McLeod and Mr. Monday for further discussion.

Bill Connor, concerned citizen, discussed the need to stay in tune with legislation in Lansing as it will greatly impact the public school system. He suggested writing letters to our congressmen voicing our

concerns. Mr. Monday assured Mr. Connor that administration, and also our union leadership, stay involved with current legislation and also have a lobbyist that works with us on a regular basis.

Adjournment

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the September 27, 2011, Board Meeting #17 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:54 PM.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary