

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #19

Tuesday, October 25, 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, Katherine Eighmey

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was no public commentary at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- October 11, 2011 Board Work Session
- October 11, 2011 Board Meeting #18

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

Reports and Update

The following board committee minutes were accepted without comment:

- October 11, 2011 Board Curriculum Committee
- October 17, 2011 Board Personnel Committee
- October 18, 2011 Board Policy Committee

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee to approve the resignation of Tracy Ledda effective October 20, 2011, from Monroe Public Schools.

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

Recall from Layoff – Teacher

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee to approve the recall of Traci Wilson 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 October 20, 2011.

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

Accounting Supervisor Appointment

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Dr. March to approve the appointment of Ryan Kunzelman as the Accounting Supervisor effective November 1, 2011 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

In State Overnight Trip

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. Benore to approve Monroe Middle School choir students' in state overnight trip to Mackinac Island on May 18, returning May 19, 2012 according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Mrs. Dinwoody explained that the 7th and 8th grade students participating in this trip will perform in a non-competitive festival, tour the island and spend the night there. Ms. Spicer noted that local businesses would be able to assist in fundraising efforts.

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

Anti-Bullying Policy – First Reading

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Benore to place the MPS Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy on the agenda as a discussion item and first reading.

Discussion: Mr. Benore acknowledged the Bully Prevention Task Force committee on the time and effort spent on this policy and was pleased that the policy encompassed everyone associated with the district, not only students. Work is still being done on the enforcement portion of the policy.

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

Best Practices Incentive Resolution

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resolution certifying the district's compliance with the required best practices.

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

Sale of Radio Station

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the sale of the WYDM radio station license and equipment to Monroe Public Access Cable Television for a cost of \$25,000.

Discussion: Bill LaVoy, Executive Director of MPACT, explained that MPACT is a non-profit organization, and Monroe Public Schools has a representative on the board. The radio station will still be usable by our students but will be moved to the Benesh building. The tower and antenna will remain at Monroe High School due to FCC regulations.

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

Raisinville Septic Tank Pump

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the purchase and installation for submersible septic pumps from Able Sanitary Service, Carleton, Michigan at a cost not to exceed \$8,877. Monies to be taken from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Our annual United Way drive is at 25% of its goal with two weeks remaining.
- Our MHS Trojans football team will travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer this Friday. Voting for the game of the week broadcast by Channel 7 News is taking place on the news' website.

- Congratulations to MHS seniors Marina Aguilera and Marvin Antwih who were named 2011 Homecoming Queen and King at last week's football game.
- The MHS chapter of the National Technical Honor Society will induct seventeen new members October 26, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the MHS auditorium.

Mr. Monday then called on Bobb Vergiels for additional news around the district:

- Raisinville principal, Mary Ann Cyr, found an abandoned puppy outside the school's dumpster a couple weeks ago. The staff and students have been caring for the puppy and hope to place her in a good home when she is old enough.
- November 5th at 9:00 AM at Monroe High School, the VEX Robotics competition, featuring more than twenty teams from around Michigan, will be held.
- On Saturday, November 5 from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, Custer Elementary will hold their annual craft show and Mom-to-Mom sale.
- Also on November 5th, the MHS Student Council and other student groups will host a Family Fun Day at the Mall of Monroe from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.
- Oktoberfest will be held from 5-8:00 PM Friday, October 28 at Arborwood South.
- The first full week of November is National Reader's Week. Both Custer and Arborwood are participating and would enjoy having board members or administrators read to them.
- The local Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization has started up its Lunch Buddies program at Arborwood, Custer and Waterloo this year.
- Seven MMS students have been selected for the state level honor choir which will perform in Grand Rapids in January. Also, five MHS singers were chosen for the Michigan School vocal Music Association Regional Honors Choir after recent auditions.
- Kayla Lockmiller, MHS senior, has been selected by her peers as the MHS Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen.
- Teams from MHS took second and third places in the Special Urban Transportation Competition on October 14, sponsored by MDOT and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.
- Students at MMS are working with the women at St. Paul's United Methodist Church and the La-Z-Boy Chair Company putting together sleeping bags which are distributed to local shelters.
- Channel 11 news will be at Riverside Early Learning Center Wednesday, October 26 to do a story about a new MHS class called "Picture Books and Preschoolers". The students in this course go to Riverside to work with four-year-olds, playing with them, talking with them and reading to them.
- Please vote for the Monroe-Ann Arbor Pioneer game as the Channel 7 featured game this Friday.
- The MHS girls' volleyball team is participating in Volley for the Cure on October 27th in which they will play Ida girls' volleyball team in an effort to raise money to help find a cure for breast cancer.
- Mr. Monday noted that Monroe recently lost a great leader, former superintendent David Taylor, who will be missed.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

Mr. Benore attended many MHS homecoming activities the previous week and commended the staff, in particular, Anne Knabusch, on a job well done.

Ms. Spicer would like to see pictures of former superintendents displayed. Mr. Monday will try to locate pictures.

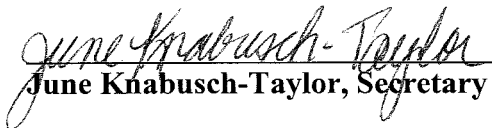
Public Commentary-Any Topic

1. Julie DeSloover, parent of two home-schooled children, one student who is attending Monroe Middle College, and one student attending Arborwood, would like to see Christiancy become a K-8 magnet school. Mrs. DeSloover thinks this would be a great opportunity for the Christiancy building as MPS is losing students to charter, home-schooling and parochials.
2. Andrea Livingston, parent of two students attending Arborwood, would also like to see Christiancy become a magnet school to retain high achieving, talented and gifted students.
3. Selma Rankins, citizen, would like MPS to hire someone to help close the achievement gap.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee that the October 25, 2011, Board Meeting #19 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:50 PM.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary