

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #20

Tuesday, November 8, 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 7:11 PM.

Phone Book Recycling – Waterloo

Bobb Vergiels introduced Lisa McLaughlin, principal of Waterloo School, Kim Pearch, teacher, Jamie Dean, representative from the Monroe County Health Department and three Waterloo students, Noah, Dane and Dylan. They attended the board meeting to promote their second annual phone book recycling project. Phone books can be dropped off in the bin at Waterloo from now through December 12th. Last year, 2.4 tons were collected resulting in Waterloo earning \$300. Board members contributed their phone books to the effort.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins stated that all teachers that are currently laid off should be brought back to work before hiring new people or purchasing equipment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted with one change. On the October 25, 2011 Board Work Session minutes, it will be noted that Dr. McNamee opened the discussion rather than Mr. Vensel.

- October 25, 2011 Board Work Session
- October 25, 2011 Board Meeting #19
- November 1, 2011 Special Board Meetings (two sets)

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

Reports and Update

The following minutes and reports were received without comments:

- Board Physical Resource Committee Minutes – October 19, 2011
- Informational Report – Contracted Coaches
- Resolution Opposing the “Parent Empowerment” and “Dual Enrollment” Senate Bills as approved at the November 2, 2011 MCABOE general membership meeting.

School Nurse Recommendation

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Dr. March to approve the recommendation to contract with Temporary School Staff, Inc. for the placement of Chiara Messer as a part time school nurse in the Monroe Public School district upon completion of criminal history verifications.

Discussion: With the new plan for contracting with TSSI, hiring a part-time nurse and two medical assistants, the district will save approximately \$7,000 per year.

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

Medical Assistants Recommendation

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve a recommendation to contract with Temporary School Staff, Inc. for the placement of Heather Bibb as a medical assistant in the Monroe Public Schools district upon completion of a criminal history verification.

Discussion: One medical assistant that was to be recommended for a position has recently been accepted to nursing school, so she has withdrawn her application. Instead, administration will review the interview panel's recommendation and look for another candidate to fill the second position available.

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

Coaching Recommendation

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve Tara Dessauer for the winter 2011/12 season as per the MCEA master agreement.

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

Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy – Adoption

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Benore to waive the third reading of the Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy and adopt the policy as written effective November 8, 2011.

Discussion: Legislation passed this week for all school boards to adopt anti-bullying/harassment policies. This has been a great effort by our Bully Prevention Task Force.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for grades K-8 next week. Elementary schools are scheduled on November 15 and 17, while MMS will hold their conferences November 16 and 17.
- Sixth grade students from Manor will walk to Veteran's Park on Friday, November 11 as part of a Veteran's Day observance.
- One of our MMS eighth grade students has published a fictional book which is on sale on line.
- Channel 11 weathercaster, Chris Vickers, will speak to MMS students November 16 about violent weather which they are currently studying.
- A Monroe Public Schools bus will be parked at Danny's Fine Foods November 12. The bus is being used in a promotion by My 98.3 FM to "stuff the bus" with food which then will be provided to the MCOP for distribution to those less fortunate.
- Custer and Arborwood are participating in National Young Readers Week where a number of people from our staff and community come into our classrooms and read to the children, sharing their love of reading.
- MHS students are participating in the Sodexo Healthy High School Challenge against high schools from around the country to win up to \$5,000 for the school. Thanks to Sodexo for sponsoring this contest to help our students eat healthy and for giving us a chance to win money for the school.

- Custer Elementary student council is participating in a drive to collect items for the Monroe County Opportunity Program in conjunction with Homeless Awareness Week. Items sought are socks, hats, scarves, personal hygiene products, mittens and gloves.
- MHS students are collecting canned food for Gleaners of Southeast Michigan and the North Monroe Street Church of God Food Ministries.
- NJHS students from MMS are participating in the Walk for Warmth on November 12.
- November 19 at 4:00 PM is the Monroe Holiday Parade. Participating this year will be our homecoming king, queen, prince and princess.
- Mr. McLeod then added that the ecology students of the Knabusch Math & Science Center will be presenting their work November 22 from 8-10:30 AM.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

An update on the Monroe Public Schools Education Foundation will be placed on the November 22, 2011 board meeting agenda.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

- Parent Andrea Livingston expressed her appreciation to the board for exploring alternative educational opportunities for the students of Monroe. She reiterated that what she was interested in was not about a building, but rather an opportunity analysis.
- Holly Wallace, employee and parent, is pleased with the education her children are receiving at Monroe Public Schools and believes in the ideals of the American public school system that education is for all children.
- Laura Lavender, employee and community member, asked that the board consider all possibilities for both Lincoln and Christiancy or tear them both down. All of our students deserve to have the best education provided by the best educators.
- Selma Rankins, citizen, complimented speakers and board members on their comments regarding the disposition of Lincoln and Christiancy.
- Amy Pace, employee, asked the board to consider additions to existing buildings as an alternative to opening a closed building.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the November 8, 2011, Board Meeting #20 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