

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #21

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

7:00 PM

## MINUTES

### Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Dave Vensel, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Tedd March, Trustee Ronald Benore, Jr., Trustee Wendy Spicer, and Trustee Larry VanWasshenova

Board Members Absent: Vice President Ken McNamee

Administrators Present: Randy Monday, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey

Administrators Absent: None

President Vensel called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

### MHS Interact Club – Chill Out Group

A representative from the Monroe High School Interact Club, along with her advisor, Sue Birdwell-Jones, attended the board meeting and reported on the club's recent activities. Board members were shown a video of the interact group spending the night outside sleeping in boxes experiencing life as homeless people would. The group raised \$1,075 which will be used to purchase a shelter box. The box contains items homeless people need to survive. The Interact Club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Monroe.

### 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 following minutes:

- November 8, 2011 Work Session
- November 8, 2011 Board Meeting #20
- November 10, 2011 Special Board Meeting (2 sets)

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

### Reports and Update

There were none at this time.

### Staff Resignation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the resignation of Gregory Sype effective November 7, 2011, from Monroe Public Schools.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

### Medical Assistant Recommendation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve a recommendation to contract with Temporary School Staff, Inc. for the placement of Francine Chambers as a medical assistant in the Monroe Public Schools district upon completion of criminal history verification.

Discussion: This is a 35 hour/week position with no benefits, and the medical assistants are TSSI employees.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

#### **Purchase Approval for FIRST Robotics Team Registration Fee**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve registration fees for the FIRST Robotics Team, not to exceed \$4,000. Monies for this purchase will come from Added Cost funds.

Discussion: Added cost funds are those filtered from the federal government through the state government for career and technical programs. The travel expenses for the trip will be covered by fundraisers.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

#### **Resolution for Participation in an Out-of-District Special Education Transportation System**

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to deny the resolution to support the recommendation set forth by Management Partnership Services, Inc., for the creation of a single entity for the provision of out-of-district special education transportation managed by MCISD and request that the MCISD move forward and develop a regional plan for special education transportation which would include the transportation of the out-of-district Monroe students with disabilities beginning with the 2012/13 school year.

Discussion: Several board members felt they had not received enough information in order to approve the resolution. Exact cost savings were unknown and some felt if the resolution were passed, the benefits would not be as much for Monroe as it would for smaller districts. Monroe would like to cooperate with the MCISD, but more information is needed as to how many students would be involved, time limits a student would be on a bus, cost per child to Monroe for this service, etc. Mr. Monday did explain that when these questions were asked, Nancy Swanson explained that these answers would not be available until it is determined which districts would be participating.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

#### **Naming MHS Weight Room**

Motion by Ms. Spicer; support by Mr. Vensel to appoint a committee to investigate naming the weight room at Monroe High School after Lawrence Cooley, former MHS student and athlete.

Discussion: Board policy requires three options before a vote is taken when naming a building or a room. Lawrence Cooley was a Monroe High School graduate who played football at the University of Nebraska. Lawrence became a great athlete in part because of weight training. Scholarships are regularly given in his name by the Cooley family.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

#### **Superintendent Comments**

- The MPS Education Foundation has awarded ten mini grants to classroom teachers for various innovative classroom ideas. The recipients will be invited to the December 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to be recognized by the board.
- MHS student council collected 3,556 non-perishable food items which were delivered to the Gleaners of Southeast Michigan and the North Monroe Street Church of God Food Ministries.
- The Custer student council collected 26 large boxes of personal and hygiene items for the MCOP which will provide the items to the area homeless population.
- MMS NJHS members sold \$150 worth of atomic fire ball candy, collected 350 pieces of winter outerwear items and had twenty-seven members participate in the annual MCOP Walk for Warmth.

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, students in Holli Weaver's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at Custer will get together with MCCC students in Mark Bergmooser's class who have been collaborating on writing projects over the past couple of months.
- The MHS vocal music department will present its annual Madrigal Dinner on December 9 and 10 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.
- Four vocal music performers earned top honors recently in the Michigan School Vocal Music Association Musical Theater Solo and Ensemble Festival in Howell.
- There will be a half day of school on November 23, 2011.

**Old Business**

There was none at this time.

**New Business**

There was none at this time.

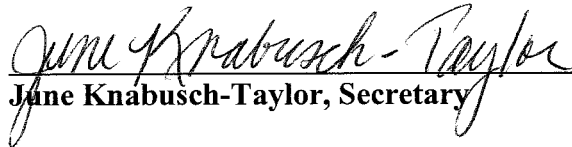
**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

There was none at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the November 22, 2011, Board Meeting #21 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:45 PM.

  
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Jane Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary