

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #8

May 12, 2015

7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### **Roll Call and Call to Order**

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Secretary Ryan Philbeck, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, David Payne

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### **Fundraiser**

Monroe Middle School student Chloe Maurer shared information about a fundraiser she is organizing at MMS and Arborwood for a charity that she created, Cartwheels for Kids. Funds that are raised will go towards helping kids at Promedica Hospital in Monroe. Her goal is to raise \$450.00 between both schools.

### **Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only**

There was none at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- April 28, 2015, Board Work Session
- April 28, 2015, Board Meeting #7
- April 28, 2015, Closed Session (2 sets)
- May 5, 2015, Special Work Session
- May 5, 2015, Closed Session

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

### **Reports and Update**

The following Informational Reports were received: Contracted Services Recommendations, Contracted Coaches, and Club Paid Coaches.

### **Staff Resignation**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools of Kyle Christensen as of August 3, 2015.

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

**Ratification of the Union Administrator Master Agreement**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to ratify the Master Agreement for July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 between the Michigan Federation of School Administrators and the Monroe Board of Education effective April 24, 2015.

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

**Exempt Administrative Contract**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve administrative contract for Dr. Barry Martin as recommended for the 2015-2016 through 2017-2018 school years.

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

**Exempt Administrative Contract Extension**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve administrative contract extension for Julie Everly and Ryan McLeod as recommended for the 2016/2017 school year.

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

**Exempt Administrative Contract Extension**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve administrative contract extension for Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, and David Payne as recommended for the 2015/16 school year.

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

**Administrative Contract Extensions**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve administrative contract extensions for: Montyne Barbee, Jennifer Bennett, Mary Ann Cyr, Kim Diven, William Ferrara, Cindy Flynn, Chantele Henry, Teresa Joseph, Lisa McLaughlin, Jeff McVeigh, Valerie Orr, Steve Pollzzie, John Ray, Timothy Salenbien, Alex Schukow, and Jessica Shultz as recommended for the 2015/16 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Yeo thanked the entire administrative team for the work they do each and every day.

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

**Reinstatement Committee Recommendation**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the recommendation of Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee that Student #1 be reinstated at Orchard Center High School for the 2015-2016 school year; Student #2 be reinstated and finish current classes at Monroe Virtual High School.

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

**Professional Development at MHS – Kathleen Kryza**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the contracted professional development and coaching services from Kathleen Kryza for the 2015-16 school year for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. This expenditure will be covered using Secondary Curriculum Funds.

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

**Mathematics Materials Purchase – MHS and OCHS**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of McGraw Hill Core Plus Mathematics for grades 9 through 12 which will support the mathematics curriculum alignment with the National Common Core at an amount not to exceed \$155,852.63. Funds for this purchase will come from the curriculum materials budget.

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman hopes the state and federal mandates continue to allow us the thirteen year

time period it will take to see the full effect. The state hasn't been able to provide us with reliable data to follow a student K-12. Mr. Yeo agreed with the need for consistency. Mrs. Everly stated that we are aligned with materials that are supported by the National Science Foundation, which is the gold seal in the industry.

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

### **Food Service Equipment Purchase**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the purchase of the above stated food service equipment from Hubert for a cost of \$81,886.58 plus freight and accessories, not to exceed \$104,816.64. Cost for this purchase will come from the 2013/14 excess food service fund balance.

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

### **2015 MCISD Board Member Resolution**

The 2015 MCISD Board Member Resolution was reviewed.

### **Superintendent Comments**

We had a very successful Decision Day at Monroe High School on Friday, May 1, which followed a successful college and career festival for parents and students the night before. About 400 of our seniors declared their post-secondary plans. Johnathon Brown who had been accepted at eight of the leading colleges and universities in the country, decided to attend MIT. He is the third MHS student to be accepted into MIT in the last five years.

We wish our seniors well as they prepare to graduate on Friday, May 29, in ceremonies at Monroe High School, which once again will be streamed live on YouTube. The Monroe Council of Churches will hold a baccalaureate service at MHS for our graduates and those of other schools at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 28. Also, at the board meeting on May 26 we will honor those MHS students who have earned scholarships through our Education Foundation Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors.

Honors programs are scheduled at Monroe High School and at Monroe Middle School over the next few weeks. At Monroe High, the Underclassmen Awards Ceremony is this Thursday night at 7 p.m., the Instrumental Awards Night is at 6 p.m. next Tuesday and the Senior Awards Ceremony is 7 p.m., May 20. At MMS, the National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony is set for 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, and the annual Awards Night will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 26.

There are about ten instrumental and vocal music concerts still to be performed at all levels of our schools between now and the end of the school year. At those concerts you will be able to enjoy a number of vocal and instrumental musicians, including several groups, which have won state awards during this school year.

Plans are well underway for our Summer Learning Academy and our summer environmental program at the Knabusch Math and Science Center. There will be six, one-week camps at the Knabusch Math and Science Center, and we have already received out of district phone calls from families wishing to send their children. Invitations for our preK-12 Summer Learning Academy have been sent to students who have shown the need for support in reading and math, or need credits towards graduation. The SLA will be held at MHS, and will include a lunch component this year. Working with the local distributor of the federal summer food program, lunch will be provided to our SLA students and their family members who are 18 and under. This will also be open to any student program occurring at MHS during this time.

Our friends from General Motors' Professional Managers' Network will be at Orchard Center High School this Friday to work with our kids to do a career skills session, which include interviewing skills, mock interviews, what to wear to an interview and resume writing. We are thankful for the expertise they will be sharing with our kids.

If you happen to stop at Waterloo Elementary School on Friday, May 22, you may notice that many of the students are not in uniform. As part of the STEAM program, the school will host a Day From the Past, in which students in several of the classes will be able to dress like children from the past. They also are going to be baking corn bread, a project in which they will be measuring and mixing ingredients.

Work is wrapping up on the Habitat for Humanity House by our construction trades class under Mr. Nate Nestor. The official dedication program is set for Friday, May 22, at the house at 447 Michigan Ave. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> house our construction class has worked on in conjunction with Habitat, believed to be the longest running affiliation between Habitat and a school in the state.

Congratulations to MHS junior Darian Reed who took 10<sup>th</sup> place nationally in data base operations at the BPA Nationals in Anaheim, California. He participated with thousands of students from around the country, and finished 10<sup>th</sup> among the number of students competing.

We'd also like to congratulate ten of our teachers from various buildings who received mini-grants from the Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools for innovative projects they have suggested for their classrooms. About \$4,000 was awarded for six projects. The awards were for lessons ranging from engineering enrichment activities to a reading program to summer STEAM camps. These awards are made by various fundraising activities. The Paul Smith fundraiser that was held two weeks ago brought in more than \$10,000 for the Foundation.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Bunkelman asked if progress has been made in setting up work shop dates with the city council. Mr. Yeo will work on that in the coming weeks.

Mr. Yeo thanked Mr. Oley and Dr. Martin for setting up the bus tour yesterday. He also thanked Sodexo for serving lunch at MMS.

Mr. Yeo attended Decision Day at Monroe High School and Leadership Day at Manor, and commented how great it was to be a part of both events.

#### **New Business**

There was none at this time.

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

Selma Rankins' stated his opinion that nothing has been done to improve education for black kids in Monroe Public Schools; the need to hire more black teachers; board members need to question administrators when spending money; and the education Foundation honoring Paul W. Smith.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the May 12, 2015, Board Meeting #8 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:50 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Philbeck', written over a horizontal line.

**Ryan Philbeck, Secretary**