

# **MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Board Meeting #9

May 26, 2015

**7:00 p.m.**

## **MINUTES**

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

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Secretary Ryan Philbeck

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley

Administrators Absent: Julie Everly, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

### **MPS Scholarship Recipients**

Prior to the start of the Board of Education meeting, the 2015 Monroe Public Schools Scholarship recipients and their parents were introduced. Board members congratulated these graduates who were then treated to a dessert reception.

### **AdviseMI College Adviser**

As part of the college going culture at MHS, we applied for a grant through MCAN (Michigan College Access Network) for a college advisor to work on the campus of Monroe High School. Dr. McLeod introduced Jacklyn Sawasky who will serve as a college advisor for the 2015-2016 school year.

### **Moment of Silence**

Dr. Martin asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of a former student who recently passed away.

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

There was none at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

- May 12, 2015, Special Board Work Session
- May 12, 2015, Closed Session
- May 12, 2015, Board Meeting #8
- May 14, 2015, Special Board Meeting (4 sets)
- May 14, 2015, Closed Session (4 sets)

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Dr. March abstained because he was not in attendance at these meetings.

### **Reports and Update**

The May 18, 2015, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes and an Informational Report – Contracted Coaches were received.

**Coaching Recommendations**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the coaches listed below for the 2015/16 school year; as per the MCEA master agreement.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Sport	School	Season
Clark	Jay	Assistant Coach	Football - Varsity	MHS	Fall
Davis	Jim	Coach	Softball - Varsity Girls	MHS	Spring
Dessauer	Tara	Coach	Volleyball - 8th Grade	Monroe Middle	Fall
Finnegan	Patrick	Asst. Coach	Football - 8th Grade	Monroe Middle	Fall
Finnegan	Patrick	Assistant Coach	Track - 7/8 Boys	Monroe Middle	Spring
Guy	Pietrina	Coach	Cheerleading - JV	MHS	Fall
Guy	Pietrina	Coach	Cheerleading - JV	MHS	Winter
Hochradel	Scott	Coach	Tennis - JV Girls	MHS	Spring
Hutchinson	Jason	Head Coach	Football - 7th Grade	Monroe Middle	Fall
Matusik	Bob	Coach	Tennis - Varsity Boys	MHS	Fall
Matusik	Bob	Coach	Tennis - Varsity Girls	MHS	Spring
McCullum	Jody	Assistant Coach	Football - 9th Grade	MHS	Fall
Michael	Heather	Assistant Coach	Swimming - 7/8 Co-Ed	Monroe Middle	Winter
Miller	James	Coach	Baseball - 7th Grade	Monroe Middle	Spring
Moytka	Ron	Head Coach	Football - 9th Grade	MHS	Fall
Moytka	Ron	Assistant Coach	Track - 7/8 Girls	Monroe Middle	Spring
Mydloski	James	Assistant Coach	Cross Country - Co Ed	MHS	Fall
Mydloski	James	Head Coach	Track - Varsity Girls	MHS	Spring
Nocella	Larry	Head Coach	Basketball - Varsity Girls	MHS	Winter
Pecora	Jacki	Head Coach	Swimming - 7/8 Co-Ed	Monroe Middle	Winter
Pilgrim	Kevin	Head Coach	Track - 7/8 Girls	Monroe Middle	Spring
Pitcher	Deb	Coach	Volleyball - 7th Grade	Monroe Middle	Fall
Pitcher	Deb	Head Coach	Track - 7/8 Boys	Monroe Middle	Spring
Ray	Kris	Assistant Coach	Track - Varsity Girls	MHS	Spring
Ray	Kris	Head Coach	Basketball - Freshman Girls	MHS	Winter
Reed	Kyle	Assistant Coach	Football - Varsity	MHS	Fall
Schade	Doug	Head Coach	Swimming - Varsity Girls	MHS	Fall
Schade	Doug	Coach	Golf - JV Boys	MHS	Spring
Schade	Doug	Head Coach	Swimming - Varsity Boys	MHS	Winter
Scoles	Mark	Head Coach	Cross Country - Co Ed	MHS	Fall
Scoles	Mark	Head Coach	Track - Varsity Boys	MHS	Spring
Sellers	Ernie	Coach	Softball - JV	MHS	Spring
Stefanski	Patty	Coach	Volleyball - 8th Grade	Monroe Middle	Fall
Wood	Bobby	Supervisor	Middle School Athletics	Monroe Middle	Fall
Wood	Bobby	Assistant Coach	Track - Varsity Boys	MHS	Spring
Wood	Bobby	Supervisor - Winter I & II	Middle School Athletics	Monroe Middle	Winter

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova commended Dr. Ray for providing this list to the Board at such an early date. Updates will be provided as needed.

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

**Recommendation for Reinstatement**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Dr. March to approve the recommendation of Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee that Student #1 be reinstated at Monroe High School for the 2015-2016 school year. The student may enroll in the upcoming Summer Learning Academy.

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

**Best Practices Incentive Resolution**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the resolution certifying the district's compliance with the required best practices.

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

### **School Lunch Prices**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve Option B to set prices for school lunches for the 2015/16 school year.

Discussion: Mrs. Eighmey has been working with Sodexo Director, Mark Haverciak, to possibly implement a community eligibility program that would offer more free meals to our students. As a result, this would make less paid meals at the elementary level. If we can implement this, we may be able to avoid an increase next year. Another option is the excess fund balance which we are required to spend on food service equipment. If we continue to have the excess fund balance, we would prefer to pass the savings on to our students rather than purchase equipment.

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

### **MASB 2015-2016 Membership Renewal**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the 2015-2016 membership renewal to the Michigan Association of School Boards in the amount of \$7,289.00

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

### **Resolution to Support the MCISD Budget for 2015-16**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the Monroe County ISD Budget Resolution as presented.

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

### **MCISD Board Member Resolution**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the following resolution as presented. The Board of Education designates Cynthia Taylor as its representative to the electoral body; and the Board of Education identifies Renee Larzelere for the **six** year term, and Lynn Beattie for the **four** year term, as who it supports for the position to be filled on the Intermediate School Board at the June 1, 2015 election.

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

### **Section 105 and 105C Opt-Out Resolution**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve Section 105 and 105C Opt-out Resolution as presented.

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

### **MHSAA 2015-16 Membership**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the year August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016 as presented.

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

### **Upward Bound Cultural Enrichment Year-End Trip**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the Upward Bound Program end-of-year field trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in accordance with Board Policy 7490, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

**State Track and Field Meet**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the attendance of nine Monroe High School students at the State Track and Field Meet in Rockford, Michigan, in accordance with Board Policy 7490, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

**State Golf Finals and State Softball Finals**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the attendance of Monroe High School students, if they qualify, at the State Golf Final and the State Softball Final, in accordance with Board Policy 7490, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

**Water Damage Repair – MMS Auditorium**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept the bid of \$4,400.00 from Hoffman Plastering of Saline, Michigan, to repair the auditorium at Monroe Middle School. Money for this purchase will come from the Site Sinking Fund.

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

**Electrical Panel Replacement - MHS**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to accept the bid of \$11,061.00 from Mosher Electric Inc. of Monroe, Michigan, to replace the electrical panels in the pool pump room at Monroe High School. Money for this purchase will come from the Site Sinking Fund.

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

**Orchard Underground Water Leak**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel to accept the quote of \$9,715.00 from Gratton Construction Co., Inc. of Monroe, Michigan, to repair the underground water leak at Orchard High School. Money for this purchase will come from the Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: After testing from an outside source, they were able to track the problem to the cafeteria floors. Gratton will repair the leak in the restroom, and will assist our staff in cutting the concrete floor in the cafeteria to locate the other leak. Gratton may be needed to make repairs to the pipes under the cafeteria, if the problem extends beyond the expertise of our staff.

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

**Leveled Book Club Purchase – Manor School**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Manor Leveled Book Club Purchase for Science, Reading and Writing, for a total cost not to exceed \$26,000.00. The total amount of this purchase will be covered by the 2014-2015 Title I funds in accordance with allowable expenditure guidelines for use of federal funds for supplemental instructional programming.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

Three seniors who are members of the Monroe High School Instrumental Music Program have received national awards recognizing their tremendous musicianship, leadership and dedication to the music program. The awards were announced during last week's instrumental music awards presentation at MHS. Congratulations to Steven Knapp, who earned the National Orchestra Award, Laura Stewart, who earned the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, and Mary Stehulak who earned the John Philip Sousa Band Award.

In addition, three other music students have received the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Scholar Instrumentalist Award, awarded to musicians who achieve academically and musically. They are Morgan Kline, MHS orchestra; Jacob Foulkrod, MMS orchestra, and Erin Bressler, MMS band.

This past weekend, three music groups from Monroe Middle School earned superior ratings from the judges at the Trills and Thrills Festival in Sandusky, Ohio. They are the Monroe Middle School Orchestra, the eighth-grade choir, and the eighth grade band.

The Monroe High School Jazz Band will kick off this summer's Thursday night music series with a concert at 7 p.m., this Thursday at St. Mary's Park. City Recreation Director Loretta LaPointe said of the MHS jazz band, "The talent of the youth in the jazz band is always phenomenal. It is a pleasure to have them kick off our concert series."

Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. this Friday at Bunkelman Field, weather permitting. More than 400 students are expected to receive their high school diplomas that night. If we have inclement weather, the exercises will be held in the gym and a ticket will be required for entry. A final decision on the graduation location will be made at 10 a.m. Friday. The MHS lot will be available for parking at 5 p.m., and shuttles will run from MCCC starting at 5 p.m. For the second straight year we also will be live streaming the ceremonies on YouTube.

This Thursday night, the MHS Baccalaureate Service will be held in the MHS Auditorium. All 2015 graduates from Monroe High School and from any other Monroe County School are invited to participate. This year's keynote speaker will be Pastor Tony Lynn of CrossPointe Church.

Next week, Orchard Center High School will hold its graduation exercises at 7 p.m. at Monroe High School. The graduation class is expected to number about 25.

Last week, we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> house built for Habitat for Humanity by our Construction Technology Class. In Michigan, no school has built as many houses for Habitat for Humanity as Monroe High School.

A tremendous amount of activity and hiring has gone into this year's Summer Learning Academy, which will be held again at Monroe High School starting June 22. This is a great way to support our students' learning through the summer.

The Empowerment Project Documentary, a program which is sponsored by Waterloo Elementary, will be at the River Raisin Centre for the Arts at 6 p.m. this Saturday. The documentary highlights a year-long cross country trip across the U.S. as 17 inspiring women were interviewed. This is the first time this program has been presented in Michigan so congratulations to Lisa McLaughlin and her Waterloo team for lining up this presentation for our community.

Last week was Michigan Week and our AIM program at Monroe High School received a Community Leadership Award, thanks in large part to Mrs. Mentel, who is a member of the Michigan Week committee and who nominated the program. So far, more than 60 Monroe High School students have met their academic goals and received the \$200 in scholarship money. The next banquet to recognize our honorees will be June 18.

Our employee positive action committee hosted the annual employee celebration and appreciation event last Thursday. Service Awards went to 85 employees who have more than 1,585 combined years of service. The included 14 employees with 10 years of service; 27 employees with 15 years of service; 22 employees with 20 years of service; 14 employees with 25 years of service, six employees with 30 years of service; and two employees with 35 years of service. We also recognized 28 retirees and 84 new hires.

The last day of school is Friday, June 5. This will be a one-hour early release for students.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Yeo contacted the mayor to set up a meeting to discuss the Christianity property; however a date has not been set.

### **New Business**

There was none at this time.

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

Wendy Barth asked about the mini-libraries that were started by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor. Mr. Oley has Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor's information on the project and will work with Mr. VanWasshenova to move the project forward. Mr. Oley is unsure where most of the materials are located. Mrs. Barth offered her help to finish this project in honor of Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor.

Selma Rankins stated that he and Dr. Martin may not agree on everything, but Dr. Martin wants what's best for kids. Future teachers that are hired should have a talent other than teaching.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Bunkelman that the May 26, 2015, Board Meeting #9 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:58 p.m.



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**Ryan Philbeck, Secretary**