

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #13

July 28, 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 Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman,

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

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

### Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

### Approval of Minutes

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

- July 14, 2015, Board Work Session
- July 14, 2015, Board Meeting #12

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

### Reports and Update

The July 20, 2015, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting minutes were received.

### Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Riley Yamamoto effective July 30, 2015; Rebecca Jordan effective August 15, 2015; Roderick Wooten effective August 26, 2015; and Kevin Reina effective August 31, 2015.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

### Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck that Agenda Items C.5 – C.7 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.5 **Administrator Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Sandra Kreps as an administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective July 29, 2015.
- C.6 **Administrator Appointment** – Move to approve the appointment of Cathy McDonald as an administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective August 17, 2015.
- C.7 **Administrator Appointment** – Move to approve the appointment of Frank Henry as an administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective August 4, 2015.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck that Agenda Items C.9 – C.10 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

C.9 **Teacher Appointment** – Move to approve the appointment of Shannon Bourke as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.

C.10 **Teacher Appointment** – Move to approve the appointment of Stuart Eastman as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**Ratification of the Union Administrator Master Agreement Economic Re-opener**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to ratify the amendments to the master agreement for April 24, 2015, through June 30, 2016, between the Monroe Federation of School Administrators and the Monroe Board of Education effective July 20, 2015.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova is opposed to this. His opposition arises from the concessions that the teachers union was required to take as a result of arbitration. He feels we are reversing that trend by giving the administrators an increase. He thinks it's a bad precedent to set because of our limited resources. He does agree, however, that some salary schedules needed to be adjusted. Dr. Martin stated that Monroe Public Schools lost five administrators in the last month. This is an effort to rectify that loss so we can manage to retain and attract administrators to the district. Compared to other districts our size, there was an issue with the pay rate for the high school principal's position. With the restructuring of central office, we were able to shuffle some funds around to help remedy the salary schedule for the high school principal position, and to also meet some other needs at the administrator level. We understand that this is a precedent; however, we're prepared to address those issues as they arise.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

**Extend School Security Service Contract**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Philbeck to extend the security service agreement with Roberts Security three additional years, expiring June 30, 2018. The hourly rate will remain at \$13.96. It should be noted the requirements of Public Act 129-131 and 138 of 2005 (laws pertaining to criminal checks) be included.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova thinks contracts have to be put out for bid; we're dealing with a lot of public money, and he thinks board policy requires it.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

**MHS Cross Country Camp**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Monroe High School Cross Country Camp at Lake Dianne in Camden, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**MMS Student Chair Purchase**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the purchase of 66 student chairs at a price not to exceed \$4,590.96. Money for this purchase will come from the Monroe Middle School capital outlay account for the 2015-2016 school year.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**Special Education Testing Materials**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of the Woodcock-

Johnson testing materials from Riverside Publishing HMH in the amount of \$4,874.91.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

### **MPS Professional Development**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the Summer Math Institute for elementary and secondary teachers at the cost of \$39,000.00. This expenditure will be paid for by using 2014-2015 Title 2 funds.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

### **Custodial Equipment Purchase**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the purchase of two Panther 28T carpet scrubbers from Lower Huron Supply Company of Wayne, Michigan, at a cost not to exceed \$10,793.36. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations Budget.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

### **Naming the MHS Varsity Softball Field**

As was mentioned at the last board meeting, a committee was formed to discuss naming the varsity softball field. According to board policy, we have to present the names to the board at three consecutive meetings. The proposed names are Rossi Field, Vince Rossi Field, and Coach Rossi Field. This is the second opportunity for discussion, and a vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Mrs. Mentel stated that it bothered her to name the field after a person. She referenced Cantrick School, which is now named Arborwood. Her reason for wanting to sell the naming rights is to get money for kids who can't afford to pay \$150 to play a sport. She would like all students who want to play a sport, given the opportunity to do so. There was a lot of discussion at the last meeting that it was an opportunity to raise money to benefit kids. Mr. Yeo stated that some of the comments may have been misunderstood; he is not against naming the field after Vince.

Jim Davis, Monroe High School varsity softball coach, said the motivation to name the field after Vince is to honor his 33 years as softball coach; and not just his team performance on the field, but all the academic work, and his work in the community. Vince still works with young softball and baseball players.

Monroe High School teacher Anne Knabusch agrees with Mrs. Mentel about getting more kids involved in sports, but that may be a separate conversation. Anne played for Coach Rossi before this field was created. The current field is a state of the art facility, and she believes it's the best high school softball field in the state of Michigan. This would be a huge honor for him, and so well deserved.

Mr. Philbeck doesn't believe the decision to name the field after Coach Rossi is in jeopardy. The conversation about raising funds to benefit students didn't mean any disrespect to Coach Rossi or his accomplishments. Mr. Philbeck agrees there is a problem and this was a good way to start a conversation internally and publicly. He also mentioned Mr. Toth's strong support for the committee's recommendation to name the field after Vince.

Mr. Davis suggested that the field be named Vince Rossi Field.

### **MHS – Student Chairs and Tables**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of student tables, chairs, and

bookcases at a price not to exceed \$20,928.88. Money for this purchase will come from the Monroe High School capital outlay account for the 2015-2016 school year.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

### **Superintendent Comments**

The Summer Learning Academy is “Going Public” on July 30. The SLA students will be showing off their projects and what they have learned by completing them at an open house at Monroe High School from 8:45 a.m. until noon.

Congratulations to Monroe High School student Keegan Drager, who is attending a Summer Leadership Camp on a full SET SEG Foundation Scholarship. Some 300 students from across the state applied for the scholarship to attend the session and Keegan was one of only 65 to be selected. The SET/SEG Foundation works to advance learning, leadership and civic responsibility among students in public schools throughout Michigan. The goal is for students attending the camp to further develop their leadership skills and come back to be leaders in their schools.

Monroe High School will hold registration for new students on August 12 and 13, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day.

Once again, we will host a booth at the Monroe County Fair. We will feature a continuous slide show of the many good things which happened in school last year, plus at scheduled times during the day, we will feature a virtual reality helmet used by our robotics team. The booth will have a display of award-winning student projects and the robotics team’s latest robot. We will feature many of our new teachers and administrators and will advertise when they will be at the booth so people can stop by and say hello. We also will have a sand box for young children to dig in under the slogan, “We dig Monroe Public Schools.” And – of course – the high school yearbooks, one of the favorite displays year after year.

Board members received a note card featuring art work done by our students that will be for sale to benefit the Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools. We will start selling the set of 12 cards and envelopes for \$10 during fair week. We will have them for sale at the Ad. Bldg. and you can check with Bobb Vergiels if you are interested in purchasing a set.

### **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.

### **Closed Session**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing strategies connected with the negotiations of collective bargaining agreements, Open Meeting Act, Section 8(c).

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:51 p.m.

### **Adjournment of Closed Session and Reconvene**

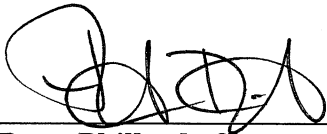
Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the closed session be adjourned and Board Meeting #13 be reconvened into open session.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 9:20 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the July 28, 2015, Board Meeting #13 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 9:20 p.m.



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**Ryan Philbeck, Secretary**