

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #14

August 11, 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, Julie Everly, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

Normally at this time, public commentary is for agenda items only. The board agreed to make an exception and allow the public to comment on non-agenda items.

Selma Rankins is happy with the new principal at Monroe High School. He thinks Monroe Public Schools needs to improve education for black kids.

Dan Fuerstenberg, representing Zion Lutheran Church and School, expressed interest in purchasing the property next to the administration building.

Dawn Godo, representing Monroe Multi Sports Complex, deferred her comments to Louis Lombardo.

Louis Lombardo, general manager of the Monroe Multi Sports Complex, commented on recent discussions with the Monroe United Hockey team deciding to move to a rink outside of Monroe.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

- July 14, 2015, Closed Meeting
- July 28, 2015, Closed Meeting (2 sets)
- July 28, 2015, Board Work Session
- July 28, 2015, Board Meeting #13

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

### **Staff Resignations**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Dr. March to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Colleen Whalen effective August 30, 2015, and Cheryl Ryan effective August 31, 2015.

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

### **Staff Appointment**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the appointment of Melissa Zienert as an executive secretary with Monroe Public Schools effective July 28, 2015, and place on the appropriate salary level for this position upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Mrs. Zienert's knowledge of the district will be very beneficial in this position.

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

#### **Raisinville Elementary – IB School Application Request**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the request for the application and implementation of Raisinville Elementary becoming an IB school at a cost of \$21,395.00. This expenditure will be paid for by utilizing the 2015-2016 curriculum and Title 2 professional development budgets.

Discussion: Mr. Yeo thanked Mrs. Cyr and the Raisinville staff for their efforts in bringing the IB program to the district.

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

#### **MMS – Washington D.C. and New York City**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the attendance of a group of Monroe Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to Washington D.C. and New York City, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

#### **Naming of the Varsity Softball Field**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the recommendation to name the MHS varsity softball field Vince Rossi Field.

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

#### **Boiler Pipes - OCHS**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to accept the bid of \$31,340.00 from Sieb Plumbing & Heating of Monroe, Michigan, to repair the plumbing damage caused by the deterioration of the underground boiler water pipes at Orchard Center High School. Money for this purchase will come from the Site Sinking Funds.

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

#### **Roof Seam Repair – Custer II**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept the bid of \$4,932.00 from Royal-West Roofing of Brighton, Michigan, to repair seams on the roof of Custer II Elementary School. Money for this purchase will come from the Site Sinking Fund.

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

#### **Playground Mulch**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Taylor to accept the bid of \$11,725.00 from Jack's Lawn Service of Monroe, Michigan, to provide additional playground mulch throughout the district. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations Budget.

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

#### **Apple iPad Purchase**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of 50 Apple iPads to replace aging devices used by our staff at a cost not to exceed \$23,950.00. Money for this purchase will

come from the general fund.

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

### **CTE Textbooks**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the purchase of textbooks from McGraw Hill for the Machine Tool class, and from Cengage Learning for the Internet/Computer Applications class at a total cost not to exceed \$11,151.29. Money for these purchases will come from added cost funds and the general fund.

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

### **Teacher Appointment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the appointment of Sarah Kay as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015, and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

### **Superintendent Comments**

Eight seniors who attended the Summer Learning Academy earned their high school diplomas. Out of 92 SLA high school students, 42 students earned 35.5 credits collectively. The program also helped the students to shore up basic skills to help them be more successful when they return to school this fall. Credit recovery is an important aspect of the SLA for the older kids and we are proud of those who took advantage of that opportunity.

The Arborwood Summer Reading program averaged 60 students every Wednesday that the program was offered this summer. That is a significant jump in numbers from the first year of the program. Attendance remained consistent with generally the same students attending, which was a major improvement.

Monroe High School's open registration is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, August 12 and 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Registration at MHS for grades 10-12 will be held August 18 and 19; and for freshmen, the New Trojan Retreat is set for Thursday, August 20. Monroe Middle School's open house will be held Tuesday, September 1, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All elementary open houses will be held Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 8.

The AIM program is back for year number two and will be led by MHS teacher Dave Henry. Mr. Henry was instrumental in the success of the program in its first year. In the 2014-2015 school year, more than 100 MHS students achieved their scholastic goals through the program. Together they earned more than \$20,000 in scholarships.

This weekend, a number of our families will be receiving free backpacks full of school supplies through the Salvation Army's Supplying Our Future Back Pack Coalition program. The Coalition expects to hand out more than 1,200 backpacks this year in three separate locations. More than 60 percent of the recipients in the county will be Monroe Public Schools students.

Another program this Saturday will be a great benefit to our families when the Monroe County Health Department holds a "Kick off to Great Health" fair. They are offering back-to-school immunizations,

dental services, sports physicals, car-seat checks, Medicaid applications, hearing and vision screenings, and nutrition education.

Next week our Community Education program opens for the fall season. Monroe Junior Cheer will be offered with practices starting the week of August 24. Flag football instruction for second- and third-grade students will start September 13.

A significant amount of capital improvements are continuing throughout the district, including the two largest projects – the new parking lot at Monroe High School and window replacements at Monroe Middle School.

### **Old Business**

There was none at this time.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to recess for 10 minutes before continuing with New Business.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:01 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:21 p.m.

### **New Business**

It was brought to the Board's attention that the Monroe United Hockey team may leave the Monroe Multi Sports Complex, and have their practices and games at a facility outside of Monroe. Their top reasons for leaving are the longevity of the complex and the price to rent the facility. The hockey team is self-funded, but it is still a Monroe Public Schools sport and sanctioned by MHSAA. The level of supervision with the team being out of Monroe is concerning. They represent Monroe Public Schools and we are responsible.

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to send a letter to the Monroe United Hockey team strongly discouraging them from leaving the Monroe Multi Sports Complex, and extend an invitation to all parties involved to meet and discuss the situation.

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

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

There was none at this time.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel that the August 11, 2015, Board Meeting #14 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 9:15 p.m.



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**Ryan Philbeck, Secretary**