

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #15

August 25, 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, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly

Administrators Absent: Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- August 11, 2015, Board Meeting #14

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Update

The August 3, 2015, Board Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes; August 12, 2015, Board Physical Resource Committee Meeting Minutes; and the Informational Report – Contracted Services Recommendations, Contracted Coaches, and Club Paid Coaches were received.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Alex Schukow effective August 7, 2015, and Susan Raczkowski effective August 31, 2015.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Consent Agenda – Administrator Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor that Agenda Items C.5 – C.6 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 Meghan Gibson as an administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective August 17, 2015.

C.6 **Administrator Appointment** – Move to approve the appointment of Holly Wallace as an administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective August 26, 2015.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Consent Agenda – Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor that Agenda Items C.8 – C.12, and C.15 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.8 **Teacher Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Tara Adrian as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.
- C.9 **Teacher Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Linda Chmiel as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.
- C.10 **Teacher Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Samantha Barr as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.
- C.11 **Teacher Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Shawn Harmon as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.
- C.12 **Teacher Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Miranda DeBruyne as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.
- C.15 **Teacher Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Natalie LaBeau as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

STEM Lab Purchase - MHS

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the purchase of workbenches from Questech, and workbench stools from Detroit Technical Equipment at a total cost not to exceed \$24,760.00. Money for this purchase will come from the Perkins Grant, CTE added cost funds, and general funds.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

MHS Choir – New York, NY

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the Monroe High School vocal music group trip to New York, New York, from Wednesday, April 27, 2016 through Sunday, May 1, 2016, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Comments

Monroe Middle School's open house is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Open houses will be held one night later for Orchard Center High School and all elementary schools on Wednesday, September 2. OCHS will hold an ice cream social in addition to its open house. The custodial staff has done a great job over the summer cleaning and polishing and getting everything ready for the start of school.

Waterloo Elementary is one of 10 national finalists vying to win five 3D printers and related supplies, valued at \$2,800 each. Waterloo is the only school in Michigan being considered. Waterloo just completed its first year of being a STEAM school.

The Certified Nurse Assistant program at Monroe High School has been expanded and now will include classes one night a week and be open to students from around Monroe County on a tuition basis paid for by the student's home district. Monroe High School students also are enrolled in the class. Just like the daytime course, after students complete the night-time class they will be prepared to take their state-written CNA exams which can lead to being a state-licensed certified nurse assistant. The course, which is nearly full, will be offered one night a week for four hours over the course of the school year.

Another one of our students has achieved the Eagle Scout rank and will be honored in early September. This recognition was for work he did at one of our schools. Congratulations to Monroe High School sophomore Jarrod Kimble who, as part of his Eagle Project, transformed the courtyard at Arborwood South. He raised \$1,300 to pay for the project which included building a small stage and doing landscape improvements. He also did a second round of work at the courtyard this past spring with weeding and mulching.

It has been a very short yet productive summer as this is the last board meeting before the start of school on Tuesday, September 8. Taking a look back over the summer, we have hired 15 new teachers, filled 3 principal vacancies and 2 assistant principal positions, filled 2 new central office curriculum specialist positions, had 3 internal teacher moves, put 6 people in new contracted support positions, and have 3 people starting the year in new support positions. But we are not done yet, because we still are working to fill two assistant principal positions, five teacher openings, two secretary positions, a dean of students, two post-secondary planners, and a student service provider.

Old Business

Dr. March asked if a public meeting has been scheduled regarding the sale of property. Dr. Martin stated it may take place at the last meeting in September. Mr. Vergiels will prepare a press release when the date is finalized.

Mr. Yeo reminded Board members there will be a meeting with the City Council on October 26.

Mrs. Everly mentioned that a tentative agreement has been reached with the bus drivers. They had a vote on Friday and it passed; we will present it to the board for approval at the next meeting.

New Business

There was none at this time.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Yeo that the August 25, 2015, Board Meeting #15 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:28 p.m.



Ryan Philbeck, Secretary