

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #16

September 8, 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 (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Selma Rankins expressed his opinion in regards to students not learning and the need to hire black teachers.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

- August 25, 2015, Board Work Session
- August 25, 2015, Board Meeting #15

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

### **Reports and Update**

The Informational Reports (Contracted Services Recommendation, Contracted Coaches, and Club Paid Coaches) were received.

### **Staff Resignation**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools of Kari Tackett effective August 31, 2015.

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

### **Consent Agenda – Administrator Appointments**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Bunkelman 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 Ronda Meier as an administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.

C.6 **Administrator Appointment** - Move to approve the appointment of Delsie Sissoko as an administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective September 1, 2015.

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

**Teacher Appointment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the appointment of Hollie Mazur 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 7-0 roll call vote.

**Teacher Appointment**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Dr. March to approve the appointment of Alysha Vergowven as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective September 8, 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 7-0 roll call vote.

**Exempt Employee Appointment**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the appointment of Angela Ostdiek as a Learning Bank instructor at Orchard Center High School for the 2015/16 school year effective September 8, 2015, and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

**Ratification of the Teamster Master Agreement**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. Philbeck to ratify the Master Agreement for July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, between the Teamsters Local 214 Bus Drivers and the Monroe Board of Education effective August 12, 2015.

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

**Discontinuation of Contract**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the dissolution of the individual contract with Sue Sacks, as the Substance Abuse Coordinator, due to economic reasons and loss of funding, effective September 30, 2015; and to provide the appropriate notifications as required by her employment agreement with the district.

Discussion: Mrs. Everly indicated that other sources for this grant may be available in the future. For this year, however, we have a resource at the ISD who can provide services, as well as some of our student service providers who have substance abuse certifications.

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

**CTE – Project Based Instruction Materials**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the equipment and supplies for the Health Sciences team. This purchase will not exceed \$26,345.51 and will be funded utilizing the Chrysler Corp. STEM Grant, CTE General Fund, Added Cost funds and general funds.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

Today was the first day of school and we hosted a large number of kindergarteners on their “first” first day and many high school seniors on their “last” first day, and thousands of students in between. From all accounts, this was a very smooth opening. Mrs. Everly agreed, adding that we welcomed the class of 2030 in our Young 5’s classrooms today. Mr. Oley acknowledged everyone in the transportation department for chipping in where help was needed, as well as building administrators and teachers for their help getting students off busses in the morning and back on the correct bus at the end of the day.

The Learning Bank hosted 160 students during the 2014/15 school year. Learning Bank students have a pass rate of 90%, compared with the national average pass rate of 69% for adult education and the GED. That percentage may have a chance to rise further, as new partnerships have been formed with the IHM Sisters and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) to provide tutoring support to the Learning Bank and Orchard Adult Education students.

When Monroe High School has its next home football game on Friday, September 18, it will be Military Tribute Night, an event sponsored by the Monroe Football Mothers Club. The Trojans will wear special jerseys featuring camo numbers. Dozens of specially designed tee-shirts for the game have been sold. All active military and veterans are invited to the game and will be recognized during the contest.

Thank you to Jim Treece, branch manager of the downtown Monroe Old National Bank, which made a large donation of school supplies to Monroe Public Schools just before school started. Employees of the bank and several downtown businesses collected school supplies such as pencils, crayons, paper, glue sticks and markers. The donations were divided up between our five elementary schools.

This year in our machine shop class we have a new textbook – Machining and CNC (computer numerical control) Technology – and late last week the author of the textbook, Michael Fitzpatrick, stopped by Monroe High School for a tour of the shop and to discuss the text with teacher, Tim Smith. After he toured the facility, Mr. Fitzpatrick remarked, “In my 45 years in the business, the Monroe High machine shop is the most organized, best maintained and best set up I have ever seen in a high school or college.” While at Monroe High, Mr. Fitzpatrick also videotaped a greeting to the students where he explained the text and wished them well. That video was played for the students this morning when they got their text books.

Community Education’s latest fall catalogue is out and class sign up starts tomorrow. The Community Education office has moved back to the Administration Building and is located in the rear of the building.

The Monroe High School band will make its annual tour through the district on Thursday, September 17. The band will play several songs from its fall show at each school, and end each visit with the Monroe High School fight song.

The Certified Nursing Assistant class that is offered on Monday evenings at MHS still has a few openings, and you do not have to be a Monroe High School student to qualify. Starting September 14, this after-school class will meet once weekly on Mondays for the 2015-16 school year. We have offered a CNA class during the day at MHS for three years and it has been highly successful, but this is the first time we’ve offered the class after school hours and opened it up to students from other districts.

Congratulations to Monroe High School graduate Audie Cole, who made the squad again this year with the Minnesota Vikings. He is listed as the starting middle linebacker. Audie is the only Monroe County high school graduate playing football in the National Football League.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Yeo stated that he and Mrs. Taylor are investigating a new process for the superintendent review.

### **New Business**

There was none at this time.

**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Selma Rankins praised Mrs. Sacks for everything she has done for him and his family. He hopes that Dr. Martin and Mrs. Everly understand him when he says there should be more black teachers.

Mrs. Taylor enjoyed the recent newsletter that was sent to parents and staff. It promoted many positive things that happened during the summer, as well as things for the future. Based on Mr. O'Connor's recommendation to find a way to identify our schools, Mrs. Taylor would like Board members to tour the district to see how this may be accomplished. Mr. Yeo will work with Mrs. Lambert to schedule a date.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck that the September 8, 2015, Board Meeting #16 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:53 p.m.



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**Ryan Philbeck, Secretary**