

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #19

October 27, 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, Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:20 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:

- October 13, 2015, Board Work Session
- October 13, 2015, Board Meeting #18
- October 13, 2015, Closed Session
- October 15, 2015, Special Board Meeting (2 sets)
- October 15, 2015, Closed Session (2 sets)

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

Reports and Update

The October 19, 2015, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes were received.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools of Matthew Donofrio effective October 23, 2015, and Marianne LePage effective December 31, 2015.

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

Maintenance Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the appointment of Tim Irvin as a Classification 1 Skilled Trades with Monroe Public Schools effective October 28, 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.

Reinstatement Committee Recommendation

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the recommendation of the Monroe Public

Schools Reinstatement Committee that Student A be reinstated to Orchard Center High School effective October 28, 2015.

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

Recommendation for Parent Advisory Committee Membership

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve Danielle Duffy as the Monroe Public Schools PAC representative for the MCISD. Ms. Duffy will serve a two year term beginning October 2015.

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

Secondary Academic Assessments

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Secondary Academic Assessments as presented at a cost of \$27,472.00. This expenditure will be funded utilizing the 2015-2016 Curriculum Budget.

Discussion: Before a motion was made, Mrs. Everly explained that over the past few years in the curriculum committee they have reviewed different assessments for secondary students that would help assess growth throughout the school year. A topic of discussion during these meetings is the ability to provide opportunities to our 11th grade students to prepare for state testing in the spring. This recommendation is rooted in those discussions. Mr. Bunkelman stated that we need to have consistency with our assessments and something that falls in line with what they're doing at the state level. He feels this is a step in that direction.

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

Board Policies – First Reading

The proposed new policies and policy revisions were presented for board discussion with a recommendation for approval at the next board meeting on November 10, 2015.

- Policy 1152 Election of Officers and Length of Term (revised)
- Policy 1170 Board Position Vacancies (revised)
- Policy 1950 Board Member Conflicts of Interest, Ethics and Responsibilities (revised)
- Policy 2104 Employment of the Superintendent (new)
- Policy 2400 Administrative Personnel (revised)
- Policy 2810 Public Review and Inspection of Records (revised)
- Policy 4040 Safety (revised)
- Policy 4510 Computer Network (revised)
- Policy 4511 Personal Internet Account Privacy – Students (new)
- Policy 5175 Criminal History and Background Checks (revised)
- Policy 5176 Criminal Justice Information (new)
- Policy 5195 Staff Discipline (new)
- Policy 5201 Student Supervision and Welfare (new)
- Policy 5202 Social Networking Conduct (new)
- Policy 5251 Personal Internet Account Privacy – Staff (new)
- Policy 5341 Physical Examination (new)
- Policy 5370 Communicable Diseases – Staff (revised)
- Policy 5500 Teaching Staff Probation and Tenure (new)
- Policy 5500-C2 Individualized Development Plan (will become a rule to 5520 Evaluation)
- Policy 5505 Staff Termination (new)
- Policy 5510 Staff Reduction and Recalls (revised)
- Policy 5516 Vacancies (new)

- Policy 5520 Evaluation (revised)
- Policy 5540 Suspension and/or Dismissal of Professional Staff (revised)
- Policy 6001 Goals, Objectives and Authority (revised)

Superintendent Comments

Custer Elementary had an anti-bully day on October 21 and it was a big success, due in part to one of our fifth graders, Amira Aaron. Amira used her own money and with her mom bought enough anti-bully pledge cards so the students at Custer had their own to sign. Amira even devised a distribution system on her computer so that she could keep a record of what classes had received their cards to sign.

Monroe High School will host career and college ready day for students on October 29. Students in grades 9-11 will take the preliminary-SAT. Seniors will have individualized opportunities and personalized guidance in their career and college readiness preparedness. The College Board has re-designed the preliminary SAT assessments, and they are written now to show students where they may need some academic work so they are career and college ready when they graduate from Monroe High School. For the 11th graders this is a good chance to prepare for the SAT which they all will take in the spring.

A program on the growing problem of human trafficking will be presented by the Monroe Post of the Michigan State Police at Monroe Middle School on Tuesday, November 10, at 6:00 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. This is a very timely program because nationally this is a growing problem and the hub of much of this activity is in Toledo.

Congratulations to the nearly 900 students at Monroe High School who received their Trojan Pride cards for achieving at least a 3.0 GPA or higher during last school year. There are three levels of cards with an increasing number of "perks" for higher GPAs. The perks include discounts on goods such as pizzas, ice cream, and video games, as well as flowers for the prom and the chance to win a school yearbook, prom tickets, and Winterfest tickets. Thank you to the merchants who offer the discounts and thanks to the MHS Parents Club who do the fundraising.

Band-O-Rama will take place October 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Monroe High School. The concert will feature the Monroe High School String Orchestra, Chamber Strings, and the Monroe High School Trojan Marching Band.

Today, the Michigan Department of Education released its results for the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress, or M-STEP, which was taken by our students last spring. The state release did not include any numbers for local districts. The MDE has not announced when they will provide our results, but it should be soon.

Members of our Board of Education, administration, and the Monroe City Council met last night in a joint workshop at Monroe High School. It was a very congenial and enlightening meeting that included a number of interesting thoughts and proposals. No specific actions were taken.

There will be no school for students on Friday as our teachers will participate in a county wide in-service day.

Congratulations and best wishes to our Monroe High School football team that qualified for the state tournament. The team plays on the road this weekend at No. 1 ranked Saline.

Old Business

Mrs. Taylor mentioned that the National School Board Association is meeting in Boston next spring, and registration starts tomorrow. She would like board members to consider attending. Mr. Yeo stated that he has attended this conference in the past and found it to be very beneficial.

Mrs. Mentel attended the MASB conference this past weekend. She made sure to connect with school districts outside of Monroe County to learn what is going on around the state.

Mr. Yeo will follow up with Board members to provide possible dates to discuss goals.

New Business

There was none at this time

Public Commentary-Any Topic

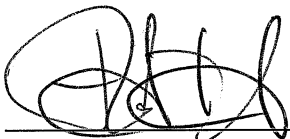
Lynn Mitosinka commented on her request for a one year release for her sons, and her concerns about the middle school.

Amy Pace questioned the cost effectiveness of paper products currently being purchased for restrooms.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel that the October 27, 2015, Board Meeting #19 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:02 p.m.



Ryan Philbeck, Secretary