

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #20

November 10, 2015

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Secretary Ryan Philbeck, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March

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

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Selma Rankins commented on the need for more black teachers.

Approval of Minutes

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

- October 26, 2015, Board Work Session
- October 27, 2015, Board Work Session
- October 27, 2015, Board Meeting #19
- October 27, 2015, Closed Session
- November 5, 2015, Special Board Meeting (3 sets)
- November 5, 2015, Closed Session (3 sets)

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

Reports and Update

The November 2, 2015, Board Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes and the following Informational Reports were received: Contracted Services Recommendations, Contracted Coaches, and Club Paid Coaches.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Suzanne Saenz, Robert Kennedy and Jason King effective October 30, 2015; and Debra Cook effective November 30, 2015.

Discussion: Robert Kennedy and Jason King are part of the restructuring in the technology department. They will continue to work in Monroe Public Schools as EduStaff employees.

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

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the appointment of Kristen Brown as a teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective November 11, 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 5-0 roll call vote.

Exempt Employee Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the appointment of Duane (Joe) Miracle as a Level 4 Computer Technician for the 2015/16 school year effective November 11, 2015, and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

Amended 2015/16 General Fund Budget

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to adopt the amended 2015/16 General Fund budget as presented.

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

Resolution for Regional Enhancement Millage

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Resolution for Regional Enhancement Millage as presented.

Discussion: The technology millage renewal will take place in May 2016. Mr. Vergiels commented that each district designates a person to head the campaign in their community. It will be very important to be present at school events to provide information about the millage and how it will benefit students.

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

Board Policies – Second Reading and Approval

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the new and revised Board Policies as presented effective November 10, 2015.

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

MHS Varsity Volleyball

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the attendance of the Monroe High School Varsity Volleyball team at the state tournament. This will be held in Battle Creek, Michigan. All aspects of the trip will be in accordance with related board policies.

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

Superintendent Comments

Congratulations to Coach Kim Windham and the Monroe High School girls' volleyball team which won the Class A district volleyball championship Saturday by beating Bedford in all three games. It is only the fifth district title in the history of Monroe High School. The team moved on to the Class A regional at Belleville tonight where they are playing Westland John Glenn.

The Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol has awarded Waterloo Elementary School a grant of nearly \$4,600 to help support the school's STEAM program. This grant will provide each grade level of teachers with high quality Engineering is Elementary kits which were developed by the Museum of Science in Boston. Our Waterloo staff has looked into the kits and found that they align well with the state curriculum for each grade level and they will blend well with the Waterloo program. Among the topics made possible by the grant are designing such products as solar ovens, lighting systems, parachutes and living plant packages, and engineering rockets and rovers, earthquake-resistant materials and aid-drop packages.

National Young Readers Day is tomorrow, and once again Custer will host a number of readers from around our community to read to students and to impress upon them the importance of reading. Among the local

notables that Betsy Cole has lined up are Judge Mark Braunlich, Miss America 1988 Kaye Lani Rae Rafko Wilson, newspaper columnists Tom and Renee Treece, and Monroe Township Fire Inspector Calvin Schmitt.

Monroe High School was one of only 100 high schools in Michigan to receive a \$5,000 grant from the Michigan College Access Network. The grant is expected to help boost efforts to help students pursue education beyond high school. The first-year program's goal is to encourage a high school strategy to build a college going culture and improve college enrollment outcomes. MHS has established a post-secondary advisory council to determine how best to use the funds. The money already is working for MHS students as the first purchase with a portion of the money was to send 50 students to Central Michigan University for a college visit last week.

Santa Claus comes to Monroe on Saturday, November 21, in the annual Monroe Holiday Parade, and Monroe High School will have three entries again this year. The Monroe High School Marching Band, MHS cheerleaders and four members of the Homecoming Royalty will participate. Our marketing group is working with MHS and the student council to attract a tremendous number of red-wearing students and their families and friends to watch the parade between Fourth and Sixth Streets. TV cameras will be in that area and the goal is to have a huge throng of MHS students lining the parade route.

Monroe High School will be the site of the First Lego League robotics event on November 21. Thirty-one teams of up to ten students in grades three through eight will participate, and twenty of those teams are from Monroe County. More than 100 volunteers will be working the event, which is coordinated by the ISD. Students are judged in four categories, and one of those categories pertains to operating their robot on a four-foot by eight-foot playing field. The topic of study for this year's competition is Trash Trek and for the last several months, teams have been researching innovative solutions to problems related to trash and recycling. They also have designed, built and programmed an autonomous robot to accomplish several missions on the playing field.

Students at Custer Elementary School raised \$4,300 this past Saturday to benefit a fellow student who suffers from a rare blood disease. The money raised will help pay medical bills.

Between now and December 22, musical groups from Monroe Public Schools will perform at least 28 times in the public. Our instrumental and vocal directors will be extremely busy over the next six weeks. Many of the performances are on the weekends, and practically every performance is free and open to the public.

MHS Choir Director Cate Windelborn has scheduled the 33rd annual Madrigal Dinner for December 11 and 12 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$25 each and include a great dinner.

Monroe Middle School teacher Jackie Pecora obtained the money needed to purchase parts to complete her students' robot by going to a website called Donors Choose. She stated the case, explained what was needed and why it was needed, and in just a short time, eight donors stepped forward and provided the money. The students will now be able to purchase the remaining parts to complete the robot and compete December 12 in the robotics meet at Bedford.

Monroe High School senior Cameron Craig, a five-time All American swimmer and one of the greatest swimmers in Monroe High School history, will sign his National Letter of Intent to attend Arizona State University this Thursday at 2 p.m. at Monroe High School. We are proud of Cameron's accomplishments in the pool and we wish him the best of luck as he continues swimming in college.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that tomorrow is Veterans' Day, a time set aside to thank those who have served our country. In class today, and again on Thursday, Monroe High School teachers had the option of presenting a Veterans' Day lesson prepared by our principal, Mrs. Kreps.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

There was none at this time.

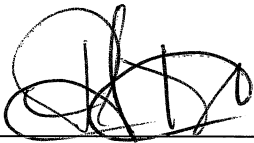
Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins commented on a remark that a board member had made regarding race.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman that the November 10, 2015, Board Meeting #20 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:48 p.m.



Ryan Philbeck, Secretary

RESOLUTION FOR REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE

Monroe Public Schools, Monroe County, Michigan (the "District").

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") was held in the Administration Building, within the boundaries of the District, on the 10th day of November, 2015, at 7 o'clock in the p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Yeo, President.

Present: Members Robert Yeo, Lawrence VanWasshenova, Matt Bunkelman, Floreine Mentel, Cynthia Taylor

Absent: Members Ryan Philbeck, Tedd March

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Mentel and supported by Member VanWasshenova

WHEREAS:

1. Section 705 of the School Code of 1976, as amended, authorizes a school district to request that the question of a regional enhancement property tax be submitted to the voters by the intermediate school district at the next regular school election or at a special election, if the request is made more than 180 days prior to the regular school election held in the majority of the constituent districts; and

2. This Board determines that it is in the best interest of the District to place a regional enhancement millage renewal question before the voters at the Tuesday, May 3, 2016 election in accordance with Section 705 of the School Code of 1976, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This District requests Monroe County Intermediate School District, Michigan, to submit the question of renewal of the regional enhancement property tax for .9866 mills for five (5) years, 2017 to 2021, inclusive, to the voters at a special election to be held in each of the constituent districts located within the Monroe County Intermediate School District on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

2. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee is hereby authorized to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments to the Secretary of the Board of Monroe County Intermediate School District on or before Monday, January 18, 2016.

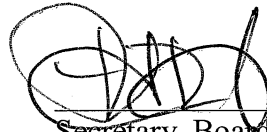
3. A regional enhancement property tax question to be submitted to the voters is set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and is approved and incorporated herein by reference.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members *Bunkelman, Mentel, Sayfar, VanWasschenova, Yes*

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.



Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Monroe Public Schools, Monroe County, Michigan, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on Nov. 10, 2015, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).



Secretary, Board of Education

BJB/ssw

EXHIBIT A

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the millage will be collected by the intermediate school district and distributed to the following local public school districts based on pupil membership count: Airport Community Schools, Bedford Public Schools, Dundee Community Schools, Ida Public Schools, Jefferson Schools, Mason Consolidated Schools, Monroe Public Schools, Summerfield Schools, and Whiteford Agricultural School District.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Monroe County Intermediate School District, be renewed by .9866 mill (\$0.9866 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2017 to 2021, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district technology purposes and related expenses; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately \$5,402,779 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2016 levy)?