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**MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION
1275 North Macomb Street, Monroe, Michigan 48162
Minutes – Board Meeting #5 – March 8, 2011**

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M. Christine Butler, Assistant Superintendent, K-12 Curriculum
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MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mr. Vensel.

| Board Members Present | Board Members Absent | Others Present |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Benore• Dr. McNamee• Dr. March• Ms. Spicer• Mr. VanWasshenova• Mr. Vensel | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Monday• Mrs. Butler• Mr. Laub |

Graduation Coach Progress Report

Steve Pollzzie, Graduation Coach at MHS, and Lisa Warnke, Graduation Coach at MMS, updated the board on the progress of their programs. Students are selected for their programs based on MEAP scores and/or risk factors such as behavior issues or attendance, counselor referral, or students who may be at risk of not graduating on time. Organization is an issue that is addressed with these students and peer tutoring has been implemented successfully this year. Another important aspect to the success of this program is continued parental contact.

Student Technology Presentation – 6th Grade Project

Lisa McLaughlin spoke to the board about a new technology initiative beginning in two classrooms at Waterloo funded by Title I. Laptops and internet will be provided for home and school use. An online learning environment called, My Big Campus, will be used for learning and home to school communication. In May, Mrs. McLaughlin will bring students back to the board so the students can show the benefits they have received from this new program.

Public Commentary

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

Move to approve the following minutes:

- February 28, 2011 Board Meeting #4 Minutes
- March 1, 2011 Work Session Minutes

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. McNamee.

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

Reports and Updates

- Informational Report – Contracted Coaches – Accepted without comment.

Coaching Recommendation

Move to approve Tigra DelBen as a 7th/8th Grade Co-Ed Track Assistant Coach for the spring, 2011 season as per the MCEA master agreement

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova.

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

Overnight Field Trip

Move to approve the Monroe High School students' overnight trip to the 2011 HOSA State Leadership Competition at the Grand Traverse Resort and Conference Center Wednesday, April 13 through Saturday, April 16, 2011 according to the terms of Bylaw IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Dr. McNamee requested that an updated Field Trip Excursion Checklist form be provided to Mr. Monday in light of the fact that there are now twelve students attending the conference.

Motion by Dr. McNamee; support by Mr. VanWasshenova.

At the regional competition, twelve students qualified to attend the conference in Traverse City. This will make the cost per student \$100 and another parent chaperone needs to be found.

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

Resolution in Support of the Countywide Educational Technology Millage Renewal

Move to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Benore.

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

Old Business

Mr. VanWasshenova inquired about the pilot program of having a lecture-type class at MHS. This was implemented during the current trimester, which ends Friday, March 11, and a report will be presented to the board soon.

Dr. McNamee asked where administration is on the selection of a new high school principal. Although it has been posted and will be until March 31st, at this point we have no applicants. Mr. Monday felt there are possibly two reasons for this. First, the starting salary is \$91,000 which is lower than many smaller districts in our county; and second, many candidates wait until the last minute to apply. Dr. McNamee felt the salary needs to be more in line with other schools in the county. This item will be discussed at the upcoming Personnel Committee meeting.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Benore, support by Dr. McNamee to have the Policy Committee investigate whether or not MPS needs a policy in place regarding procedures to follow if one spouse is under the direct supervision of another spouse. Also, if it is determined that we do need a policy regarding this issue, one will be developed.

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

Wendy Spicer would like to discuss how we are financing the officer present at our board meetings. Mr. Monday will add this item to the Personnel Committee agenda for discussion.

Superintendent's Comments

- Congratulations to the twelve HOSA (Health Occupations of America) students who qualified to participate in the upcoming state finals in Traverse City.
- Congratulations to Derek Davison, senior wrestler from MHS, who won the individual state wrestling title in his weight class for Division I.
- Four of our instrumental music groups will be playing in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association festival at Monroe County Community College.
- Kindergarten registration will be held at the administration building during the week of March 14, 2011.
- Toledo's Channel 11 was at MHS this week to film a segment about our auto tech program.
- On Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM MHS will host a freshmen orientation program for those students currently attending a parochial or private high school and wish to enroll at Monroe High for the 2011/2012 school year.
- Due to a number of weather-related cancellations of school, we will be extending our school year to a half day on June 10th. Originally, the last day of the school year was scheduled to be a half day on June 8th.
- Congratulations to the boys' basketball team who won their district game Monday night. They will play Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

Public Commentary – Any

Selma Rankins attended a good language encounter at Custer last week and requested a meeting with Mr. Monday.

Adjournment

Move that the March 8, 2011 Board Meeting #5 be adjourned.

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:28 PM.



JUNE KNABUSCH-TAYLOR, SECRETARY