

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #4

February 23, 2016

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Secretary Ryan Philbeck, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman

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

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Sodexo Update

Mr. Havericak, Sodexo Foodservice manager, updated the Board on some of the events and programs they've offered so far this school year, as well as events that are planned for the future.

Monroe High School earned \$500 for their student council by finishing in 39th place in Sodexo's Healthy High School Challenge. This year, over 200 school districts across the United States participated in the event. The Made to Order Chicken Gyro Bar was very well received at two of our elementary buildings. Grilled pizzas and the stir fry bar were extremely popular at the high school, and the pancake bar was a big hit at the middle school. Elementary students will have the opportunity to participate in the first annual Sodexo Future Chef Competition in March. A cook-off will be held to determine the winner.

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:

- February 9, 2016, Board Meeting #3

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

Reports and Update

The Contracted Services Recommendation report was received.

Maintenance Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Huff as a Classification 1 Skilled Trades with Monroe Public Schools effective February 24, 2016, 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.

Teacher Tenure Recommendation

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to confirm and endorse the granting of tenure and removal from probation for Christopher Kunder and Ryan Walentowski on the appropriate anniversary date.

Discussion: Mrs. Everly commented that Mr. Kunder and Mr. Walentowski were key staff members in the transition of Orchard to Monroe Public Schools.

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

BPA State Leadership Conference

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the attendance of five Monroe High School students at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

Energy Management Upgrade - AWS

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to accept the bid of \$6,909.00 from CSO (Controlled Systems of Ohio) to complete all necessary upgrades to the Energy Management System at Arborwood South. Money for this purchase will come from the site sinking fund.

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

Fenmoor Replacement Gates

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to accept the bid of \$9,900.00 from Monroe Fencing Company of Monroe, Michigan, for the replacement of the exit and entrance gates at Fenmoor. Money for this purchase will come from the site sinking fund.

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

Light Pole Removal Project – Bunkelman Field

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Dr. March to accept the bid of \$17,500.00 from Gratton Construction of Monroe, Michigan, to complete all necessary work for the lowering and removal of the light poles at Monroe High School's Bunkelman Field. Money for this purchase will come from the site sinking fund.

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

Superintendent Comments

Once again, we are seeing our musical students rack up a number of awards and statewide recognition in various competitions across the state. Fifteen musicians from Monroe Middle School earned 1's and 2's at the district solo and ensemble festival in Ann Arbor two weeks ago. Three entries from Monroe High School earned excellent ratings in the district vocal music solo and ensemble contest, which qualified them to compete in the state festival in March. Finally, four Monroe Middle School musicians – two clarinetists and two flute players – have been chosen for Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Honors Band and will perform at Orchestra Hall in Detroit in March.

Congratulations to the MHS automotive training program which has just received its second national accreditation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation and the National Association for Auto Service Excellence. The MHS Maintenance and Light Repair portion of the program received the accreditation.

Arborwood Elementary Campus has adopted a portion of N. Macomb St. to maintain cleanliness. It is part of the school's ambitious effort to become a Michigan Green School. Arborwood has embarked on more than a dozen green-friendly activities this school year.

This is Winterfest Week at Monroe High School and each day has a different theme. On Friday night, at the basketball doubleheader with Bedford, our Monroe High girls' team plays against the Bedford girls at 5:30 and the Monroe and Bedford boys' basketball teams face each other at 7 p.m. At half-time of both games, the Winterfest royalty will be announced, freshmen and sophomores at the girls game, and juniors and seniors at the boys game. The Winterfest Dance will be on Saturday night.

Former Negro League baseball player Ted Toles Jr. will speak at Custer Elementary School this Friday in conjunction with the school's observance of Black History Month. Mr. Toles was very well received last spring when he spoke at Custer. We want to thank Monroe High School graduate, Roosevelt Barnes, a nephew of Mr. Toles, for setting up the visit.

Monroe Public Schools will have a booth at the Home Builders Show at the Monroe County Fairgrounds to be held this weekend.

Thanks to a National Science Foundation grant, some 25 Monroe High School students are able to take special after-school Geographical Information System training for free and qualify for a summer internship in the Monroe area this summer. The internship position will pay our successful candidates up to \$10 per hour for 20 hours of work for 12 weekends this summer. We want to thank MHS teacher Russ Columbus for pursuing this grant. We are the only school in the area offering this to our students. The number of students who were interested was higher even than Mr. Columbus thought it would be. The objective of the grant is to expose students to this technology, which is fundamental in providing emergency services, environmental hazard management, military operations, and transportation and urban planning.

The second year of M-STEP testing will be starting the week of April 11. Kindergarten signups are scheduled for April 25-27 at the Riverside Early Learning Center.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

There was none at this time.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Cameron Barron spoke on behalf of the Monroe United Hockey Team and asked the Board to consider restoring the combined Jefferson/Monroe team. He currently coaches the Monroe United Midget B hockey team.

Louis Lombardo supported Mr. Barron's comments and commended him on his coaching abilities.

Michelle Leach commented that her son is part of the Monroe Midget B hockey team and has played hockey since he was four years old. She stressed how important it is to these boys to represent their school while playing hockey. She asked the Board to consider restoring the Monroe United Hockey Team.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March that the February 23, 2016, Board Meeting #4 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:52 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Philbeck', written in a cursive style.

Ryan Philbeck, Secretary