

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #5

March 8, 2016

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

Administrators Absent: David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Martin asked for a moment of silence to honor Chris Butler who passed away recently. Mrs. Butler was a long time teacher, principal, and central office administrator at Monroe Public Schools. Her leadership and knowledge of the district was exceptional, and she will truly be missed.

National Award Recipient

Grant Prater, who is a junior at Monroe High School, was honored this evening for receiving two national awards. He is a 2016 Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and he is also the recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award, which is based on his impressive number of volunteer hours.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Mr. Yeo asked the Board's permission to allow public commentary on non-agenda items.

(This is an excerpt from a statement read by Dr. Martin regarding the closure of Bunkelman Field due to the collapse of one of the stadium light poles.) Due to safety concerns, the stadium must remain closed until the remaining three light poles can be removed. The Monroe County Road Commission has implemented frost laws for Herr Road, and there is concern that with the current weather condition, bringing the necessary heavy equipment into the stadium could cause considerable damage to the track. With the upcoming track season, we are looking into options for the athletes until Bunkelman Field is available. Our greatest concern at this point is to be able to provide a safe area for sporting activities.

Heath LaPrad commented on the closure of Bunkelman Field. He expressed his concern about an adequate training location for track athletes to practice; the loss of athletes due to schedules and academic responsibilities after school; why has it taken so long to fix the situation; and why there isn't a sign by the track stating that it's closed.

The board and administration maintained their first concern is for student safety. Mr. LaPrad's concerns were addressed, and he was assured that the board is committed to resolving this issue as soon as possible.

Approval of Minutes

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

- February 23, 2016, Board Work Session
- February 23, 2016, Board Meeting #4
- March 3, 2016, Special Board Meeting (2 sets)
- March 3, 2016, Closed Session (2 sets)

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

Reports and Update

The February 22, 2016, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes and the Contracted Services Recommendations were received.

Clerical Appointment

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the appointment of Stephanie Cicero as a secretary with Monroe Public Schools effective Wednesday, March 9, 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 7-0 roll call vote.

Coaching Recommendations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the coaches listed below for the 2016/17 school year; as per the MCEA master agreement.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Sport	School	Season
Guy	Pietrina	Coach	Cheerleading - JV	MHS	Fall
Mydloski	James	Assistant Coach	Cross Country - Co Ed	MHS	Fall
McEnhill	Jackie	Coach	Cross Country - Co Ed	MMS	Fall
Scoles	Mark	Head Coach	Cross Country - Co Ed	MHS	Fall
Hutchison	Jason	Head Coach	Football - 7th Grade	MMS	Fall
Finnegan	Patrick	Asst. Coach	Football - 8th Grade	MMS	Fall
Motyka	Ron	Head Coach	Football - 9th Grade	MHS	Fall
Reed	Kyle	Assistant Coach	Football - Varsity	MHS	Fall
Clark	Jay	Assistant Coach	Football - Varsity	MHS	Fall
Wood	Bobby	Supervisor	Middle School Athletics	MMS	Fall
Myers	Kendan	Coach	Soccer Co-Ed - 7th & 8th	MMS	Fall
Schade	Doug	Head Coach	Swimming - Varsity Girls	MHS	Fall
Matusik	Robert	Coach	Tennis - Varsity Boys	MHS	Fall

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

Appointment of General Counsel

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the legal firm of Collins and Blaha, P.C. to provide legal services for student discipline due process procedures for the remainder of this school year and for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

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

Ratify MCEA Contract

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. Bunkelman to ratify the Master Agreement for February 11, 2016, to June 30, 2017, between the Monroe City Educational Secretarial Association MEA/NEA and the Monroe

Board of Education effective February 11, 2016.

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

Reinstatement Committee Recommendation

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the recommendation of the Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee that Student A and Student B be reinstated to the general education population at Orchard Center High School for trimester three of the current school year upon approval of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education.

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

Cooperative Boys and Girls Swim/Dive Team – Monroe and Jefferson

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the Cooperative Boys and Girls Swim and Dive Team between Monroe and Jefferson. Official practices for this cooperative agreement shall commence on August 10, 2016, and continue for two years.

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

Bulletin Boards – Custer School

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of 35 bulletin boards from School Specialty at a cost not to exceed \$4,255.70. Funds for this purchase will come from Custer Title I funds.

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

Electronic Sign – Custer School

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept the low bid of \$13,000.00 from Daktronic/Hardy & Sons Sign Service, Inc. for an electronic sign to be installed at Custer Elementary School. Funds for this purchase will come from the Custer PTO.

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

LLI Kits – Arborwood North and South

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of the Fountas & Pinnell LLI kits at a cost not to exceed \$14,224.50. This expenditure will be funded utilizing the 2016 Title I supply funds in accordance with allowable expenditure guidelines for use of federal funds for supplemental instructional programming.

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

2015/16 Budget Amendment

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to adopt the amended 2015/16 fund budgets for the General, Food Service, and Building and Site Sinking funds as presented.

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

CSD-1 Testing on District Boilers

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to accept the bid of \$5,945.00 from Sieb Plumbing & Heating of Monroe, Michigan, to complete CSD-1 testing on all forty-one (41) district boilers. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations Budget.

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

Superintendent Comments

The success we have had with our STEAM program at Waterloo Elementary School will get national attention in a few weeks when several members of the Waterloo staff will address the National Science Teacher Association's national conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Presenting to the conference are Waterloo teachers Amanda Iacoangeli, Cheryl Bindus and Kyle Reed; and Custer Principal Lisa McLaughlin, who was Waterloo's principal when the STEAM concept was studied and implemented.

This past weekend, two choirs from Monroe Middle School earned excellent ratings in the regional MSVMA festival in Lincoln Park and received invitations to participate in the state festival in May. Congratulations to the Jubilation group and the 8th grade Team C choir both of which are advancing to the state finals. Their director, Mrs. Elise Dinwoody, said that both choirs had achieved perfect scores in sight reading which is extremely rare. Three other MMS choirs that participated received good ratings.

Monroe High School's Drama Club will present The Addams Family Musical, on March 18-20 at the MHS Auditorium. The March 18 and 19 performances begin at 7 p.m. Curtain time on March 20 is 3 p.m. and tickets are available at the door for all three shows. Alison Drougel directs the presentation; Sue Sacks is the choreographer; Travis Trombley is the producer; Adam Miller is in charge of the music; and sets are painted by Wendy Kennedy.

Channel 13 TV reporter Kristian Brown will be at Monroe High School tomorrow to do a story on our auto tech program which recently earned its second national certification.

Second graders at Custer School used a math lesson which they modified to become a Dog and Cat Gram Factory to raise nearly \$500 that they presented this week to the Humane Society of Monroe County to use to treat sick dogs and cats at the center. The students saw a commercial about the Humane Society and why it was important to help dogs and cats. The students then worked in assembly lines to color dog and cat grams, taped them to suckers and sold them at lunch to raise money for the Humane Society. This activity allowed the children to learn lessons in several disciplines and topics.

The math classes at Monroe Middle School plan to observe "Pi Day" in a big way on March 14 – 3.14. On Monday, the classes of Mrs. Katie Oberdorf and Mr. Kevin Pilgrim will get together to cut out and connect as many as 4,000 digits of Pi. This will go on throughout the day during regular class time. On Tuesday, March 15, the students and their teachers will go outside of the school and attempt to make a complete circle around the school with all of the connected digits of Pi.

Monroe High School student Jade McLaughlin received good news this week when she was notified that a photograph she had taken has been selected as a national finalist in the 36th annual College and High School Photography Contest held by Photographer's Forum magazine. She had been encouraged to enter the contest by her teacher Amy McBroom.

A video produced by the ISD to help inform the public about the use of technology in our schools, was posted on our new YouTube page. We plan to stream live the ceremonies for College and Career Decision Day on May 3, as well as our graduation ceremony on June 3.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

Dr. Martin stated that in May of 2014, we renewed the cooperative hockey agreement between Monroe Public Schools and Jefferson Schools for two years. We had a hockey team the first year (2014/15) of the agreement, but we did not have a team during the second year (2015/16) due to a lack of players. He would like to renew the agreement and asked for support from the board. The consensus of the board was to move forward with the agreement.

Mr. Bunkelman commented that today is International Women's Day and thanked the female gender for everything they have done in the educational field and the city of Monroe.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel that the March 8, 2016, Board Meeting #5 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:18 p.m.



Ryan Philbeck, Secretary