

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #7

April 12, 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, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

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

First Annual Future Chefs Competition

Sodexo foodservice has sponsored a national Future Chefs Competition for the past five years, and this is the first year Monroe has been able to participate. Mark Haverciak, MPS foodservice director, shared information about the competition and its participants. Fifty healthy snack recipes were submitted, and five were chosen to participate in a cook-off held on March 24 at Custer School. The winner of the local contest was Willow Johnson.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- March 22, 2016, Work Session
- March 22, 2016, Board Meeting #6
- April 7, 2016, Special Board Meeting (2 sets)

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

Reports and Update

The following Board committee meeting minutes were received: March 21, 2016, Curriculum; March 22, 2016, Physical Resource; April 4, 2016, Personnel. The Contracted Services Recommendation report was also received.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools of Timothy Irvin effective March 25, 2016, and of JoAnn Burke, Janet Heck, Edwin Kern, Amy Pace, Debra Pitcher, Nancy Schlosser, Matt Servis, Robert Servis, Steven Simon and Elizabeth Swindeman at the end of the 2015/16 school year.

Discussion: This represents 264 years of teaching experience. Mrs. Everly thanked each teacher for their dedicated service.

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

MHS Band/Orchestra – Nashville, TN

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Monroe High School band and orchestra students' overnight trip to Nashville, Tennessee. This trip will be in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

BPA National Leadership Conference – Boston, MA

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the attendance of one Monroe High School student at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. This trip will be in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

Mulligan's Building Maintenance – Contract Renewal

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the three year contract extension for custodial service for Mulligan's Building Maintenance LLC effective for the start of the 2016/17 school year.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova ~~thinks this service should have been~~ believes that Board policy requires this service be put out for bid. He stated the last time the contract was renewed for two years, it was indicated that an RFP would be sent out the next time it came up for renewal. Mr. Oley said that out of the 12-14 bids that were submitted in 2012, Mulligan's provided the best cost savings for the district, and he believes they would be competitive today. Mr. Oley believes the savings reflected in this renewal has met the board's request. The working relationship that has been developed with Mulligan's is imperative.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

Turf and Grounds Chemicals

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to accept the bid of \$7,657.46 from John Deere Landscapes (Site One) of Taylor, Michigan, for the purchase of turf and ground chemicals. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations Budget.

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman asked why the local company wasn't chosen; there was a small margin of difference between the two bids. Mr. Oley indicated that the bid submitted by the local company was incomplete.

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

E-rate Cabling Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to accept the bid of \$711,219.00 from Red Letter Productions to replace all existing cabling in the ceiling and walls that connects all aspects of technology together. This will include the relocation, replacement, and addition of network cabinets at all facilities in the district. This project will be funded by the Technology Millage.

Discussion: Mr. Payne stated that if this purchase is approved by E-rate, the price will be reduced by 73%.

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

E-Rate Internal Connections Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to accept the bid of \$554,903.00 from Netech to replace the current internal network hardware with the most recent versions from Cisco. This project will be funded by the Technology Millage.

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

Fiber Purchase

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Bunkelman to accept the bid of \$8,040.00 from ComLink to replace

a section of the district's fiber network. This project will be funded by the Site Sinking fund.

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

Superintendent Comments

Monroe High School began testing today with our 9th and 10th grade students participating in the PSAT, and our juniors will be taking the SAT, WorkKeys and M-STEP. The 12th grade students are not testing and did not go to school today, but Mrs. Kreps and her team developed a number of innovative activities for them to prepare for college and careers.

Kindergarten registration will take place April 25-27 at the Riverside Early Learning Center.

Twenty-two Monroe Public School students representing all MPS elementary schools placed in the recent Monroe County Science Fair, sponsored by the Monroe County Intermediate School District. Eight of them won first place honors in their categories.

The Monroe-based international supplier Fluid Equipment Development Company, or the FEDCO, held its annual World Water Day poster contest, and 11 of our Waterloo Elementary School students placed in the various age categories. In addition, Waterloo earned a \$500 award for submitting the most posters in the contest – 257. These winning posters now will be on permanent display at FEDCO headquarters in Monroe.

Fifty MHS students are eligible to vote in the technology millage renewal election on May 3, thanks to the efforts of the Monroe City Clerk Michelle LaVoy and Monroe Township Clerk Bob Schnurr for coming out to MHS during all four lunch hours on March 24 and registering these young voters.

The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce held a Koffee Klub meeting at the ISD last week, and technology in the schools was featured. Monroe Public Schools was represented by nearly 60 teachers, students and administrators showcasing various uses of technology in the classrooms. Our students and staff were exposed to a number of business leaders they typically would not be in a position to deal with and all did a great job in explaining to these influential men and women how we use technology.

Best wishes to our Monroe High School choirs – Expressions and Generations of Sound – who will participate in the state choral festival on April 21. Both of them received the best ratings possible at an earlier competition. On April 27, our MHS singers will head to New York City for a performance trip.

For the fifth time in six years, the Monroe High School Jazz Band recently earned a Division One rating – the best possible – at the state jazz band festival. Three individual instrumentalists also earned honors in the state solo and ensemble contest, and at the Sylvania Northview Jazz Band Festival in Ohio.

Monroe Middle School students collected 1,250 personal care items as part of a personal care supply drive sponsored by the National Junior Honor Society. The donations will be taken to the ISD's Education Center where students with disabilities will divide them into care packages to be distributed to local homeless and disadvantaged families.

The Waterloo STEAM Fair will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. The students have been working hard on their STEAM projects. Come and view our student showcase, complete some STEAM challenges and enter to win STEAM prizes. Explore Snap Circuit Kits, Makey Makeys, Strawbees, Ozo Bots, and Dash and Dot.

Congratulations to Raisinville for helping prepare the next generation of school teachers. Officials at MCCC have notified Raisinville that it hosted the most pre-student teachers in the county with six students. That is in addition to the two student teachers from the university level. Thank you to Raisinville for the support it has given these future teachers.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo stated that the superintendent evaluation tool is now aligned with the new state requirements. When complete, the review will be available on our website.

Dr. March asked if we are on track with the installation of the lights at Bunkelman Field. Mr. Oley stated that the RFP may go out this week. Mr. Oley is unable to name an installation date until the bid is awarded and he speaks with the contractor. A time limit (August 25) is included in the RFP, but we don't know if a contractor can meet that date. We will know more at the mandated pre-bid meeting which will take place in two weeks.

New Business

Mr. VanWasshenova inquired if we should put some of our excess property up for sale. Mr. Oley suggested having the property appraised before putting it up for sale. Mr. Philbeck stated that we could have a nonbinding value placed on the property by a commercial broker. The Board agreed for Mr. Philbeck to contact a local commercial broker regarding our excess property.

Mr. Yeo thanked board members for allowing him to represent them at the NSBA Annual Conference in Boston. Mr. Philbeck, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Everly attended the conference as well. Each attendee participated in different sessions and found the conference overall to be very beneficial.


Public Commentary-Any Topic

Bob Mulligan thanked the board for allowing Mulligan's to be a part of Monroe Public Schools.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel that the April 12, 2016, Board Meeting #7 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:07 p.m.



Ryan Philbeck, Secretary