

**MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Board Meeting #8

April 26, 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

Administrators Absent: Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Dr. Martin asked for a moment of silence in memory of a Manor student who passed away.

**Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only**

There was none at this time.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

- April 12, 2016, Special Work Session
- April 12, 2016, Closed Meeting
- April 12, 2016, Board Meeting #7
- April 21, 2016, Special Board Meeting
- April 21, 2016, Closed Meeting

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova requested a correction to his statement in the minutes for Board Meeting #7 regarding the contract renewal for Mulligan's Building Maintenance.

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

**Reports and Update**

The April 18, 2016, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes and the April 19, 2016, Board Policy Committee Meeting Minutes were received.

**Exempt Administrative Contract**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the administrative contract for Dr. Barry Martin as recommended for the 2016-2017 through 2018-2019 school years.

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

**Exempt Administrative Contract Extension**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the administrative contract extension for Julie Everly as recommended for the 2017/18 school year.

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

**Exempt Administrative Contract Extensions**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the administrative contract extensions for Katherine Eighmey, Jerry Oley, and David Payne as recommended for the 2016/17 school year.

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

**Administrative Contract Extensions**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the administrative contract extensions for: Montyne Barbee, Mary Ann Cyr, William Ferrara, Cindy Flynn, Meghan Gibson, Frank Henry, Teresa Joseph, Sandra Kreps, Cathy McDonald, Lisa McLaughlin, Jeff McVeigh, Ronda Meier, Steve Pollzzie, John Ray, Timothy Salenbien, Nicole Shaughnessy, Delsie Sissoko and Holly Wallace as recommended for the 2016/17 school year.

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

**Ferris State University Secondary Welding Competition**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the attendance of five Monroe High School students at the Ferris State University Secondary Welding Competition in Big Rapids, Michigan. This trip will be in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

**Tire Changing Machine**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of a Professional Tire Changer from Equipment Distributors at a cost not to exceed \$6,667.13. This purchase will be funded using available Added Cost funds.

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

**Lucy Calkins Reading Unit Purchase**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the purchase of four (4) Units of Study for Teaching Reading K-5 Bundles at a cost not to exceed \$7,285.56. Funds for this purchase will come from the Elementary Curriculum Budget.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

Kindergarten registration began this week, and Mrs. Everly gave an update on the progress. At this time, we have over 150 Kindergarten and Young 5 students registered.

Career and College Ready Decision Day is scheduled for May 3 at Monroe High School. The event will be streamed live so all classrooms will have an opportunity to watch. Speakers this year, both MHS graduates, are Roosevelt Barnes and Kelli Kreps.

The City of Monroe will host its celebration of Arbor Day this Friday, April 29, and will be working with Arborwood Elementary School to plant 14 trees along Riverview Ave. in the vicinity of the Arborwood Campus.

This past weekend, Arborwood was recognized for earning its first Green School designation from the state for its environmental effort and programs. Arborwood is the third Monroe Public school to earn the designation. Prior to Arborwood, Waterloo and Raisinville also received the recognition.

Monroe High senior Natalie Lake has qualified to participate in the National Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition in June in Nashville. She earned a bronze medal in Nurse Assisting at the recent state competition in Traverse City. Natalie was the only student from Monroe County to qualify for the national competition.

The Learning Bank received \$5,500 in grants from the Community Foundation of Monroe County. Forty-five hundred dollars will be used to pay for GED tests, and the balance will go towards the purchase of gas cards and/or other incentives for students. The Learning Bank graduation ceremony will be held June 9 at MCCC.

Nine different projects developed by Monroe Public Schools teachers received mini-grants from the Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools in the spring selections. The projects ranged from buying xylophones for younger students to learn to play and compose music, to several projects in which students will learn how to program computers, to using the Challenger Learning Center to learn about space travel and teamwork. These are all projects which enrich our students' learning experience but likely could not have been done without the grant. The grants totaled about \$4,000.

The MHS band and orchestra groups are heading to Nashville this week. The marching band will play on the plaza of the Country Music Hall of Fame, and the orchestra will play a pre-Grand Ole Opry concert outdoors at the Opry Plaza. Both groups will get a chance to record at Nashville's famed Recording Studio B.

Our MHS vocalists will be heading to New York City for an energetic sightseeing and performance schedule. The choir will perform at the Liberty Island Flag Pole and at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. They will also see two Broadway shows, visit the 9/11 Memorial Museum and Times Square, and participate in a taping of Good Morning America.

Congratulations to Monroe Middle School choirs, Jubilation and the 8C Choir, both of which performed at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association state festival in Holt. Middle school vocalists do not get an overall rating at the state competition as they do in high school, however, the comments from the three-judge panel were outstanding.

Fifty-nine Monroe High School students were recognized for achieving their AIM goals in the second trimester, and they were honored at a banquet last week. To be recognized by AIM and earn \$200 cash for the trimester, the students have to achieve at least a 15% improvement over their accumulated GPA. One of the students was able to register a 70% improvement. One of our students has achieved her AIM goals in all five trimesters that we have had the program and at least two others have achieved their goals in four of the five trimesters.

Congratulations to Gino Assenmacher (9<sup>th</sup> grade), Hunter Cimadon (10<sup>th</sup> grade) and Madelyn Vasbinder (11<sup>th</sup> grade) who were honored as 2015-2016 Monroe County Academic All-Stars.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 3, in the educational technology millage election. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### **Old Business**

Dr. March asked for an update on the sale of the properties. Dr. Martin stated that he and Mrs. Eighmey have a meeting scheduled this Friday with Mr. Fritz.

**New Business**

Mrs. Mentel complimented Manor staff, as well as Mrs. Everly and Dr. Martin, for communicating with parents during this difficult time.

Mr. Bunkelman would like to recognize the student who met her AIM goals all five trimesters by inviting her to a board meeting to offer congratulations for her efforts.

**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Student council member Sven Wollschlaeger gave an update on the happenings at Monroe High School.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Dr. March that the April 26, 2016, Board Meeting #8 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:31 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Philbeck', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ryan Philbeck, Secretary