

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #9

May 10, 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 Matthew Bunkelman (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), and Trustee Floreine Mentel

Board Members Absent: Secretary Ryan Philbeck, Trustee Cynthia Taylor

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

Administrators Absent: Julie Everly

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

MHS Marching Band

Several members of the Monroe High School Marching Band attended tonight's meeting to present their new uniforms to the Board and play the Trojan fight song. Mr. Nuechterlein talked about the band and orchestra's recent trip to Nashville.

AIM Program

The AIM program started last school year, and nearly 210 students have qualified for the \$200 award by improving their GPA 15% each trimester. Only one student has achieved this goal every trimester and has earned \$1,000 to use for college. Board members congratulated Jaleene Frayer for this accomplishment and thanked Mr. Morris for being her mentor.

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:

- April 26, 2016, Board Work Session
- April 26, 2016, Board Meeting #8
- May 5, 2016, Special Board Meeting
- May 5, 2016, Closed Meeting

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

Reports and Update

The May 2, 2016, Board Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes, and the Contracted Services Recommendations were received.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Kathy Opfermann effective June 30, 2016, and Shannon Bourke effective August 26, 2016.

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

Resolution to Support the MCISD Budget for 2016-17

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the Monroe County ISD Budget Resolution as presented.

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

School Lunch Prices

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve Option B to set prices for school lunches for the 2016/17 school year.

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

MASB 2016-2017 Membership Renewal

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Dr. March to approve the 2016-2017 membership renewal to the Michigan Association of School Boards in the amount of \$7,512.

Discussion: By participating in this membership, we receive a substantial amount back from SET/SEG Insurance.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

LLI Kits – Waterloo Elementary School

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the purchase of the Fountas & Pinnell LLI kits at a cost not to exceed \$6,991.26. This expenditure will be funded utilizing the 2015-2016 Title I funds in accordance with allowable expenditure guidelines for use of federal funds for supplemental instructional programming.

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

Board Policies – Section 8000 – Students – First Reading

Section 8000 has been reviewed by Dr. Martin, Mrs. Everly and the Policy Committee, and given to Board members prior to this meeting for their review.

Superintendent Comments

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette was at Arborwood this morning and read to several classes. This may have been the first time a standing Michigan Attorney General visited one of our schools.

The educational technology enhancement millage passed last week as nearly 9,500 Monroe County voters supported it with yes votes. Thank you to everyone who supported the millage and especially to Mr. Vergiels who headed up our successful campaign. Over its five-year life, this millage will bring nearly \$8 million to Monroe Public Schools to use for technology in our classrooms.

This week is the annual MITES (Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society) state finals and we have nearly 75 entries that have qualified to participate. This is a tremendous tribute to our students, their teachers and Mr. Ferrara. Forty students qualified in architectural and mechanical, twenty-four in machine tool, twenty-six in welding, and one in construction technology.

Last Tuesday, May 3, Monroe High School hosted its third annual Career and College Decision Day paired with a college and trade information fair. The Decision Day festivities were high-spirited once again, and several students won \$500 scholarships. The event was live-streamed and was watched live by 155 viewers, many of which were our classrooms. Nearly 1,000 views took place after the event. Viewers in six foreign

countries also watched. They were the Czech Republic, France, the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Australia and Venezuela. Thanks to Mrs. Sandy Kreps and the MHS staff who put on a wonderful event and thanks to the technology department and Mr. Vergiels who coordinated efforts to ensure the event was live-streamed and is now available on the Monroe Public Schools YouTube site.

“Waterloo Wowed ‘Em” at the recently concluded 2016 Ohio Satellites Geospatial Technologies Conference on May 6. Our kindergarten and young 5s students taught by Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. LaBeau have used infrared thermometers and a GPS in a study of how surface temperatures affect the amount of worms found. Two Waterloo kindergarteners who collected the data, aided by two fourth graders who entered it in the computer, presented at the conference. It was one of fifty-eight presentations; all the rest were fifth grade through college students. The presentation was voted the People’s Choice Award by attendees as the one project they enjoyed the most.

Our elementary schools have been certified as Monroe County Healthy Schools by the Monroe County Building Healthy Communities Coalition. They were recognized at the recent Monroe County Earth Day Expo. Schools could achieve either Golden, Silver or Bronze Apple Awards based on the number of activities implemented. Earning Golden Apple Awards, the highest possible, were Custer, Manor and Waterloo. Arborwood North won a Silver Apple Award and Raisinville earned a Bronze Apple Award.

Four persons associated with Monroe Public Schools were recognized last Thursday night by the Monroe County Intermediate School District and received Whole Apple Awards for their work with Exceptional Children. Lisa Bagley of Monroe Middle School, was the Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year. Krystina Seibert was the Special Education Parent of the Year. Renee Peterson, was the School or Program Administrator of the Year. Monroe High School senior Madyson Farris, was named the General Education Peer Mentor of the Year.

The Monroe High School Jazz Band kicks off the City of Monroe summer music program at St. Mary’s Park at 7:00 p.m. on May 26.

Art work created by our students will be displayed at the Mall of Monroe May 21 through May 31. The display will be in the hallway between Pat Catan’s and Olga’s on the south end of the mall.

Monroe Middle School inducted 99 new members into the National Junior Honor Society under the leadership of Mr. Scott Hoppert.

Waterloo student Brianna Stubleski was selected as a finalist in the The Meemic Foundation Art Contest – Meemic Masterpieces. Not only will Brianna win a Kindle Fire HD Tablet for her artwork, but the school will receive a \$300 art supplies grant for sponsoring Briana. Her artwork will be hung in Meemic’s corporate headquarters in Auburn Hills and will be displayed on the Meemic website over the next few months.

This is a big weekend for Monroe High School seniors – it is prom night on Saturday, May 14. The class has reserved a banquet and conference facility overlooking Ford Lake near Ypsilanti. More than 500 students purchased tickets for the event.

For the first time, Custer Elementary awarded five \$500 scholarships to graduating MHS seniors who attended Custer. The recipients were Lexi Steve, Cameron Delben, Erycka Pancone, Madyson Farris and Anthony Wohlfeil. Elementary schools giving scholarships is a tradition that has been in Monroe Public

Schools for a number of years, and it is believed to have started with Lincoln Elementary School. To support the scholarship, Custer employees sponsored a jean week, sold lollipops at the holiday and during the spring, had a mustache day, and an on-line fundraiser.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo read a prepared statement regarding Dr. Martin's 2015-16 review. The statement will be available on our website.

New Business

There was none at this time.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Mr. Kieselbach, president of the Monroe Instrumental Boosters Club, thanked board members for allowing the district to help fund the purchase of the band uniforms.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel that the May 10, 2016, Board Meeting #9 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:41 p.m.



Ryan Philbeck, Secretary