

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #10

May 24, 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, Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: Secretary Ryan Philbeck

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

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

MPS Scholarship Recipients

Prior to the start of the Board of Education meeting, the 2016 Monroe Public Schools Scholarship recipients and their parents were introduced. Board members congratulated these graduates who were then treated to a dessert reception.

Student Council – State Leadership Conference

Matthew Huntoon, Patrick Reed, and Harrison Carter shared a video of their experience at the MASC State Leadership Conference they attended in April. The conference involved student councils from across the state of Michigan. Students participated in team building activities and learned fundraising ideas from other schools.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- May 10, 2016 Board Meeting #9
- May 18, 2016, Special Board Meeting
- May 18, 2016, Closed Meeting

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Adrienne Conley, Nikki Klonaris, and Rachel Dyer effective at the end of the day on June 9, 2016, and Shawna Mann effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Teacher Tenure Recognition

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to confirm and endorse the granting of tenure and removal from probation for Wendy Stahula on the appropriate anniversary date.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Contract Extension

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve a contract renewal with EduStaff, LLC for the placement of Robert Vergiels as the Coordinator of Communications and Public Relations for the period of July 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-2 roll call vote. Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Yeo voted no.

Consent Agenda – Overnight Trips

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to that Agenda Items C.6 through C.10 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.6 **Competitive Cheer Camp** – Move to approve the attendance of Monroe High School's Competitive Cheer Team at the North American Spirit 2016 Summer Camp in Sandusky, Ohio, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.
- C.7 **State Track Meet** – Move to approve the attendance of 15 members of Monroe High School's track team at the state track meet in Hudsonville, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.
- C.8 **State Golf Tournament** – Move to approve the attendance of approximately six members of Monroe High School's boys' golf team at the state golf tournament in Allendale, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.
- C.9 **Varsity Softball** – Move to approve the attendance of Monroe High School's Varsity Softball Team at the state semifinals tournament at Michigan State University in E. Lansing, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.
- C.10 **Girls Basketball Camp** – Move to approve the attendance of approximately 16 members of Monroe High School's girls' basketball team to Saginaw Valley State University in University, Michigan, for basketball camp. This will be in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

MHSAA 2016-17 Membership

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Mentel to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution for the year August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 as presented.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Board Policies – Second Reading and Approval

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve Board Policy Section 8000 – Students as written effective May 25, 2016.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

STEAM Curriculum – Custer School

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of the STEAM Curriculum Materials from LEGO, Maker-bot, Bee-bot, TeacherGeek, EIE and Amazon. The total cost for the materials will not exceed \$52,500.00 which will be covered by Custer Elementary 2015-16 Title I funds.

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman suggested adding something agriculturally based to the STEAM curriculum to make use of the land available at Custer.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

District Carpet Replacement

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to accept the bid of \$36,069.00 from Runyon's Home Decorating, of Monroe, Michigan, for carpet replacement throughout the district. Money for this purchase will come from Building and Site Sinking Funds.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Chromebook Purchase

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of 2,100 Dell Chromebooks, 1,900 Google Management Licenses, 1,750 GoGuardian Licenses, 2,100 Snap Case Shells, and 200 Power Adapters at a cost not to exceed \$485,053.00. Funds for this purchase will come from 31a funds and the Technology Millage.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova asked why 31a funds were being used for this purchase. Mr. Payne stated that by using 31a funds it will help us target those students, and by subsidizing this purchase with 31a funds, we're able to provide one to one initiative next year to students in grades 5-8. Also, there was unallocated money in the 31a budget, and with the increased number of devices being used, there will need to be some infrastructure changes, which would have to come from the technology millage or the general fund. Mrs. Eighmey mentioned the 31a funds for this purchase are from 2015/16; Summer Learning Academy expenses will come out of next year's 31a and Title budget. The 31a budget will fund 86% of this purchase. Mr. VanWasshenova would prefer to use 31a money to expand summer school so we don't have a wait list. For that reason, he suggested allocating more funds from the technology millage for the Chromebooks. Mrs. Everly will keep the Board informed of how funding will be adjusted to try to accommodate Mr. VanWasshenova's request.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Datacenter Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the purchase of equipment to expand and upgrade our network datacenter. In addition to the equipment, this purchase will include maintenance and services from Lightspeed Systems, Logisoft, and Netech at a price not to exceed \$1,238,175.39. This project will be funded through General Funds and the Technology Millage.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Technology Renewals Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the purchase of our yearly software renewals at a total cost not to exceed \$217,449.91. This project will be funded through General Funds and the Technology Millage.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Exterior Pool and Deck Removal – Arborwood South

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to reject the bid submitted by Pranam GlobalTech, Inc. due to failing to provide proper documentation of his ability to complete the work and that a contract be awarded to Salenbien Trucking & Excavating from Dundee, Michigan, for the Base Bid, Proposal A,

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman wishes we would have looked into doing something with the property. He thinks it should be a priority, even if we have to spend a little extra money, to give back to the school and the community when a structure is demolished.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Demolition and Related Work - SMT

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Dr. March to waive the 50 mile radius from the job site requirement

and accept the bid of \$111,000.00 from D & R Demolition Corp., for the demolition and related work at South Monroe Townsite and reject all other bids. This project will come from the Building and Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova doesn't feel we should demolish SMT yet. He thinks the building should be put up for sale to see if anyone can utilize the space and recoup some of the taxpayer dollars spent over the years. Mr. Oley said that based on a recent residential evaluation of the area, the property could be divided into eight or nine lots. The appraisal value was well over \$200,000. Mr. Bunkelman believes we should move forward as quickly as possible with the demolition to put us in a proactive position to generate income rather than put a building up for sale that would cost a lot of money to renovate. Mr. VanWasshenova asked if any title work has been done on the property. Mr. O'Dell met with Monroe Township to ensure all guidelines and requirements were met. The property was plotted in the original plat with 9 or 10 individual lots; it wasn't plotted as a single piece of property dedicated for a school. Dr. March feels it would be a travesty to let the building sit there; it would destroy the surrounding property values. It's our responsibility to take the building down and make the property available.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Mr. VanWasshenova voted no.

Foodservice Purchase

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of food service equipment from Burkett Restaurant Equipment and Supplies for a cost of \$42,980.09 plus freight and accessories, not to exceed \$43,518.28. Money for this purchase will come from the 2014/15 excess food service fund balance.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

Superintendent Comments

All summer long, we will encourage our students to create and meet goals for reading and math through a summer outreach program developed by our curriculum department. Students in all grade levels will be issued a summer learning planner to log their goals and progress. In addition, throughout the summer, our teachers will be out in the community – nearly every day – helping kids to find books they love to read and then working with them as they read. They will be at Tot Lots and libraries throughout our district from June 27 through August 4. When students complete their goals, they will be able to drop off tickets to various locations throughout our district to register for prizes.

Congratulations to the Soroptomist Club and Madyson Farris, who were honored with Michigan Week Awards. The S-Club is a Monroe High School club dedicated to helping women and children. The MHS girls and their advisor, Allison Kwasniak, are active all school year long. During this school year they worked with Paula's House and Hope's Closet, as well as adopting four families at Christmas and sponsoring their annual purse drive for less fortunate women. Maddy was honored for her many volunteer hours she puts in every year at various activities.

For the last several weeks, the Raisinville staff, as part of their International Baccalaureate School preparations, used various disciplines to research and then represent the World Cup. The art classes made large country flags of the eight countries in this year's World Cup – England, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Canada, Ivory Coast and Australia. In physical education, students were divided into eight teams, representing each country, and wore "uniforms" which closely matched their country's colors. In technology, students researched their countries and made a brochure about them. In music, students were introduced to songs that were indigenous to each country researched.

Monroe High School's softball team won the Southeastern Conference Red Division title for the second straight year, and compiled the highest grade point average in the state in their division. We are proud of Coach Davis and the team's accomplishments on the diamond, but we are really proud of how well they do in the classroom. The team will be honored on July 20 in Mount Pleasant.

Congratulations to Jordan Wolfenbarger who was named the outstanding co-op student of the year at Monroe High School. Jordan, who also was the Office Co-Op of the Year, receives a \$500 scholarship. Other students honored were Erin Nichols, health co-op student of the year, and Kylee Heringhausen, marketing co-op student of the year.

Arborwood will hold its bi-annual TEAM (Together Eagles Achieve More) leadership camp on Friday. Not only is the City allowing us to utilize its portable stage for our presentations, but Monroe Police Chief Charles McCormick IV, a Monroe High grad, will address the students on what it takes to be a leader.

More than 500 people RSVP'd for Custer's Family Engineering Night where families participated in several different engineering activities led by Custer teachers and engineers from DTE Energy. Next year, Custer's focus will center on science and engineering.

As a follow-up the human trafficking seminar last fall, Monroe Middle School once again is teaming up with the Michigan State Police on a seminar dealing with "What every parent should know about cyber safety and security." The presentation is set for June 1 at 6:00 p.m., in the MMS auditorium and features a presentation by Trooper Tressa Duffin. The event is free and open to the public. Thank you to Renae Hoskins, MMS positive climate liaison, for setting up these programs.

The sports leadership team at Manor School recently held a raffle and raised \$430 for the Monroe County Special Olympics.

A baccalaureate service will be held at Monroe High School on June 2 at 7:00 p.m. for all 2016 graduates. The event is sponsored by several churches, and Rev. Kevin Eccles, pastor of Monroe Free Methodist Church, will provide the keynote address. Thank you to Tammy Massingill for helping the churches coordinate the event.

Congratulations to Mr. Nate Nestor and his construction technology students at Monroe High School for their 11th house built on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. MHS construction technology students have worked on more homes for Habitat than any other school in Michigan.

Monroe High School's Class of 2016 Commencement Ceremony will take place at Bunkelman Field on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. The event will be live streamed on YouTube and simulcast on MPACT cable.

Lincoln Elementary School awarded scholarships this year to Anna Dazarow and Dedra Brown. When Lincoln closed in 2009, the staff set aside enough money in the scholarship fund so that at least two scholarships could be awarded every year to former Lincoln students who still attend Monroe Public Schools.

Old Business

Dr. March noted that in the past when there was a contractor within the 50 mile radius, and if the bid was within 5% of the lowest bid, the board would award that contractor. However, there's no written policy

regarding this procedure. Mr. Oley suggested discussing this further at the Physical Resource Committee meeting.

New Business

There was none at this time.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo that the May 24, 2016, Board Meeting #10 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:22 p.m.



Ryan Philbeck, Secretary