

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #19

October 11, 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 7:08 p.m.

### **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:

- September 27, 2016, Work Session
- September 27, 2016, Board Meeting #18

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

### **Reports and Update**

The Contracted Services Recommendation report was received, as well as the September 12, 2016, and October 13, 2016, Board Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes.

### **Staff Resignations**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Jennifer St. Louis effective August 30, 2016; Kim Burkey effective October 13, 2016; and Jill Sauve effective October 13, 2016.

Discussion: Mrs. Burkey accepted an administrative position at Taylor Public Schools; and Mrs. Sauve accepted a business manager position at Plymouth Canton.

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

### **Consent Agenda – Staff Appointments**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Taylor that Agenda Items C.5 – C.6 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.5 **Maintenance Appointment** – Move to approve the appointment of Timothy Hildebrand as a Classification 2 General Maintenance/Grounds with Monroe Public School with a late October (TBA) effective date and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.6 **Teacher Appointment** – Move to approve the appointment of Conor Kuriwchak as a teacher

with Monroe Public Schools effective October 12, 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 6-0 roll call vote.

#### **Acceptance of 2015/16 Financial Audit**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to accept the 2015/16 Financial Audit as prepared by the firm of Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton, of Monroe, Michigan.

Discussion: Mr. Yeo thanked Mrs. Eighmey and her staff, as well as Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton for their hard work in completing the financial audit. Mr. Bunkelman thanked Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton for their continued service, and for providing that service at the same rate for the past several years.

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

#### **Camp Kimball – Manor School**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the Manor 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Camp Kimball in Reading, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman requested that field trips come to the board for approval before any payments are due.

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

#### **Varsity Volleyball Tournament**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the attendance of the Varsity Volleyball team at the Mount Morris Volleyball Tournament in Birch Run, Michigan, on October 14-15, 2016. All aspects of this trip will be in accordance with related board policies.

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

#### **Superintendent Comments**

Every year, the art teachers display student art work in the Board room that received ribbons at the Monroe County Fair. The art work represents the hard work of our art teachers and provides a sample of the creativity of our students.

Wednesday, October 19, will be Career and College Ready Day at Monroe High School. All seniors will be transported to MCCC for a breakfast and an informational meeting regarding scholarships, financial aid and how to request transcripts for colleges, jobs and the military. MCCC staff will be on hand to provide helpful information for college and career preparation. Meanwhile, back at MHS, students in grades 9-11 will be involved in PSAT testing.

The inaugural Monroe County Manufacturing Day was held on Friday, October 7. While Monroe Public Schools has taken part in Manufacturing Day events in the past, it has primarily been only Gerdau Steel and Monroe High School participating. This year, a pilot program was introduced where each district in the county sought out 10 middle school students for participation, preferably students involved in a robotics or STEM-type program. Monroe Middle School's students visited TWB (Tailor Welded Blanks). Students witnessed every aspect of the business, from the front office where orders are taken and company business is performed, to the design room where CAD operators designed new products and improved existing designs. They also visited the high-tech manufacturing floor where robots handled multiple tasks simultaneously in a safe and efficient process of welding, stamping, and other metal-forming operations. The students were then bussed to MCCC, where lunch was served while they heard from a diverse panel of

older students on how CTE education at the high school level, and classes taken at the college have helped them on their paths to success. A tour of the college's Technical Building completed the day's experience.

The MHS Marching Band participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Festival in Flat Rock Monday evening and scored all ones for their performances. Congratulation to Mr. Nuechterlein and the band for representing Monroe so well.

On September 30, a district level safety meeting was held to review all district and school safety procedures. As a result of this meeting it was determined that it is important that we continue to update staff on these procedures, most importantly response to a school intruder. Over the next month, with the help of our school resource officers, we will be providing refresher information to all staff who have received formal ALICE training and will be conducting two active participation training sessions for staff new to the district over the past two years. ALICE is a safety protocol adopted by Monroe County several years ago and consists of training in the Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate strategies that can be employed by staff members during an intruder alert situation.

### **Old Business**

There was none at this time.

### **New Business**

There was none at this time.

### **Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Carla Sokotuk chaperoned the recent MHS Homecoming dance, and commented on the inappropriate dancing and the lyrics to some of the songs that were played.

Jayne McElvany expressed her disgust with the dancing and read lyrics to some of the songs that were played.

Don Price said there should be consequences for the inappropriate dancing.

Josh McElvany said he witnessed the inappropriate dancing when he picked up his daughter at the dance.

Cheryl Hoffman stated that both of her daughters have attended the dances and had wonderful experiences.

Dean Walters, who also chaperoned the dance, said there are two sides to the story. He didn't think it was as bad as the picture being presented this evening.

Dr. Martin assured parents that administration will continue to investigate the situation. Mrs. Everly will follow up with parents after the investigation is complete.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March that the October 11, 2016, Board Meeting #19 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:20 p.m.



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Ryan Philbeck, Secretary