

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #23

December 13, 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 (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Trustee Floreine Mentel, and Trustee Cynthia Taylor

Board Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: None

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

Dr. Martin asked for a moment of silence to remember Monroe High School student Alex Johnson who perished in a fire last night in his home.

### **Student Art Awards**

Art teachers Melissa Cramer, Bonnie Ritsema, Pamela Matthews, Kristen Brown, and Melanie Castellese were present to introduce elementary art students whose work will be on display for an entire year on the walls of the board room. These works of art have also been on display at the Mall of Monroe as well as at the Monroe County Fair. Each student received a certificate of merit.

### **Board Member Recognition**

Dr. Martin recognized Ryan Philbeck, Dr. Tedd March, and Robert Yeo for their years of service to Monroe Public Schools and the community.

### **Recess**

A short recess was called to enjoy refreshments at 7:14 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:33 p.m.

### **Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only**

Roosevelt Barnes, former MHS student athlete and basketball coach, commented on minority development. He would like to see Monroe become a top notch school.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

- November 22, 2016, Board Work Session
- November 22, 2016, Board Meeting #22

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

### **Reports and Update**

The November 21, 2016, Board Curriculum Committee Meeting minutes and the December 5, 2016, Board Personnel Committee Meeting minutes were received.

### **Staff Resignations**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Polly Fraser, Nicole Miller, and Joseph Kaissieh effective at the end of the day on December 21, 2016.

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

### **Executive Administrator Appointment**

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the appointment of Cindy Flynn as an Executive Director with Monroe Public Schools effective January 1, 2017, and place on the appropriate salary level for this position upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Mrs. Taylor stated that her vote was nothing personal towards Mrs. Flynn; she respects her abilities. However, she feels the school district needs to have the highest qualified people as employees, especially the executive staff.

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

### **Coaching Recommendation**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve Christopher Clark as a JV baseball coach for the 2016/17 school year; as per the MCEA Master Agreement.

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

### **Vertical Milling Machine**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the purchase of the Vertical Milling Machine from Southwestern Industries, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$9,835.00. This purchase will be funded utilizing funds from the Perkins Grant and Added Cost funds.

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

### **Lucy Calkins Units of Study for Teaching Reading**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the purchase of ninety-eight (98) Units of Study for Teaching Reading K-5 Bundles at a cost not to exceed \$32,962.30. This expenditure will be funded utilizing the allocated 2016-2017 curriculum budget.

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

### **Catch Basins – SMT Property**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to accept the bid of \$16,700.00 from D & R Demolition to install catch basins on the former South Monroe Townsite Elementary School property. Money for this purchase will come from the district site sinking fund.

Discussion: Because we plan to sell the property for residential use, we are required to install the catch basins rather than the buyer.

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

### **District Fire Equipment Repairs**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Mentel to accept the bid of \$11,907.65 from Cintas Fire Protection to complete the necessary repairs to the fire sprinkler systems and extinguishers. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations budget.

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman asked if the city fire department and/or the township fire department could perform the inspections. Mr. Oley said both departments review our buildings annually, but they are not

certified to perform repairs. The local fire marshals do a very general inspection of our buildings, unlike a third party who is trained specifically to look at every pull station in every building, which can be very time consuming. The district has a responsibility to make sure fire extinguishers, pull stations, etc., are functioning properly. These detailed tests have been performed by third party contractors for numerous years.

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

#### **Mobile Devices for Staff**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the purchase of mobile devices for staff at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.00. This purchase will be funded by the Technology Millage and the SPOT bid rebate.

Discussion: Mr. Payne indicated that it has been 4-5 years since staff devices have been updated, and it's getting difficult for teachers to perform daily duties with their current devices.

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

#### **Board Policy 2020-R Administrative Organization**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve Board Policy 2020-R Administrative Organization as written effective January 1, 2017.

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

#### **Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Martin stated that it has been a pleasure serving with this Board over the past three and a half years, and he really appreciates the time and effort they provided to the district.

#### **Old Business**

There was none at this time.

#### **New Business**

Mr. Yeo stated that it has been a pleasure working with Monroe Public Schools staff over the past 10 years, and he thanked current and past board members for the opportunity to serve as their leader.

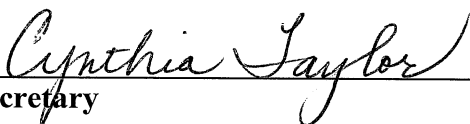
#### **Public Commentary-Any Topic**

There was none at this time.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Yeo; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the December 13, 2016, Board Meeting #23 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:21 p.m.

  
Secretary