

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #4

February 28, 2017

7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### **Roll Call and Call to Order**

Board Members Present: President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Vice President Floreine Mentel, Secretary Cynthia Taylor, Parliamentarian Cheryl Sweeney, Trustee Matthew Bunkelman, Trustee Robert Nichols, and Trustee Rosalie Pasko

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Julie Everly, Katherine Eighmey, Cindy Flynn, Terry Joseph, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President VanWasshenova called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

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

Monroe Public Schools parent and teacher, Tonya Schade, shared her support for the Board's allocation of funds to purchase books for school libraries.

James Drew, Monroe Middle School teacher, also shared his support of the book purchase to support their science and ELA curriculum.

### **Acceptance of Reports and/or Committee Reports**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to accept and file the reports as presented.

- February 8, 2017, Board Physical Resource Committee Meeting Minutes
- Contracted Services Recommendations

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman requested "and the townships" be added to his comment "to work with the City of Monroe" in the Physical Resource Committee Meeting minutes.

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

- February 14, 2017, Closed Meeting
- February 14, 2017, Board Work Session Minutes
- February 14, 2017, Board Meeting #3 Minutes
- February 21, 2017, Special Board Meeting Minutes (3 sets)
- February 21, 2017, Closed Meeting (3 sets)

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

### **Staff Resignations**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Montyne Barbee effective February 16, 2017, and Ronald Poupard effective February 28, 2017.

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

#### **Recommendation for Reinstatement**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the recommendation of the Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee that Student A remain in the Expelled Students Program for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. If Student A meets all agreed upon conditions, Student A will be reinstated, in good standing, at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

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

#### **MHS Student Council State Leadership Conference**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the attendance of nine Monroe High School students at the Michigan Association of Student Councils State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

#### **VEX Robotic Classroom and Competition Kits**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Pasko to approve the purchase of the VEX Robotic Classroom and Competition kits at a cost not to exceed \$7,389.86. This purchase will be funded using the available Perkins Grant funds and has been approved by the Region 25 Perkins Coordinator as part of an additional new 51c Perkins Grant funding stream for the 2016/17 school year.

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

#### **K-12 Science Leveled Book Purchase**

Motion by Mrs. Taylor; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the purchase of Science Leveled books for a total cost not to exceed \$90,000.00. The total amount of this purchase will be covered by the 2016-2017 Curriculum Budget, 31a Fund, and the Early Literacy Grant.

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

#### **ELA Book Purchase**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the ELA book purchase for a total cost not to exceed \$120,000.00. The total amount of this purchase will be covered by the 2016-2017 Curriculum Budget, 31a Fund, and the Early Literacy Grant.

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

#### **Classroom Library Purchase**

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Taylor to approve the purchase of supplementary classroom libraries. The total cost for the books will not exceed \$140,000 all of which will be covered by the current year's Curriculum Budget, 31a Funds, and Early Literacy Grant.

Discussion: Mr. Bunkelman commented that the District spends a considerable amount of money on books. However, he wanted to recognize the teachers and staff who spend a considerable amount of their money on books as well. Mr. Nichols praised the five teachers who presented the information for this book purchase at the Curriculum Committee meeting; their work is exemplary and they are a true credit to Monroe Public Schools. Mrs. Taylor said appreciation goes to every classroom teacher in the district who takes the time to match the proper books to the correct levels of our children to encourage them to read more. Mrs. Mentel thanked the teachers for their presentation and stated how important it is for children to have books at their reading level.

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

**Superintendent's Comments**

With the approval of the book purchases, Mrs. Everly commented that Monroe Public Schools is the most exemplary place to be as a student, a staff member, and a parent. Students provided a lot of feedback on what they like to read, and teachers spent an extensive amount of time organizing libraries and making the just right book purchase, both in interest and in skill level. Mrs. Everly thanked Board members for supporting the book purchases.

Mrs. Everly congratulated the Monroe United Hockey team for their victory over SMCC on Saturday.

Monroe Middle School's Advanced Communication and Art Club will partner with MPACT to record a television show for the District.

Mrs. Sissoko, who will be the administrator at Summer Learning Academy, said the SLA committee started planning last August and have met each month to prepare for this summer. A major accomplishment of the planning is that students will have the opportunity for academic support throughout the summer; from the last day of school to the first. In addition to providing Jump Start for Y5 and kindergarten students, we will provide it to 6<sup>th</sup> graders transitioning to 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders transitioning to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This will help identify our most at risk students, both academically and socially/emotionally, and provide them with a positive experience before the start of school.

**Old Business**

There was none at this time.

**New Business**

There was none at this time.

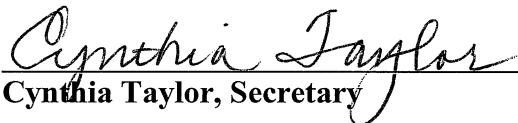
**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

There was none at this time.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Taylor that the February 28, 2017, Board Meeting #4 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:35 p.m.

  
Cynthia Taylor, Secretary