

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #7

April 11, 2017

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

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

Board Members Absent: Secretary Cynthia Taylor

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 7:04 p.m.

Raisinville Elementary School

Students and staff from Raisinville Elementary shared their work on becoming an International Baccalaureate School. Tonight's presentation was part of a larger, school wide presentation for their Parent Engagement Night. Becoming an IB school has been a two year journey so far, and when the process is complete, we will have a flagship school in Monroe that will offer a program different than any other school in southeast Michigan.

Public Commentary – Board Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Acceptance of Reports and/or Committee Reports

The Contracted Services Recommendations and the March 27, 2017, Board Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes were received.

Approval of Minutes

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

- a. March 28, 2017, Board Work Session
- b. March 28, 2017, Board Meeting #6
- c. April 4, 2017, Special Board Meeting (3 sets)
- d. March 28, 2017, Closed Meeting
- e. April 4, 2017, Closed Meeting (2 sets)

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

Staff Resignation

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. Nichols to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Jacob Myers and John Wilhelm effective April 28, 2017, and Mary Heavner effective June 14, 2017.

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

BPA National Leadership Conference

Motion by Mr. Mentel; support by Mrs. Pasko to approve the attendance of two Monroe High School students at the BPA National Leadership Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

MDOT-TRAC Bridge Challenge

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the attendance of two Monroe High School students at the MDOT Bridge Competition in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in accordance with board policies for field trips and excursions.

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

School Family Appreciation Week Resolution

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mr. Bunkelman to approve the School Family Appreciation Week Resolution as read.

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

Cafeteria Painting

Motion by Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Pasko to approve the cafeteria painting at Custer II Elementary, Manor Elementary, Waterloo Elementary and Monroe High School by A & A Painting, not to exceed \$13,750.00. Cost for this project will be paid from the Food Service Fund.

Discussion: Mrs. Eighmey explained that the food service fund can only be used for food service. Revenue in the food service fund is generated from food sales and is not connected to the general fund. In addition to the cafeteria painting, this fund is used to purchase kitchen equipment. We have an excess fund balance in the food service account, and each year the State directs us to spend down the balance by either purchasing equipment or improving the quality of the program.

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

LLI Kit - Arborwood

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Mentel to approve the purchase of the Fountas & Pinnell LLI kit at a total cost not to exceed \$5,395.50. Funds for this purchase will be covered by 2016-2017 Title I funds in accordance with allowable expenditure guidelines for use of federal funds for supplemental instructional programming.

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

Chiller Start Up

Motion by Mrs. Mentel; support by Mrs. Sweeney to accept the bid of \$5,878.00 from Dimech Services Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, to start up the chiller at Monroe High School. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations Budget.

Discussion: Mrs. Mentel asked if the chillers will pass inspection. Mr. Oley stated that the chillers were updated 20+ years ago, and he believes they will pass inspection and continue to work. Long term, however, the whole HVAC system needs to be evaluated.

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

Playground Mulch

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mrs. Pasko to accept the bid of \$11,050.00 from Jack's Lawn Service of Monroe, Michigan, to provide playground mulch throughout the district. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations Budget.

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

Superintendent's Comments

Mrs. Everly thanked Mr. Cooke and the Raisinville students for tonight's presentation.

Board members received a list of upcoming events. Mrs. Everly noted Decision Day at Monroe High School on May 4 and the Senior Awards Program on May 17. Also, the K-12 Vocal Arts Day is planned for May 22 with an evening concert at 7:00. The Education Foundation will hold their annual fundraiser on May 10.

Mrs. Everly welcomed Andrew Hoppert, who is transitioning to his new position as the Community Engagement Coordinator.

Each Board member received a copy of the latest edition of The Lotus Leaf.

Monday was the first day of state testing, and Mr. Payne and his department have worked diligently to make sure every student is testing on a computer.

Old Business

Mrs. Everly reminded Board members about the discussion a few months ago regarding the expansion of the middle school football team. Our intention would be to move forward as long as there is student interest to support a second team. Because we are already outfitting all of those students, the cost is much less than originally projected.

New Business

Mr. Bunkelman stated that if we are looking to increase the football program at MMS and evaluating the usage of Navarre Field, we need to step up our priorities of Navarre Field and some of the options we have on updating the field. It is important to start working on a plan as quickly as possible to have something in place by next fall.

Mr. Bunkelman thanked Mr. Ferrara for everything he has been doing for CTE. He would like an effort put forth to remove the perception that CTE programs are being reduced. Mr. Ferrara said that districts in our area and across the state do not have the same support that he receives from the MPS Board. Without the Board's support, those programs would disappear.

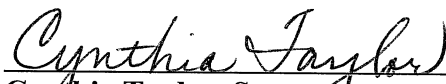
Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Bunkelman; support by Mr. Nichols that the April 11, 2017, Board Meeting #7 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 8:05 p.m.


Cynthia Taylor, Secretary