

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #3

February 11, 2014

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Mr. Aaron N. Mason (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Trustee Ryan Philbeck

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Katherine Eighmey

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley, David Payne

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

Presentation of Michigan Flag

State Representative Bill LaVoy presented a new State of Michigan flag to Dr. Martin. This flag was flown over the Michigan State Capital on November 14, 2013, and will replace the Michigan flag in front of the Administration Building which has been in use for several years.

Winterfest Presentation

Monroe High School student council members gave a power point presentation to the Board regarding activities that will take place next week to celebrate Winterfest. The theme for Winterfest this year is Music.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- January 28, 2014 Board Work Session
- January 28, 2014 Board Meeting #2

Discussion: Dr. March abstained from the vote because he was absent from the January 28, 2014 Work Session and Board Meeting.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

Reports and Update

The Information Report – Contracted Coaches and the February 3, 2014 Board Personnel Committee Minutes were received without comment.

Staff Resignation

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the resignation from Monroe Public Schools for Anthony Pollzzie effective on the last working day for teachers of the 2013-14 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Yeo thanked Mr. Pollzzie for his years of service and wished him well in his future

endeavors.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

Upward Bound Student Leadership Conference

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the Upward Bound Program overnight trip to Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Friday, February 28 through Saturday, March 1, 2014, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

MHS Band Trip to Orlando, Florida

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the Monroe High School Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Orchestra trip to Orlando, Florida, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

DECA State Conference

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the DECA State Career Development Conference in Detroit, Michigan, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

Reinstatement Committee Recommendation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the recommendation of Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee that student #1 be reinstated to Monroe High School, and student #3 be reinstated to Orchard Center High School. If approved this will be effective third trimester with the successful completion of their current courses. The committee does not recommend reinstatement for students #2 and #4 at this time.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Wednesday, February 12, 2014, will be the second count day for this school year and represents 10% of our state funding. Parents are urged to make every effort to have their children in school on that day.
- Today marks the first anniversary of Arborwood's partnership with Gerdau Specialty Steel. Since Arborwood partnered with Gerdau, the company has donated nearly \$9,000 to purchase Chromebooks for the two schools, volunteered in classrooms, and hosted a "Steel Week" with the Math and Science Academy to educate students about steel making and safety. An employee of Gerdau, who is part of a band, will be in music classrooms in the near future to talk with students about music.
- Some 120 seventh graders at Monroe Middle School will demonstrate what they have learned during their interdisciplinary project time (IPT) in a learning fair on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. These are students of Jill Wilson, Lisa Cole, James Seelhoff, Kristina Roecker and Jessica Taulbee. IPT is a time set aside each day for students to investigate and research topics that interest them and look for ways those topics relate to the four core subjects.
- With last week's weather cancellations, we have reached 12 weather-related closing days, six more than allowed without having to make them up. Administration is looking into ways to cover those remaining days, but have not yet determined a specific course of action. There is no plan to use any days from the winter and spring breaks.

- The Monroe High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held on Friday. Although school was canceled, the game and ceremony went on as planned because several honorees came from out of state. One of those honorees was football player Audie Cole. Audie visited with MHS classes on Monday and stressed the importance of making good choices throughout life.
- The 8th grade open house at Monroe High School was held Monday evening with several hundred parents and incoming 8th graders in attendance. The school held a clubs and organization fair as part of the event, and parents and students were able to tour the school and participate in a number of informational sessions.
- The University of Toledo band director will be at MHS on Thursday to work with the instrumental music groups to help them prepare for a busy performing and festival schedule in the coming weeks.
- Later this month advertising will begin for kindergarten registration in April. Thirty-second commercials will run before every movie at the Phoenix Theaters. The start of this ad campaign coincides with the redesign of the theater with the installation of comfortable recliners, which is expected to cause an uptick in attendance at the time the ad is running.
- Mr. Yeo commented that administration will work with the teachers' union to decide the best method to make up snow days and would like to remind all staff that these discussions should not be had with students.

Old Business

- Board committee assignments will remain the same for 2014.

New Business

There was none at this time.

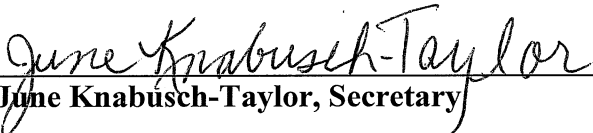
Public Commentary-Any Topic

There was none at this time.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the February 11, 2014, Board Meeting #3 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:43 p.m.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary