

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #4
February 25, 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

Board Members Absent: Trustee Ryan Philbeck, Trustee Wendy Spicer

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

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Amy Pace, MPS teacher, inquired if the Monroe-Mason Alternative Education Association would be a separate teacher association from the current MPS association, and if it will remain that way into perpetuity. Dr. Martin stated that it is separate from the Monroe association, and the likelihood that it will remain that way is good.

Selma Rankins, citizen, expressed his concern that there haven't been any minority teachers hired and he is concerned with the amount of money being spent on technology.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- February 11, 2014 Board Meeting #3

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

Reports and Update

February 12, 2014 Board Physical Resource Committee and Informational Report – Contracted Coaches were received.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova asked if all univents at Arborwood will be replaced, and if they'll be the same type of univent. This will be verified with Mr. Oley. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor had questions about the hiring process of coaches. Dr. McLeod referred to a packet that Dr. Ray provided at a previous workshop that contained hiring guidelines.

Adoption of Interim Operating Rules for the Monroe-Mason Alternative Education Association

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Mason to approve and adopt the Interim Operating Rules between the Monroe-Mason Alternative Education Association and the Monroe Board of Education acting as the fiscal agent for the Monroe County Adult Education Consortium, effective March 3, 2014.

Discussion: Dr. Martin stated that this contract was developed by reviewing the existing contract from Mason and making adjustments to align it with Monroe Public Schools.

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

Consent Agenda – Teacher Appointments

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that Agenda Items C.5 – C.10 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.5 Move to approve the appointment of Erin Goodreau as an Alternative High School Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.6 Move to approve the appointment of Ashley Kozak as an Alternative High School Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.7 Move to approve the appointment of Christopher Kunder as an Alternative High School Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.8 Move to approve the appointment of Rebecca Rottenbacher as an Alternative High School Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.9 Move to approve the appointment of Ryan Walentowski as an Alternative High School Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.10 Move to approve the appointment of Kristen Williams as an Alternative High School Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective March 3, 2014 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 5-0 roll call vote.

Temporary School Staff Inc. Recommendation

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve a recommendation to contract with Temporary School Staff, Inc. for the placement of Ann Blackmore as the Orchard Center High School Secretary in the Monroe Public Schools district upon completion of criminal history verifications.

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

Consent Agenda – Exempt Employee Appointments

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that Agenda Items C.13 – C.17 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.13 Move to approve the appointment of Mary Zagorski as an Educational Consultant at the Orchard Alternative High School for the 2013/14 school year effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.14 Move to approve the appointment of Miranda Marshall as the Learning Bank Secretary at the Orchard Alternative High School for the 2013/14 school year effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

- C.15 Move to approve the appointment of Vuncia Council as the Learning Bank Coordinator at the Orchard Alternative High School for the 2013/14 school year effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.16 Move to approve the appointment of Carole Nolan as a Learning Bank Instructor at the Orchard Alternative High School for the 2013/14 school year effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.
- C.17 Move to approve the appointment of Roderick Wooten as a Learning Bank Instructor at the Orchard Alternative High School for the 2013/14 school year effective March 3, 2014 and place on the appropriate salary level for this position, upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

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

Coaching Recommendation

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the coach listed below for the 2013/14 school year; as per the MCEA master agreement.

Last Name	First Name	Title	Sport	School
Miller	James	Coach	7 th Grade Baseball	MMS

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

Consent Agenda – Field Trips

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March that Agenda Items C.20 – C.23 be considered as a Consent Agenda, and that the consent agenda items be approved as recommended.

- C.20 Move to approve Monroe High School students' attendance at the State Swim Meet in Saginaw, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.
- C.21 Move to approve Monroe High School students' attendance at the State Wrestling Meet in Auburn Hills, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.
- C.22 Move to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the BPA State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.
- C.23 Move to approve the Monroe High School students' attendance at the FIRST Robotics Competition in Richland, Michigan according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Dr. March doesn't think that athletic state meets should have to come to the Board for approval because there would probably never be a scenario where they would not be approved. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor expressed concern that these requests are coming late to the Board. Mr. Yeo feels that the field trip process is important, but there is room for improvement as far as getting the requests to the Board in a timely manner.

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

Best Practices Incentive Resolution

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resolution certifying the district's compliance with the required best practices.

Discussion: Dr. McLeod stated that this is not new money; it is money that was previously budgeted.

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

Title I Technology Purchase

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the purchase of technology for Arborwood, Custer, Manor and Waterloo at a total cost not to exceed \$182,661.35. This purchase will be funded by the Title I Grant.

Discussion: Mrs. Everly noted that this purchase is being funded by carryover money that just became available last month. Title I purchases must be supplementary to the district curriculum.

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

Arborwood Campus Security Pilot Increase

Motion by Dr. March; support by Mr. Mason to approve an increase in the funding of the security pilot at Arborwood Campus from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Discussion: Mr. Payne reported that we received a \$20,000 grant from Video Insight. He would like to expand the pilot to leverage this new equipment and enlarge the scope of the pilot to cover more areas of the campus which will give us a more detailed pilot, and provide more information before expanding to other schools.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Dr. Martin encouraged everyone to watch the Toledo TV Channel 11 show “Your Day” at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26. Reporter Mallory Moore will be broadcasting live from Raisinville as an extended part of the Engineers Week activities that more than a dozen DTE Energy engineers have been sharing with our students.
- The Monroe High School National Honor Society induction ceremony will be Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the MHS auditorium.
- The National Technical Honor Society induction ceremony was postponed last week due to school cancellation. A date has not been set yet, but it will probably be in late March or early April.
- At least two of our schools are having some aggressive, high-profile programs to urge students to cease using the “R” word in all contexts. At Arborwood this week, it is Spread the Word RESPECT week and every day there is a different theme. Today was crazy hair day, telling students it is okay to be different. Tomorrow it is wear your favorite team wear – telling students we are all on the same team, even if we look different. On March 5, Arborwood students will wear blue and sign a pledge to not use the “R” word. Also on March 5, at Monroe Middle School, the National Junior Honor Society will lead a number of activities aimed at spreading the word to end the word, because Wednesday is the national observation day for the movement. One of the more visible activities that day will be at 8:00 a.m. when the students go outside and create a “Chain of Tolerance” linking arms with each other and circle the school.
- Good luck to the Monroe High girls’ basketball team which has its first game in the MHSAA yearly tournament at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Bedford.
- Congratulations to Monroe High sophomore swimmer Cameron Craig who had quite a set of performances in last weekend’s SEC swimming and diving championships. He won two events and broke his own school, conference and pool records in each one. He also logged automatic All America times in the butterfly and backstroke. In addition, a number of other records were broken. Student athletes from Monroe High hit 41 personal records in the meet.
- Last week was Winterfest at Monroe High School. The weather presented quite a challenge for student council to reschedule a couple of different events, but everything went well and everybody enjoyed the game and the dance.
- Wednesday is a one-hour early release day for our students so teachers can work on school improvement issues.

- Friday, February 28, is a now full day of school due to the two-week extension of the second trimester. Second trimester will now end on Friday, March 14, which will be a half day of school. Orchard School will be closed Friday and when it reopens on Monday, will be a Monroe Public Schools facility.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo reminded Board members that he will send information to them and will verify the meeting for next Tuesday.

New Business

There was none at this time.

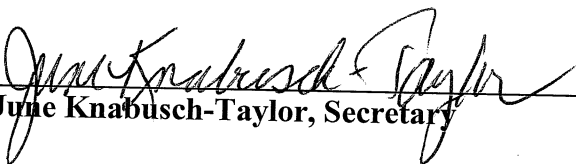
Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins, citizen, stated there were several activities around the community celebrating Martin Luther King's birthday and Black History month. Mr. Rankins distributed an article to Board members about minority teachers. He expressed concern about low test scores and hopes they improve.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March that the February 25, 2014, Board Meeting #4 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 8:08 p.m.



June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary