

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board Meeting

March 4, 2014

5:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call and Call to Order

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March, Trustee Aaron N. Mason, Trustee Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor

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

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Amy Pace, MPS teacher, apprised the Board on how she and other staff members feel about the ratification of the contract and her perception of morale around the district. She encouraged Board members to go out and talk to teachers within the district.

Amy Thurber-Smith, MPS teacher, stated that the decision to make their pay cut retroactive was a very punitive measure. She also expressed concern with the amount of testing in the classroom and the redundancy of inputting data.

Ratification of the Monroe City Education Association Master Agreement

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to ratify the Master Agreement for March 1, 2014 to August 15, 2016 between the Monroe City Education Association (MEA) and the Monroe Board of Education effective March 1, 2014.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova appreciated the comments from Mrs. Pace and Mrs. Thurber-Smith. Mr. Yeo feels there are mixed messages about morale and is open to discussing it with teachers. Mr. Mason appreciated Mrs. Pace's and Mrs. Thurber-Smith's comments, and unfortunately, ratifying this contract is not a celebratory event, but something that is necessary. Ms. Spicer thanked Mrs. Pace and Mrs. Thurber-Smith for their comments and will follow-up. Dr. March feels that teachers deserve more than what they get, but with constraints from the state, there is no way around it.

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

Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Dr. March to convene in closed session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's performance evaluation. Open Meetings Act, Sec. 8(a)

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 6:04 p.m.

Adjournment of Closed Session and Reconvene

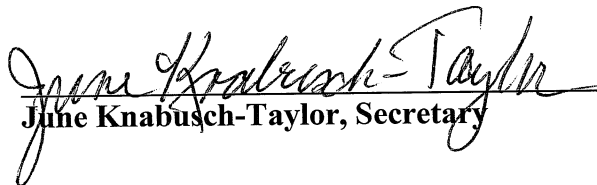
Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March that the closed session be adjourned and the Special Board Meeting be reconvened into open session.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:52 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the March 4, 2014, Special Board Meeting of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:52 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary