

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #7

April 15, 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 Aaron N. Mason, Trustee Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: None

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

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Manor 6th Grade Quiz Bowl Team

Mrs. Everly congratulated Coach Cooke and four of the six members of the Manor quiz bowl team for winning the county championship for the second year in a row. Coach Cooke explained the dedication these students exhibited preparing for the quiz bowl and the process of winning the championship.

Raisinville Technology and Community Relations

Principal Mary Ann Cyr and several students presented icons of the vehicles they constructed and discussed the technology used in their creations. School improvement coach Kim Burkey explained how they focus on the three Cs (Communication, Collaboration, and Creativity) to help their students be 21st century learners and future employees. Students explained the numerous programs they have access to utilizing Chromebooks at school and at home, and how it helps them become better learners.

Kevin Dahm, DTE engineer, challenged the students to create vehicles using limited supplies, and have a competition to see which vehicle would travel the farthest using a box fan to propel them across the gym floor. DTE constructed cars using the same materials and gave students a chance to test their cars in a race against them; students happily reported they beat DTE twice! Students shared iMovie trailers they created using iPads to document the entire project.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

Amy Pace requested a copy of board policies Section 5000 – Personnel that is on tonight's agenda. Her intent is to make sure there are no conflicts with contract language. Dr. Martin stated that contract language would supersede board policy for the duration of the contract. A copy of Section 5000 – Personnel will be provided.

Approval of Minutes

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

- March 25, 2014 Board Work Session
- March 25, 2014 Board Meeting #6

- March 27, 2014 Special Board Meeting

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote. Dr. March abstained because he was not present at the meetings.

Reports and Update

March 17, 2014 Board Curriculum Committee Minutes were received without comment.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools for Valerie Lange on April 18, 2014; Willie Johnson on April 30, 2014; for Kenneth Brooks on May 30, 2014; for Alan Barron, Linda Ellis, Mary Howe, Betsy Mason, Linda Rahn, and Susan Ripple effective on the last working day for teachers of the 2013/14 school year; for Peter Opfermann on July 25, 2014; and for Alice Malik and Robin Setzler on June 30, 2014.

Discussion: Dr. McLeod said this represents almost three centuries of experience in Monroe Public Schools.

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

Board Policies – Second Reading

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to table the second reading of Board Policies Section 5000 – Personnel.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote.

Adoption of Amended 2013/14 Budgets for General, Food Service, and Building & Site Sinking Funds

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Ms. Spicer to adopt the amended 2013/14 fund budgets for the General, Food Service, and Building & Site Sinking funds as presented.

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

Arborwood Elementary Campus Science and Social Studies Leveled Book Purchase

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the purchase of Science and Social Studies Leveled books for the Arborwood Campus for a total cost not to exceed \$42,000.00. The total amount of this purchase will be covered by the 2013-2014 Title I fund in accordance with allowable expenditure guidelines for use of federal funds for supplemental instructional programming.

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

Chiller Start-Up at Monroe High School

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

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

Turf and Grounds Chemicals

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Ms. Spicer to accept the bid of \$7,860.40 from John Deere Landscapes from Taylor, Michigan, for turf and grounds chemicals. Money for this purchase will come from the Operations Budget.

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

Superintendent Comments

- Dr. Martin reminded everyone to vote each day through the end of April for Waterloo Elementary in the online contest where Waterloo could win a \$25,000 grant from Bridgestone Tires which would be used for a playground makeover.
- Monroe High School will host Decision Day on Thursday, May 1, at 12:00 p.m. Members of the senior class will declare which college, university or trade school they plan to attend after they graduate. The guest speaker will be Matthew Gertz, valedictorian for the MHS class of 1985, and now an executive at Microsoft. Dr. Gertz was a lead person on the team which invented the Xbox. The event will be televised using streaming video so that relatives of honorees who might not be able to attend can still participate.
- Monroe Middle School presented the musical The Music Man Jr. this past weekend and did a wonderful job. The show was directed by Elise Dinwoody, Holly Renko and Jennifer Larkins.
- Monroe High School's Orchestra, Jazz Band and Marching Band are heading to Orlando, Florida, to perform throughout the area including Disney World. Students will participate in a music workshop and have some time for sightseeing and shopping.
- The MHS choirs will travel to New York City from April 30 to May 4. Then on May 6, the Expressions and Generations of Sound will participate in the state choral festival.
- Eighteen designs for homes were submitted by Victoria Sweet's drafting class in the student design competition sponsored by the Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Monroe County, and the Monroe City/County Fine Arts Council. Sophomore Nick Schmidt earned first place honors and the house he designed will be built next year by the MHS Construction Technology class for Habitat for Humanity. Senior Austin Meyers finished fifth with his design. This is the second time in four years that an MHS student's design has been selected as the winner.
- Three writers from Monroe Middle School took the top three places in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest sponsored by the VFW Post 1138. Congratulations to Kristen Bolster, first place; Lauren McCain, second place; and Sarah Tartarian, third place. The girls are students in the history classroom of Doug Knight and Andrew Brown.
- Congratulations to elementary vocal music teacher Mary Vincent who has been selected to participate this summer in the four-week all-expenses paid "Banner Moments: The National Anthem in American Life" National Endowment for the Humanities Summer K-12 Teacher Institute. Mary was one of only thirty teachers nationwide selected to participate in this institute, which is an intensive study of early American history and American folksong. Classes will be taught at the University of Maryland in College Park, outside of Washington, D.C.
- Monroe High School student Michaela Foulkrod is one of only eighty high school students in the Midwest to be chosen for this summer's Joyce Ivy Foundation Summer Scholars, a prestigious program for young women for precollege study at top colleges and universities. She plans to attend Barnard College's Summer in the City program.
- The Monroe High School Student Council and National Technical Honor Society hosted a very successful dodge ball tournament featuring 15 teams. They raised \$2,000 to help offset the medical bills of MHS graduate Lance Joseph who was also a former NTHS member.
- The Education Foundation of Monroe Public Schools has awarded its spring mini-grants and nearly \$4,000 has been awarded for seven different activities. The projects are extremely varied – ranging from support for college visits for MHS students, to several reading programs, to support of a physical education program at two of our elementary buildings. Congratulations to our teachers whose projects were selected.

- Congratulations to Monroe High School teacher Sue Jones and the MHS Interact Club for receiving their official Charter through Rotary International. The group is extremely active and in recent months has been involved in activities such as the Chill Out, Children of the Dump Bracelets, Stepping Stones Therapeutic Horseback Riding, and St. Joes Food Closet.
- Kindergarten registration is taking place this week at Riverside Early Learning Center.
- Our thanks go out to some local groups and a number of individuals who raised \$2,500 so several Monroe Middle School eighth graders from transitional families will be able to take part in the annual MMS trip to Washington, D.C., and New York City in May.
- The Monroe County Families in Transition Council (McFIT) will partner with MCOP using a grant from WalMart, to distribute food to families who are in transition or who receive any type of food subsidy on Friday, April 18. The distribution will take place at Custer School.
- On Thursday, May 1, the National Junior Honor Society at Monroe Middle School will hold its annual induction at 7 p.m.
- Production is underway on the third edition of the MHS Top 100 publication. The publications will be available in May when MHS holds its Senior Awards Night.
- Spring break starts this Friday and runs through next week. School will be back in session on April 28.

Old Business

There was none at this time.

New Business

There was none at this time.

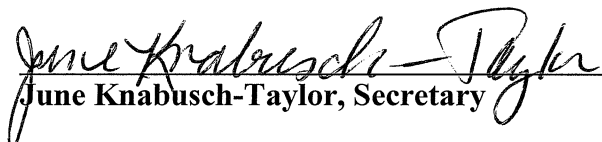
Public Commentary-Any Topic

Citizen Selma Rankins recognized Ian Cooke for being an excellent teacher, and Kelly McMahon, Manor School principal, for being an outstanding person. Mr. Rankins attended a fundraiser for Monroe Middle School student Julia DePelsMaeker who is fighting an extremely rare disease. He was happy with the tremendous amount of support she received from the Monroe community.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. VanWasshenova that the April 15, 2014, Board Meeting #7 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:24 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary