

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #12

July 8, 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 Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Trustee Aaron N. Mason

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

Administrators Absent: Jerry Oley

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Yeo congratulated Mr. Vergiels on his new job at Plymouth-Canton and thanked him for his years of service.

Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

There was none at this time.

Approval of Minutes

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

- June 24, 2014 Budget Hearing
- June 24, 2014 Board Meeting #11
- June 25, 2014 Special Board Meeting (2 sets)
- June 25, 2014 Closed Meeting (2 sets)

Discussion: Ms. Spicer abstained because she was not in attendance.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-1 roll call vote. Ms. Spicer abstained.

Reports and Update

The June 24, 2014 Board Finance Committee of the Whole and Community Relations Minutes were received.

Seat Time Waiver

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the use of Michigan Virtual University and University of Nebraska Online High School courses in addition to certain other selected online course providers as monitored through GenNet in our Monroe Virtual High School program to comply with the requirements as stated.

Discussion: Mr. Philbeck is pleased that both programs are utilized.

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

MHS Competitive Cheer Camp

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the Monroe High School Competitive Cheer Camp at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, July 27 through July 29, 2014, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

MHS Cross Country Camp

Motion by Mr. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve the Monroe High School Cross Country Team Camp at Lake Dianne in Camden, Michigan, August 4 through August 9, 2014, according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

Recommendation of Reinstatement

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the Monroe Public Schools Reinstatement Committee's recommendation to reinstate Student A for the purpose of going to Mason High School for the 2014-2015 school year; and Student B to summer school with a behavior, academic, attendance contract, and counseling is also recommended.

Discussion: Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor stated that the committee was creative in finding good placements for these students. Mr. Philbeck said this was his first opportunity to see a successful, full circle process and it was really rewarding.

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

Classroom Furniture Purchase - MMS

Motion by Mr. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of classroom furniture from School Specialty at a cost not to exceed \$5,684.94. Money for this purchase will come from the General Fund.

Discussion: For future furniture needs, Ms. Spicer said she can check with the DTE salvage group to see if they have something that would meet our needs.

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

Security Purchase for Arborwood North, MHS, MMS and OCHS

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Dr. March to approve the purchase of AIPHONE security systems for Arborwood North, Monroe High School, Monroe Middle School and Orchard Center High School at a cost not to exceed \$19,381.64. Money for this purchase will come from the General Fund.

Discussion: The AIPHONES are one of four systems that were tested in the security pilot at Arborwood South. Mr. VanWasshenova asked if this could be purchased using sinking funds since the equipment will be attached to the building. Mrs. Eighmey will check into this and report back. Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor is concerned with the total cost of the security systems, which could be \$200,000-\$300,000. The security systems will eventually phase out security guards at the main entrances which will save around \$250,000. The installation of the AIPHONES is phase one of the security pilot. Mr. Philbeck asked if this was the only piece of equipment purchased, would it help reduce the cost of security guards. Mrs. Everly stated that at AWS it proved to be very effective during non-high traffic times. Mr. Yeo commented that the Board was previously informed of the security plan and its cost, and appreciates the refresher.

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

Superintendent Comments

- The Summer Learning Academy is going very well. Mrs. Everly stated this is a great extension of what we had at Arborwood last year. Dr. McLeod said that the enthusiasm from staff and students is amazing.
- The high school parking lot is at a standstill. They are waiting for the drain tiles to be delivered. One of the boilers at Arborwood has been removed and the other is halfway; all of the univents have been removed from the classrooms.
- The Education Foundation met this week. Dr. Martin is hoping for better attendance at the August 4th meeting because several important decisions need to be made.
- Mr. VanWasshenova, Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor and Dr. Martin updated the City Council on the Mini-Library Project at their meeting on Monday. The City Council is very supportive of this project.
- Advertising for our open positions has been done outside of the district as well as within, and we have received several applications.
- Mayor Clark informed Dr. Martin that he and Mr. Bentley are willing to do a presentation to the Board on the River Raisin Heritage Corridor-East master plan.

Old Business

Mr. Yeo suggested that the Board have a workshop session off-site to discuss goals and bring information back to the administrative team.

Mr. Yeo addressed Mrs. Pace and assured her that the board is trying to do the right thing and takes her comments very seriously.

New Business

There was none at this time.

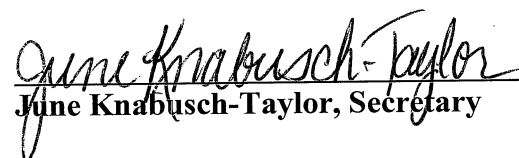
Public Commentary-Any Topic

Selma Rankins would like to see data showing that social workers and counselors can make Monroe Public Schools better. Mr. Vergiels was very helpful to him during his employment at Monroe Public Schools. Mr. Rankins would like to see more black teachers and administrators hired.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor that the July 8, 2014, Board Meeting #12 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 hand vote at 7:54 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary