

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #13

July 22, 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, Jerry Oley, David Payne

Administrators Absent: None

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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:

- July 8, 2014 Board Meeting #12

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

Reports and Update

The July 7, 2014 Board Personnel Committee Minutes were received.

Administrator Appointment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the appointment of Chantele Henry as an Administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective July 23, 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 7-0 roll call vote.

Administrator Appointment

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Ms. Spicer to approve the appointment of Alex Schukow as an Administrator with Monroe Public Schools effective August 11, 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 7-0 roll call vote.

Teacher Appointment

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Dr. March to approve the appointment of Laura Jacquin as a Teacher with Monroe Public Schools effective August 26, 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 7-0 roll call vote.

Staff Resignations

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. VanWasshenova to approve the resignations from Monroe Public Schools of Mary Zagorski and Roy Lawson effective June 30, 2014.

Discussion: Mr. Yeo thanked Ms. Zagorski and Mr. Lawson for their years of service.

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

Request for Teacher Leave of Absence

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve a leave of absence for Kim Pearch for the 2014/15 school year in accordance with Article 12, Section D-7 of the master agreement.

This leave will begin August 26, 2014.

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

Waterloo Playground

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor to approve the purchase of the installation and filler for the Waterloo Elementary School playground at a cost not to exceed \$16,212.00. Money for this purchase will be taken from the Sinking Fund (installation) and the General Fund (filler).

Discussion: The equipment is being almost completely funded through the Bridgestone Tire award that Waterloo received. The PTO will account for the balance not covered by the Bridgestone award.

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

Replacement of Walk-in Freezer at MHS

Motion by Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve replacement of walk in freezer at Monroe High School for a cost not to exceed \$37,380.50. Cost for the freezer and related work will be taken from the 2014/15 Food Service Fund pending State approval.

Discussion: Mr. VanWasshenova thanked Mr. Oley for checking out the possibility of the freezer being connected to the school for safety reasons.

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

Superintendent Comments

- The summer learning academy is at the mid-point of its six week session. Student attendance and participation remain high. The use of the high school for the entire K-12 program has worked well, but does present some challenges for summer cleaning, as it does in any building. However, the benefit to students of this type of program outweighs any staff challenges.
- The work on the high school "learning commons" continues. Books are being culled and re-purposed in an organized fashion to make sure they continue to be available as a student resource. The technology department is working to complete the work necessary to bring this area of Monroe High to a level of use that will contribute to student opportunities for collaborative research and study.
- The summer projects continue at a good pace. Work on phase two of the high school parking lot is moving along according to schedule as is the masonry work on the exterior of several wings. The Arborwood boiler project is also on schedule.
- Dr. Martin welcomed new administrators, Terry Joseph (Manor), Chantele Henry (Orchard) and Alex Schukow (MHS). They are going to be a great addition to the administrative staff.

Old Business

- Mr. Payne updated the board on the recent issue with the servers and the steps taken to correct the problem. Luckily, only about 3% of our actual storage was affected. Mr. Payne delivered our storage

to a company in Minnesota to have them scan the drives to see if they could recover any lost data. Unfortunately, they weren't able to recover anything from our primary storage; the secondary storage is now being scanned. Once it's determined that data cannot be recovered, staff will be notified. One thing to keep in mind is that documents that were submitted to the print shop or emailed are kept for three years. This will be communicated to staff as an option to retrieve lost data.

- Mr. Oley said the summer projects are moving along well. He and Mr. Salenbien have been monitoring the projects and are in contact with the contractors daily at the high school. Mr. VanWasshenova is concerned with trucks pulling up to the doors at Monroe High School and damaging the cement. Mr. Oley stated that cement pillars will be placed on the sidewalk at the end of C-wing to prevent vehicles from parking there. If it proves to be effective, the pillars will be considered for the other wings. For next year, in addition to phase-three of the high school parking lot, our focus will be on replacing roofs because most of them are out of warranty.
- Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor informed the board that Mr. Banas has volunteered to supply all of the materials needed to build the mini libraries.

New Business

- Mr. VanWasshenova would like to see a portion of the general fund devoted towards the Summer Learning Academy next year, so we don't have a waiting list as was the case this year. Dr. Martin stated that we can't use general funds for a Title program. Mrs. Everly said we could have a different strand of the Summer Learning Academy. We targeted our lowest achieving students, but there are students that are right on the bubble that could benefit from extra instruction during the summer.
- Mrs. Knabusch-Taylor mentioned the free fishing derby that will be held at the Hoffman fishing site this Saturday for children ages 5-12. This is sponsored by Monroe Public Schools, in partnership with the Monroe Boat Club and the DNR.

Public Commentary-Any Topic

Dale DeSloover suggested that the board hire a person or a company to do exit interviews on staff to find out the district's weaknesses and strengths. He feels that is when employees can talk freely. His perception is that employees don't make suggestions any longer because they are not wanted.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck that the July 22, 2014, Board Meeting #13 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:09 p.m.


June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary