

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #18

October 7, 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 7:05 p.m.

### **Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only**

Selma Rankins expressed concern with the closed session meeting, and also the number of students lost in this year's count. He hopes that the board and administration will try something different because he feels that what is being done is not working.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

- September 23, 2014, Board Meeting #18
- September 23, 2014, Closed Session

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

### **Reports and Update**

The Informational Report – Contracted Coaches was received.

### **Maintenance Appointment**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the appointment of Matthew Donofrio as a Classification 1 Skilled Trades with Monroe Public Schools effective Wednesday, October 8, 2014, and place on the appropriate salary level as contained in the Master Agreement, and upon completion of all pre-employment requirements.

Discussion: Mr. Donofrio was present this evening and the board welcomed him to Monroe Public Schools.

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

### **MHSAA State Golf Meet**

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March to approve the Monroe High School student attendance at the MHSAA Girls' State Golf Meet in Augusta, Michigan; according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

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

**NSBA's National Connection Fee**

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Yeo to approve the NSBA's National Connection Fee for 2015 in the amount of \$4,165.00.

Discussion: The benefit to belonging to the NSBA is minimal and we receive very thorough information from other professional organizations within the state.

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

**Title I Technology Purchase – Waterloo**

Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the purchase of one iPad cart, 30 iPads, and 30 iPad Smart cases at a cost not to exceed \$15,639.95. This purchase will be funded by the Title I grant.

Discussion: Mrs. Everly stated that the need for these additional devices is due to Waterloo's increased enrollment.

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

**Superintendent Comments**

This week is Homecoming week at Monroe High School. Homecoming court was held Monday and the parade is at 5:00 this Friday with the game at 7:00 against Pioneer High School. Dr. Martin thanked Anne Knabusch and the high school student council for all of the work they do to organize the many activities associated with Homecoming.

Harvest Party tickets are still on sale for another week at the high school. The Harvest Party is Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Custer Elementary has completed the first round of PLCs and Data Study meetings. During these meetings, teachers were able to review their reading assessment data and collaboratively plan interventions and enrichment. Teachers at each grade level completed goal sheets they will use with their students in the core subject areas. In line with John Hattie's research for making the biggest impact in student achievement, students will set goals for themselves and monitor their progress in these goals while collecting artifacts in their digital portfolios (grades 4th-6th) or paper portfolios (grades K-3). We look forward to our students sharing these portfolios and progress in their goals through student led parent/teacher conferences in the fall.

Waterloo Elementary STEAM School values the importance of providing as many experiences as possible to their students. This year in coordination with Monroe County Intermediate School District (MCISD) they have developed the first virtual field trip experience for our students using the State Science Standards as their guide for topics. MCISD technicians and videographers prepared a video snippet at a local greenhouse where the owner explained the working of his greenhouse in the video. As an extension to this experience, the students at Waterloo were able to participate in a live two-way video experience with Mr. Smith from Four Star Greenhouse. They are excited that we will be able to provide students with more field trip experiences than in the year's past through this process. Also, the exposure to different career opportunities, and to participate in a live question and answer session is another valuable outcome to this process. More virtual fieldtrip experiences are in the works with opportunities spreading beyond the state of Michigan. Waterloo, Full STEAM Ahead.

Just a reminder that Wednesday, October 8, is an early release day for students.

**Old Business**

Mr. Yeo informed the board that Dr. Martin asked the school board candidates if they would be interested in having a meet the candidate night, and they both chose not to do so.

**New Business**

Mr. Yeo stated that the board steered away from attending conferences because of budget concerns, but if an opportunity arises for a board member to attend a conference, there is money budgeted. Board policy states that we would provide training opportunities to new board members through MASB, and Dr. Martin would encourage their participation.

**Public Commentary-Any Topic**

There was none at this time.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Ms. Spicer to convene in closed session to consult written advice of counsel, Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:26 p.m.

**Adjournment of Closed Session and Reconvene**

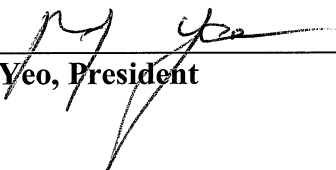
Motion by Mr. VanWasshenova; support by Mr. Yeo that the closed session be adjourned and Board Meeting #18 be reconvened into open session.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:57 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Dr. March that the October 7, 2014, Board Meeting #18 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 7:57 p.m.

  
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Robert Yeo, President