

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**Special Session, June 30, 2008**

**MINUTES**

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in special session, for which proper notice had been given, at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2008, at the School Administration Center, 315 E. North Drive, Bloomington, Indiana.

**Board members present:** Jeannine Butler, Teresa Grossi, Valerie Merriam, Jim Muehling, Lois Sabo-Skelton and Sue Wanzer

**Also present:** Beverly Elkins, Secretary/Recorder; Nicole Brooks, Reporter for *The Herald-Times*; and Barb Buckner, Assistant Comptroller.

1. **Call to Order**

President of the Board, Teresa Grossi, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Dr. Grossi noted that the purpose of this meeting was for the Board to appoint a new School Board member to complete the term vacated by Susan Daniels.

2. **Appoint New School Board Member to Complete Term Vacated by Susan Daniels**

Dr. Grossi reviewed the fact that two candidates were interviewed for the vacant seat on the Board and she called for a motion. Jeannine Butler moved to appoint Vicki Streiff to fill the vacant seat. The motion was seconded by Lois Sabo-Skelton. Comments from Board members followed the motion.

Dr. Butler said that she would like to thank both candidates publicly for applying and appreciated the interest that was shown by both. She stated that she felt that the two individuals were very highly qualified candidates.

Dr. Lois Sabo-Skelton commented that she felt that both candidates had a good grasp of the responsibilities of what the Board is about, that both candidates were very approachable, and that both possess extraordinary abilities. She publicly said "thanks" to both of them.

Sue Wanzer commented that both candidates were very qualified and felt they that each is strong in different areas. She said that fact made it difficult for the Board to make a decision. She stated that in making decisions as a Board, they try to reach consensus as much as possible. This was a very difficult task.

Valerie Merriman also thanked both candidates for their time.

Dr. Grossi asked for comments from the public. There being none, she called for a vote. Aye: Butler, Grossi, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Wanzer. Abstain: Muehling. Motion carried.

3. **Authorize Comptroller or Assistant Comptroller to Award Temporary Tax Anticipation Warrant on July 2, Subject to School Board Ratification at a Regular Meeting on July 8, 2008**

Dr. Grossi said that the Board was being asked to award a temporary Tax Anticipation Warrant on July 3, 2008, subject to School Board ratification at a regular meeting on July 8, 2008.

Barb Buckner, Assistant Comptroller, was present and made a correction. The date should be July 2, 2008. She stated that bids will open at 11:00 a.m. on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Grossi called for a motion. Jim Muehling so moved; seconded by Jeannine Butler.

Dr. Grossi asked Ms. Buckner to give the Board some background as to why the request was being made. Ms. Buckner stated that the Board is being asked to approve the sale of tax anticipation warrants in the amount of \$6,000,000, for the benefit of the MCCSC Debt Service Fund. This amount of money is owed MCCSC, but the money has not been received.

She also explained that because of uncertainty as to the expected timing of tax advances associated with the June, 2008, settlement and distribution of taxes, the administration feels it is advisable to sell the warrant(s) in order to ensure that the school corporation will be able to make all debt, accounts payable and payroll payments on a timely basis. She said that Tim Thrasher, Comptroller, has been in regular contact with Monroe County officials concerning distribution of tax monies. Reassessment problems have resulted in tax bills being sent out late this year.

Ms. Merriam said that she gets tired of the school corporation taking the brunt of someone else not doing their job and now MCCSC will have to pay more interest.

Ms. Sabo-Skelton said that she feels that the corporation will now have to borrow money to fund programs that have already been approved.

Ms. Wanzer asked the question “where do we keep coming up with money”? “Who is responsible for not paying the corporation in a timely fashion”? She also stated that she hopes that the taxpayers realize that this is not the fault of the school corporation.

Mr. Muehling said that no one will step up and claim fault for not distributing funds in a timely manner.

Dr. Butler said she feels we are in a no-win situation. She also hopes that our community is made aware that these problems are not within the corporation, but that they are problems at another level.

Dr. Grossi called for a vote. Aye: Butler, Grossi, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Wanzer. Motion carried.

Dr. Grossi announced that the Board will meet in regular session on Tuesday, July 8, 2008.

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Teresa Grossi, President

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Jeannine Butler, Vice President

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Valerie Merriam, Secretary

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Susan P. Wanzer, Assistant Secretary

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Jim Muehling, Member

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Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member