FOR ACTION:  Appoint Representative to the Monroe County Public Library Board

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board appoint Kari Isaacson to serve a four-year term on the Board of the Monroe County Public Library.

Background Information

The Board of School Trustees appoints two members of the Board of the Monroe County Public Library. These terms are four years in length.

On March 1, 2005, Penny Austin was re-appointed to a four-year term on the Library Board. Her term expired on January 31, 2009. Ms. Austin has indicated that she does not wish to serve again. Randy Paul, former MCCSC Title I instructional aide, is the Board’s other appointment to the Library Board. His term expires January 31, 2011.

The appointee does not need to be an employee of the School Corporation or a member of its Board of School Trustees. However, it can be either.

Ms. Isaacson has taught in the MCCSC since 1985. She started her teaching journey as a second grade teacher at Grandview Elementary. After a two-year move to New York in 1991-1993, she was rehired as a Title 1 teacher. While in Title 1, she taught reading at Highland Park, Clear Creek and Templeton and was trained as a Reading Recovery Teacher. When the Community Partners in Reading (CPR) Program began she served as the Coordinator at Templeton for several years. CPR is a program where at risk second graders receive one-on-one reading instruction from a community member. Her role was to create lesson plans for the community members to use as well as to instruct the volunteers in the best practice of teaching reading to young children. Currently Ms. Isaacson is the Connections Coordinator at Templeton. This is a new position to address the academic, social and behavioral concerns of our most needy students. This semester, to address RTI (Response To Intervention) in their building, she began training as the school’s Instructional Consultation Teams Facilitator. Instructional Consultation Teams is a problem-solving framework in which teachers assist other teachers to better their own instruction as well as to increase student academic gains.

Ms. Isaacson has indicated that she is delighted to be recommended to serve on the Monroe County Library Board as a representative of the school system. She hopes to bring her varied experiences in literacy to serve the reading community in Bloomington.

The Board needs to appoint Ms. Isaacson or choose another representative for a four-year term to run from February 1, 2009 to January 31, 2013.