

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
Work Session, April 21, 2009

MEMORANDA

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in work session, for which proper notice had been given, at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at Bloomington High School South, 1965 South Walnut Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

**Board members present:** Jeannine Butler, John Hamilton, Valerie Merriam, Lois Sabo-Skelton, Vicki Streiff and Sue Wanzer. Jim Muehling was absent.

**Also present:** Tim Hyland, Superintendent; Mike Sherer, Director of Extended Services; Michael Shipman, Director of Assessment and Operations; Mark Conrad, Principal, Rogers Elementary; and Beverly Elkins.

President of the Board, Jeannine Butler, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Proposed Revision to Bylaw 0142 – Membership-Election/Appointment**

Discussion began with Lois Sabo-Skelton saying that she would like to see the districts left the way they are.

Valerie Merriman stated that she would prefer that residency requirement remain at 2 years for the county, and one year in the district. She feels that she would like to keep the districts as they are.

John Hamilton stated that he doesn't see it as a big problem that needs to be solved; that other things are a priority. He would like to look at the situation over a period of time. Prefers to leave it as is.

Sue Wanzer said she would leave it as it is at one year in the district. And, if we are going to take a long time to think about future changes, also look at the boundaries as well. Would like to explore everything.

Jeannine Butler said that she feels that the Board has enough to deal with at this time and feels that it would be too much to deal with right now. She also stated that she feel it is a mute point and will be dropped for now and will be addressed in the future.

**Traffic Flow at Binford/Rogers**

Mike Sherer addressed the Board by saying the original plan proposed in March of this year is essentially dead due to public criticism and the probable lack of federal stimulus money to pay for the project. He said that the corporation is now looking at what can be done over the summer that will help to alleviate the traffic problem and not involve a lot of dollars. One thing that will probably not be done is to use the drive behind Rogers. Also, the playground area will not be disturbed. He said that he hopes to get with the engineer from Bledsoe Riggert and Guerretz and come up with an idea for a solution at the start of school in the fall. Sherer is even open to ideas for a "temporary fix". He proposed the idea of hiring a traffic person to direct traffic flow.

Vicky Streiff shared that at the opening of the new Summit Elementary School there were traffic flow problems, and those problems were alleviated by using signs, traffic cones and extra personnel

Jeannine Butler said that she feels that "no parking" areas need to be designated, and that traffic personnel need to issue tickets to those individuals who violate the no parking rule.

Valerie Merriam asked Mr. Conrad, Principal of Rogers, what he feels is the biggest problem. He answered by saying that safety is the biggest issue. He feels that it is dangerous for the safety of the students to have school buses and vehicles in the same area, and that there definitely needs to be a better traffic flow.

Mr. Conrad suggested some possible solutions such as having more students utilize the bus system, thereby eliminating the number of vehicles; separation of cars and buses; and education of the public.

Sue Wanzer said that one of her main concerns is the congestion in the front of the schools.

Jeannine Butler stated that from the beginning of trying to find a solution to the traffic problem that the neighborhood association wanted to be involved. She asked Mark Conrad to get with the PTO members to get names of interested neighbors. She also asked Mike Sherer if something could be done about repairs the parking lot. He said that the repairs are on his agenda.

Sue Wanzer said that she wants to look at the solution as a “one time fix”. She feels that a temporary solution before the end of school will just confuse people if it is changed again in the Fall. She wants a “plan” in place.

Jeannine Butler asked for other comments. There being none, she stated that this topic will be on another Board agenda.

**Future Work Session**

At a future work session there will be a follow-up on the Fairview restructuring, and the Binford/Rogers parking situation.

Dr. Timothy Hyland noted that at the last Board meeting he wants an update on the Binford/Rogers situation and a report from Mike Sherer.

The work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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