

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, April 21, 2009

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, in the Large Group Room at Bloomington High School South, 1965 S. Walnut Street, Bloomington.

Board members present:

Jeannine Butler	President
Valerie Merriam	Vice President
Vicki Streiff	Secretary
John Hamilton	Assistant Secretary
Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member
Sue Wanzer	Member

Board member absent:

Jim Muehling	Member
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Also present:

Timothy F. Hyland	Superintendent of Schools
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Peggy Chambers	Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Personnel
Mike Scherer	Director of Extended Services
Michael Shipman	Director of Assessment and Operations
Mark Fletcher	Principal, Bloomington High School South
Various faculty members	Bloomington High School South
Beverly Elkins	Secretary, Social Services Department

In addition to the above, 2 citizens signed the visitor list (which is included as a part of the official record of this meeting), H-T reported Andy Graham, and two representatives of Bloomington Community Access TV were present.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President of the Board, Jeannine Butler, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **FACES OF EDUCATION**

Dr. Butler explained that at every Board meeting an employee or volunteer is recognized for outstanding accomplishments. She introduced Twyla Edwards who was honored for her commitment to students. She was nominated by her Principal Jan Williamson and the Human Resources Department.

Twyla began working for MCCSC in 1977-78 as the secretary to Corporation Counsel, and after some, she then returned in 1995 as the secretary for Highland Park Elementary. In 2005, she also served briefly as the secretary to the Director of Human Resources during a transition period. "I will always be grateful to Twyla for sharing her time, talents and wisdom with the Human Resources Department. She is truly a hard worker and cares about any task that she undertakes. I appreciate Jan Williamson loaning her to us," Bev Smith Assistant Director of Human Resources, said.

Without question, Twyla's heart is devoted to the elementary level and the students. Highland Park is definitely her home and the place where she shines. She is truly a self-starter and a "right arm" to her

principal and a leader, whose attributes are too numerous to list. Mrs. Williamson shared that Twyla is an “outstanding office manager, who efficiently orchestrates many duties and responsibilities of a building that houses more than 450 individuals.” Above that, Twyla is savvy with technology and always willing to share her knowledge with others, especially her fellow secretaries. She also is an invaluable source of information for both the faculty and parents, yet she fully understands the meaning of “confidentiality.” Most importantly, you can always count Twyla to be kind and appropriate with students and be even tempered at ALL times.

Board members commended Ms. Edwards for her years of service and for her presence and impact on the Highland Park Elementary School family.

3. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE** – There was no response to Dr. Butler’s invitation for public dialogue.

4. **SCHOOL SHOWCASE: Bloomington High School South**

Faculty present were Mark Fletcher, Principal; Assistant Principals Chris Adduci, Cindy Chrzastowski, Joe Doyle, and Jay True; Teachers Drew Frey, Mary Beth Hannah-Hansen, Kara Parker, Lizzy Rupp, N. Boswell, Rhonda Welch, Barb Stork, Jody Duncan, and Janet Stake, Counselor.

Mark Fletcher, Principal, shared about reformation efforts going on at BHS South. He invited Board members and the public to sit and meet to talk about the present and future of BHS South. He recognized two special activities for the school: 2008-2009 State basketball finalist; and the Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital raised \$32,000.

He shared with the Board and the public some history and the impact it has had on BHS South. Where BHS South is now and where BHS South will be in the future.

Implementations made in the fall of 2001:

1. Develop strong transition programs for students entering high school.
2. Expand technical and career opportunities for student in the 9th and 10th grades.
3. Establish a school-within-a school or separate education site for expelled or suspended students.
4. Provide a high quality staff development program to enhance teachers’ instructional effectiveness.
5. Implement an advisory/mentoring program.
6. Provide programs and develop strategies to personalize the educational experiences of all students.
7. Adopt a scheduling model that provides opportunities for educational excellence and allows for a minimum of fourteen credits per year.

2003 Professional Learning Community:

4 Guiding Questions:

1. What do we want students to know? **Curriculum Mapping**
2. How do we know they learn it? **Common Assessments**
3. If it isn’t learned, what happens? **Pyramid of Interventions**
4. If it is learned, what happens? **Celebration**

2006-207 Graduation Work Group:

This Group was charged with analyzing what the high school's Current Reality was and making recommendations for transforming them.

2007-2008 Creation of South's 8 Action Based Research Committees:

General Themes of the 8 Committees: relationships, relevancy and rigorous expectations.

2008 Recommendations of Committees:

1. Early College
2. AVID
3. Implementation of training teachers in Cornell Notes and other study skills.
4. After school Learning Center.
5. Student Assistance Team Committee
6. Professional Development Committee

Other presenters from BHS South and their topics were:

Kara Parker -- Early College Program
Lizzy Rupp and Jody Duncan -- AVID and AVID Note Taking System
Joe Doyle -- PACE (Nancy Boswell, Director)
Barb Stork -- Nova Net

Mr. Fletcher thanked all of the presenters and stated that BHS South wants to continue to get better in every area.

5. ISTEP Results – Update

Mike Shipman, Director of Assessment and Operations gave an update of recent ISTEP results. Topics reviewed were:

- a) No Child Left Behind
- b) Meeting AYP for Schools
- c) School Consequences under NCLB
- d) Instructional Implications
- e) Topics ignored under AYP
- f) Assessment for Learning
 - a. Assessment for Accountability sorts and labels schools into categories based upon the governing entity's motivations.
 - b. Assessment for Learning utilizes scores to validate or change instructional practices to help youngsters learn.

Mr. Shipman indicated that he feels that the focus needs to be on the Assessment for Learning. He answered questions posed by various board members for clarification of facts presented regarding AYP.

6. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: Legislative Updates**

Superintendent Tim Hyland commented on certain bills that have been introduced in the Indiana House and Senate, specifically those that affect education. Dr. Hyland reported that he and Dr. Jeannine Butler went to Indianapolis. While they were there they were able to lobby on several issues. He said it was a productive meeting. He will continue to keep the Board apprised.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Butler called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda: (a) donations, ECA expenditures, field trip requests, and disposal of obsolete books; and (b) Allowance of Claims. Mr. Hamilton so moved. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion. Dr. Hyland reviewed donations received. Following a time for discussion, Board members voted on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Aye: Butler, Hamilton, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer. Motion carried.

8. **CONTRACTS**

Mr. Thrasher presented escrow agreements and contracts for approval as proposed: (a); Indiana Cosmetology Academy Agreement; (b) Area Career and Technical Education Program Operating Agreement; (c) Alcohol Prevention Grant Subcontract; (d) Duke Energy Indiana Interconnection Agreement; (e) Escrow Agreements with Old National Bank and Harrell-Fish for the Administration Center, Fairview, and the HH Career Center; (f) Escrow Agreement with Bank of New York Mellon Trust and HRC Roofing for Binford; (g) Escrow Agreement with Bank of New York Mellon Trust and Horning for Tri-North.

Valerie Merriam moved approval of the contracts as recommended. Lois Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Hamilton, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

9. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Ms. Chambers called attention to notices of retirement received from Susan Alspaugh, a counselor at Batchelor for 13 years, with a combined total of 32 years of service to students; and Kathleen Susan Taylor, a teacher at Fairview. Ms. Taylor served 36 years at Grandview and the past three years at Fairview. Board members extended appreciation to Ms. Alspaugh and Ms. Taylor, both of whom will retire at the end of this school year.

Ms. Chambers also noted the full-time appointment of Kimberly Williams as coordinator of the High Ability Program. She recommended approval of the Personnel Report as submitted. Vicki Streiff so moved. Valerie Merriman seconded the motion.

Board members voted on the motion to approve the Personnel Report as submitted. Aye: Butler, Hamilton, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

10. **RESOLUTION TO GOVERNOR AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**

Dr. Timothy Hyland recommended amending the Resolution to include “and the General Assembly” in paragraph three. It will now read: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that members of the Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation entreat Governor Daniels, State Superintendent Bennett and the General Assembly to maintain quality parental contact and staff

development as we move the schools and classrooms of Indiana towards higher performance.

Valerie Merriman moved to accept the Resolution as amended. Lois Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion. Board members voted on the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Aye: Butler, Hamilton, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

11. **IMPLEMENTATION OF FOOD SERVICE SANITATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Mike Sherer appeared before the Board to discuss approval of a plan to standardize the Food Service Sanitation Program. Upon review of the proposed recommendation he asked that the recommendation be withdrawn due to errors in the write-up. He will present this to the Board at a later date.

Valerie Merriman moved to table the Food Service recommendation; seconded by Lois Sabo-Skelton. Board members voted on the motion to table the recommendation. Aye: Butler, Hamilton, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

12. **DECLARE VARIOUS OLD TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL**

Karen Portle, Director of Information Services, recommended that the Board declare old broken computers and those being replaced this summer as surplus property. She also recommended that the Board declare other non-functioning technology such as printers and VCR's as surplus property and authorize the disposal of them in the most cost effective manner. John Hamilton so moved. Valerie Merriam seconded the motion. Board members voted on the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Aye: Butler, Hamilton, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

13. **FIRST READING: PROPOSED REVISION TO BYLAW 0144.1 -- COMPENSATION**

Lois Sabo-Skelton began the discussion by saying that this is a correction only, that the \$62 per diem for Board members for work sessions is in order and that this will be discussed at a future meeting. Valerie Merriam agreed.

Respectfully, John Hamilton said that he will vote against this proposal due to the current economic situation. Jeannine Butler said the proposal will come back at the next meeting as an agenda item.

14. **INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Andy Graham, Herald-Times Reporter, asked the Board if there will be Summer School. Mike Shipman responded to Mr. Graham by saying that there will be two summer school programs. One will be for grades K-1 and will be funded through the General Fund; and the second program will be for grades 3-5, and will be funded through the stimulus package. He also stated that there will be no programs at North or South high schools.

17. **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Vicki Streiff reported that she attended a recent "Rock and Read" Conference at Summit Elementary School. She said it was a combination of music and original poetry presented by the students. They did a remarkable job.

Lois Sabo-Skelton reported that she to the production of "Pajama Game" at BHS North. She said it was beautifully done and enjoyable.

Sue Wanzer reported that on May 2nd there will again be the Dancing With The Celebrities fund raiser. Anyone interested should contact Tina Peterson at the MCCS Foundation.

Valerie Merriman said that she also went to the production of “Pajama Game” and the “Most Happy Fellow”. They were remarkable performances. She said that all the field trips approved indicate the remarkable successes MCCSC students are having.

John Hamilton said that he is looking forward to the upcoming chess tournament.

Jeannine Butler shared that the NASBA Report focused on “No Child Left Behind” which outlined various sanctions regarding AYP, and School Choice. She encouraged all present to contact Senators and the House of Representatives.

Dr. Butler thanked people who are retiring for all their years of service. She said we really appreciate the things that people do for our school corporation, whatever their job – it is a team effort.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Jeannine Butler, President

Valerie Merriam, Vice President

Vicki Streiff, Secretary

John Hamilton, Assistant Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Susan P. Wanzer, Member