

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, May 5, 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, May 5, 2009, in the Large Group Room at Bloomington High School South, 1965 S. Walnut Street, Bloomington.

Board members present:

Valerie Merriam	Vice President
Vicki Streiff	Secretary
John Hamilton	Assistant Secretary
Jim Muehling	Member
Sue Wanzer	Member

Board member absent:

Jeannine Butler	President
Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member

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
Mark Fletcher	Principal, Bloomington High School South
Kathleen Hugo	Director of Special Education
Daniel Rademachir	Director of Health Services
Jean Schick	Science Department Chairperson, BHS North
Kimberly Williams	Coordinator for Gifted and Talented
H. Lou Johnson	Director of Food Services
Linda Hobbs	Food Services Assistant
Beverly Elkins	Secretary, Social Services Department

In addition to the above, 3 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**

Vice President of the Board, Valerie Merriam, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **FACES OF EDUCATION**

Ms. Merriam explained that at every Board meeting an employee or volunteer is recognized for outstanding accomplishments. She introduced J. R. Holmes who was honored for his commitment to students, and for his service as Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach for BHS South. He was nominated by the Monroe County Community School Corporation Human Resources Department.

With more than 600 wins to his credit, his career spans 39 years, including 12 years at Tunnelton and Mitchell as head coach. Proudly, J.R. has spent 27 of those years swathed in the purple as the Head Basketball Coach

of the BHS South Panthers. His career as a coach boasts such accomplishments as ranking in the top ten for all-time wins for coaches in the state, which prompted the recent approval of the naming of the BHS South Basketball Court as the J.R. Holmes Court.

J.R. has devoted his career to mentoring student athletes. Memorably, this season will go down in history as a year that the community and schools truly came together to rally around the Panthers, spurring them on to become the 26-0, IHSAA Class 4A Boys Basketball State Champions. J.R. said he knew the community was invested by the time the Detroit Country Day game came. "It brought out the community and great support from people I had never seen before," he said. That level of support remained throughout the season, bringing out the biggest crowds in South history for the sectional, regional and state finals. "The team really appreciated all the purple in the stands," J.R. added.

For a coach, winning the state championship is beyond remarkable, but doing so undefeated is simply amazing. The 2009 South team was only the 12th team in state history to do so, which speaks volumes about its head coach. BHS South Principal Mark Fletcher paid tribute to J.R. most recently when he said, "Coach Holmes is a future Hall of Famer and a cornerstone of the strong tradition of excellence that Bloomington High School South is fortunate to possess." Being the great coach that he is, J.R. shares his credit with his players. "This is something that they will be remembered for forever!"

Coach J.R. Holmes, you too will be remembered forever for your high standards and passion for student athletics. We are proud to add this *Faces of Education* honor to your list of winning accomplishments. Congratulations!

3. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

The first person to address the Board was Mr. Eric Knox, a resident at 1904 Southdowns Drive. He spoke concerning the Binford/Rogers traffic situation. He said that he has been instrumental in putting together a group of interested people to address the situation, but many attempts to contact someone in the MCCSC to provide input failed.

Dr. Hyland said he gave the list of people to Mike Scherer. Mr. Scherer said that those on that list, and other groups, will be invited to a public meeting at Jackson Creek Middle School on May 14, 2009.

Mr. Knox said that he was encouraged to hear that a meeting is being set up. He stressed that he feels that communication and attention to detail is very important in keeping a good rapport within the community.

Mr. Hamilton, board member, said that the Binford/Rogers community turn-out is very admirable. The Board and community are engaged together in making this work out.

The next person to address the board was Ms. Linda Hobbs, Food Service Coordinator, with MCCSC.

She stated that she was at the meeting to inform the Board and the public about the local food service chapter that has been started known as Monroe County School Nutrition Association Chapter 14.

The Indiana School Nutrition Association, also known as ISNA, has many local chapters that work throughout the state to build a foundation of support and success for our child nutrition efforts. On March 19, 2009, MCCSC's application for chapter affiliation with ISNA was accepted by the ISNA Board. The local chapters are the core of the state association. They help achieve our goals to positively impact the food selection, nutrition and wellness of children by ensuring the integrity of the child nutrition program in Indiana.

The Mission of the Indiana School Nutrition Association is to offer its members professional development opportunities, promote public awareness and address legislative issues in order to provide quality nutrition programs for schools and the communities they serve.

The Board and the public were invited to attend the first Installation of Officers ceremony on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 3:00 PM at Bloomington New Tech High School.

4. **SCHOOL SHOWCASE: 6th Grade Leonard Springs Field Day**

Presenters were Jean Schick from BHS North, Kim Williams from Administration, and members of Parks and Recreation.

The Board was treated to a power point presentation about the Leonard Springs Nature Day Annual 6th Grade Trip. Topics covered were:

- LSND Partnership
- Program Goals
- History
 - 2006 committee formed to develop pilot
 - 2006-07 1/3 of MCCSC 6th grade students
 - 2007-08 2/3 of MCCSC 6th grade students
 - 2008-09 All MCCSC 6th grade students
- Learning Stations: Wetland, Soil, Forest, Creek, and Karst
- Funding: Grant funding; no cost to MCCSC
- Received the 2008 Outstanding Park Program Award
- Future Steps
 - Development of 4th grade Environmental Education Experience

5. **Central Office Reorganizational Chart**

Dr. Hyland presented the chart which was recommended by incoming Superintendent J. T. Coopman. He explained that there will be the same number of employees and the dollars will remain the same. He also said that he is working to get the corporation ready for Dr. Coopman to take over as Superintendent.

Peggy Chambers review the flow chart and asked for any questions or comments.

Ms. Wanzer thanked the administration for their work in the reorganization of the administrative positions, and said that it makes sense, having a definite purpose for each position.

It was pointed out that Information Services is very much a part of Curriculum and Instruction.

Mr. Hamilton said he liked the structure of the Curriculum and Instruction; looks very good. He asked about the financial side of the restructuring. Tim Thrasher reported the difference to be about \$50,000.

Dr. Hyland stated that the organizational chart will be brought back at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Wanzer made a motion to approve Dr. Coopman's recommendation to assign Mike Shipman as Principal at Templeton Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year, beginning July 1, 2009. Seconded by Mr. Muehling. Aye: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

Ms. Wanzer said that she is very happy to have Mike Shipman at Templeton and to have his expertise as a principal.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Ms. Merriam asked for corrections to the minutes of April 21, 2009. Consistency in the spelling of her name; comments by Ms. Wanzer regarding district requirements, and comments by herself, Ms. Merriam regarding suggestions for Rogers/Binford traffic problems.
- b. Ms. Merriam called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda: (a) donations, ECA expenditures, field trip requests; and (b) Financial Report; and (c) Allowance of Claims. Mr. Hamilton so moved. Mr. Muehling 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: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling; Streiff and Wanzer. Motion carried.

8. **CONTRACTS**

Mr. Thrasher presented escrow agreements and contracts for approval as proposed: (a) Escrow Agreement between Tag Coatins Corp. and Community Bank Trust Department; (b) Escrow Agreement between Bank of New York Mellow Trust Company and Bronger Masonry, Inc.; (c) Escrow Agreement between Chase Bank and Dalmation Fire, Inc.; (d) Paragon Promotions, Inc.; (e) Lindee Witt; (f) Staff Development Workshops, Inc.; (g) Indiana University.

Mr. Thrasher asked Board permission to add the Monroe County Building Coalition.

Ms. Streiff moved approval of the contracts as recommended. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion. Aye: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

9. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Ms. Chambers called attention to notices of retirement received from Darrell Bosell, a Custodian at Bloomington High School North; Pamela Mendenhall, a Cook at Bloomington High School North; and Theresa Wellman, a Secretary at Tri-North Middle School. Board members extended appreciation to Mr. Bosell, Ms. Mendenhall, and Ms. Wellman, all of whom will retire at the end of this school year.

Ms. Chambers recommended approval of the Personnel Report as submitted. Mr. Muehling so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Chambers then requested approval of a new position of Title I Summer Program Coordinator. She explained that this position would help to facilitate all Title I summer programming, and she believes that this position is vital to enable continuity in the essential programs of Title I. This position will be for the 2009 summer only.

Mr. Muehling moved to approve the position of Title I Summer Program Coordinator. Seconded by Ms. Wanzer. Aye: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

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

Mike Scherer, Director of Extended Services, requested that the Board approve a plan to standardize the sanitation program for the Food Service Department as provided by SFS PAC (Smart Systems).

Ms. Lou Johnson, Director of Food Services, explained the cost comparison between vendors for actual cost (August – December, 2008) and projected costs for a full school year.

Because this item has been discussed and tabled at previous meetings, Mr. Muehling said that he appreciated all of the information the Board has been provided.

Mr. Muehling made a motion to approve the implementation of the Food Service Sanitation Program as presented. Seconded by Ms. Wanzer. Aye: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

11. **TRANSFER OF BUS CONTRACT**

Ms. Wanzer moved approval of the transfer of bus contract #126 from Lori A. Snoddy to William Terry Chandler, pending Mr. Chandler's completion of the necessary requirements for licensing and training, required by federal, state and MCCSC guidelines. Seconded by Mr. Hamilton. Aye: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

12. **CHANGE ORDER FOR HOOSIER HILLS CAREER CENTER AND FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mike Scherer requested that the Board approve change orders at Hoosier Hills Career Center (\$87,316 to replace galvanized waterlines; and \$88,262 for painting) and Fairview Elementary (\$55,000 for terrazzo and casework for alternate #1). He explained that the replacement of all galvanized domestic water lines was not included in the original bid due to budget concerns and the difficulty in locating lines prior to bidding. Also, the north classroom wing of Fairview was bid as an alternate due to budget concerns. Finally, MCCSC did not receive any painting bids for the HHCC project. Gibraltar was asked to get three quotes from painting contractors and \$55,000 was the low bid.

Mr. Muehling so moved. Ms. Streiff seconded the motion. Board members voted on the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Aye: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

13. **EXPENDITURE ALLOWANCE FUNDS**

Mr. Mike Scherer gave an explanation of expenditure allowance funds. He said that allowance funds are built into construction contracts which have already been approved by the Board. Expenditure of

allowance funds does not change the total of the contract. Therefore, a change order is not required.

Mr. Hamilton moved to approve the expenditure allowance funds. Seconded by Mr. Muehling. Aye: Hamilton, Merriam, Muehling, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

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

None

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

Mr. Muehling thanked the people/public for gathering information on the Binford/Rogers project.

Mr. Hamilton agreed with Mr. Muehling. Said he also appreciated Dr. Butler and Dr. Sabo-Skelton for their investigative work regarding Fairview.

Mr. Hamilton mentioned the outbreak of Swine Flu and asked if anything is being done on the part of the corporation. Dr. Hyland said that there is no activity in that area. No school closures.

Mr. Hamilton reported that there were eight teams at the Chess Tournament.

Ms. Streiff expressed incredible community support as evidenced by the list of donations. She also said that the Summit carnival was great, and she thanked the community for all the work and support.

Ms. Merriam said that she had several topics to highlight:

1. The Policy Committee is making progress.
2. She went to University School and helped plant trees.
3. She went to Fairview and had lunch and visited with some of the students. VERY GOOD.
4. She, Dr. Sabo-Skelton, and Dr. Butler were at IU for the Fairview violin concert. The lessons and instruments are courtesy of a Jacobs School outreach program funded by anonymous donors. The program has just completed its first year. The program is offered to Fairview students in first grade.
5. BHSN and BHSS will both attend the Science Olympiad in Augusta, Georgia from May 14-17, 2009.
6. The Lions Club and the Foundation recently honored several MCCSC teens who have overcome personal obstacles during this past year.
7. Pat Wilson, BHSN, received an award for her work with Habitat.
8. Chuck Holloway, Aurora, and Jennifer Staab, Healthy School Coordinator, received awards for their work with Stepping Stones.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Merriam declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:50 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