

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, June 16, 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, June 16, 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
Jim Muehling	Member
Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member
Sue Wanzer	Member

Board member absent

John Hamilton	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
Janet Tupper	Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board
Deb Woodward	Senior Applications Technician, Information Services
Pam Lawrence Puls	Co-Director, Social Services
Greg Marchant	Co-Director, Social Services
Hattie Johnson	Director, Food Services

In addition to the above, 4 citizens signed the visitor list (which is included as part of the official record of this meeting), H-T reporter Andy Graham, two representatives of Bloomington Community Access TV, and one technician from the MCCSC Information Services Department.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President of the Board, Jeannine Butler, called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Timothy F. Hyland, Interim Superintendent of Schools. He is nominated by the MCCSC Board of School Trustees and the Human Resources Department. Dr. Hyland joined MCCSC in September of 2008, replacing former Superintendent Jim Harvey. Tonight is his last board meeting as interim superintendent, and it is our pleasure to recognize him for a job well done!

Without question, Dr. Hyland is a seasoned educator, whose experience truly speaks volumes. A proud native of *The Region*, this son of the South Shore began his career in 1968 with his graduation from St. Joseph's College in East Chicago, IN with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, and he became a social studies instructor for Bishop Noll High School in that same year. Dr. Hyland went on to obtain both his master's and doctoral degrees in American History and Educational Administration, respectively, from Purdue University by 1976. Since that time, he has held key administrative positions including serving as superintendent with Champaign Public Schools, MSD Lawrence Township and Glenbard High School, District #87 before retiring. Dr. Hyland also has numerous awards and publications

to his credit. We were very pleased that he agreed to put his retirement aside to work with MCCSC for this brief period.

With his great cadre of knowledge and experience, his goal has always been to support the school corporation, providing us with just the right touch of leadership while the Board of School Trustees searched for a new superintendent. On June 30, 2009, Dr. Hyland's time with MCCSC will come to a close. However, he has made an indelible impression. His incredible, straight-forward ability to intake issues, communicate decisions, while forming relationships rooted in respect, has been more than appreciated. It is evidence of the master teacher that lies within him. We appreciate him sharing some his wisdom and strength with MCCSC during this important time. The Board is grateful to have had the opportunity to get to know him and work with him. We are indebted to him for his leadership through some incredibly challenging situations.

Dr. Timothy Hyland, thank you for all for your efforts and contributions. We certainly wish you well in your future endeavors. You will always be a part of the MCCSC family, and you will be missed. Please receive this *Faces of Education* recognition as a token of our sincerest appreciation. Again, thank you and best wishes!

In addition to the "Faces of Education" recognition, Ms. Tupper presented Dr. Hyland with a commemorative clock in appreciation for his service as Interim Superintendent for the 2008-09 School Year. Dr. Hyland commented that his father told him that "If you scratch an administrator you should find a teacher."

Each Board member present took a moment to thank Dr. Hyland for his leadership, expertise, instruction, and teaching us about the responsibilities and duties of a Board.

3. PUBLIC DIALOGUE

Teresa Grossi, a former Board member echoed the sentiment expressed by the current Board members. Dr. Grossi cited Dr. Hyland's passion and love for children will always be the characteristics remembered most by everyone.

Mr. Thrasher thanked the Board for bringing Dr. Hyland in as the interim superintendent. Mr. Thrasher said it has been a pleasure working with Dr. Hyland.

Mrs. Chambers, on behalf of herself and Ms. Hugo, stated how they have enjoyed working with Dr. Hyland. His good advice and support will be treasured.

4. FOUNDATION OF MCCSC

Ms. Peterson was not present to give her monthly report.

5. FOR ACTION - CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Butler called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda: (a) donations, ECA Expenditures, Disposal of Obsolete Books and (b) allowance of claims. Mr. Muehling so moved. Ms. Merriam seconded the motion. Dr. Hyland reviewed donations received. Board members voted on the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

6. FOR ACTION - CONTRACTS

Mr. Thrasher presented the contracts for approval: (1) DOE Grant to Reduce Underage Drinking Evaluation – Year 2; (2) Always Learning LLC; (3) Reach Educational Services, LLC; (4) Novanet; (5) ICAT Resources – Grandview; (6) ICAT Resources – Summit; and (11) CIGNA Group Long Term Disability. The following contracts were pulled from consideration: (7)

Herff Jones Photography – School Pictures Batchelor; (8) Herff Jones Photography – Yearbook Batchelor; (9) Great American – Batchelor; and (10) Kirkwood Photo Lab – School Pictures New Tech.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved to accept the contracts as presented excluding the contracts noted above. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion. The Board had questions regarding the CIGNA Group Long Term Disability contract of which Mr. Thrasher deferred to Doug Johnson for the answers. Questions posed concerned cost, ability to cancel, and negotiations with MCEA, as well as possible partner shares with other school districts. Following discussion the Board members voted on the motion to approve the contracts as presented. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

7. FOR ACTION – PERSONNEL

Mrs. Chambers presented the Personnel Report to the Board, pointing out the change of status for Mr. Veach from 228 days to 220 and the resignation of Mr. Sechler. Mr. Sechler's position will be posted as soon as possible.

In addition Mrs. Chambers brought the Board's attention to four employees whom submitted their intent to retire after the date for the formal reception: Jan Britton, Hoosier Hills Career Center, 39 years of which 31 years were with MCCSC; William Denniston, Hoosier Hills Career Center, with 34 of 44 years teaching experience at MCCSC; Delores DiCamillo, Art Teacher serving many different MCCSC schools for 9 years; and Gaye Lawson an occupational therapist with 19 years of service.

Ms. Merriam made the motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented by Mrs. Chambers. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Discussion from Board Members included the process of voluntary transfers to charter schools within our district. State statutes that cover the requirement of holding positions for teachers who voluntarily transfer to a charter school were of particular concern. A lively discussion ensued with Mr. Muehling inquiring as to a timeline for notification regarding their possible return from the charter school. Mrs. Chambers will work with Sandy Steele from the MCEA regarding possible timelines. Following the discussion the Board voted on the motion to approve the personnel report as presented. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

8. FOR ACTION – DECLARE OUT-OF-DATE TEXTBOOKS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR DISPOSAL

Ms. Wanzer made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion. Board members voted on the motion to declare the out-of-date textbooks as surplus and for their disposal. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

9. FOR ACTION – TEXTBOOK ADOPTION – IVY 120 CLASS – EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM

Ms. Merriam made the motion to approve the textbook recommended for the Ivy Tech 120 Class. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the adoption. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

10. FOR ACTION – TEXTBOOK ADOPTION – ATHLETIC TRAINING

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved to approve the textbook adoption recommended for Athletic Training. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. The Board members voted to approve the adoption. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

11. FOR ACTION – REVISED CALENDAR FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The Indiana State School Superintendent, Tony Bennett, announced earlier this year that schools would need to adjust their 2009-10 school year calendars to include 180 full days of instruction for all grade levels (grades 1-12). To be in compliance with the new ruling, MCCSC administration proposed the following:

- a. October 29, 2009 will become a full day of parent-teacher conferences at all levels (KG-12); no school for students.
- b. October 30, 2009 will become a Fall break with no school for students and building staff.
- c. November 3, 2009 school will be in session because there will not be an election on this day this fall.
- d. February 15, 2010 will be a regularly scheduled school day; this day was previously designated as a staff development day.
- e. Partial student days scheduled for staff development for October 7 and April 14 have been removed from the calendar.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved to approve the recommended changes. Ms. Streiff seconded the motion.

Board members engaged in a discussion of the recent ruling and the loss of staff development time. Mr. Muehling found the removal of staff development absurd and will vote “no” because of that. Ms. Wanzer asked what would happen if the Board defeated this motion to change the days. Dr. Hyland and Mr. Thrasher indicated that would not be a good thing. Mr. Thrasher commented that the State carries a big stick otherwise known as money/funding.

Ms. Wanzer stated she feels this is very short sighted of the State. Dr. Hyland found the ruling ironic that we are in the business to educate people and we are betraying our own by not having staff development.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton asked if their vote can be listed as “under protest”. Dr. Butler reiterated the sentiments expressed. She does not think there is a single member on this Board who want to do what we have to do. If we had a State budget with unlimited resources we could add days, however, that is not coming and we may have less. We must revise our calendar to meet the requirements of the State Superintendent.

Roll call for the vote was called. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Nay: Muehling. Motion carried under grave protest.

12. FOR ACTION – FOOD SERVICE BIDS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010

Ms. Johnson presented new bids from Meyer Dairy, Papa John’s Pizza, Commercial Food Systems, Inc, Coca Cola Bottling, and Gordon Food Service. She also presented bid renewals from B & B Foods, Commercial Food Service, Gordon Food Service and Interstate Brands Corp.

Mr. Muehling moved to accept Ms. Johnson’s recommendation. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Board members voted to accept the recommendation. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

13. FOR ACTION – CONTRACT TO VEND MEALS TO HOOSIER HILLS CAREER CENTER CHILDCARE

Ms. Johnson presented for approval a contract for MCCSC Food Service to vend meals to Hoosier Hills Career Center Childcare. MCCSC will provide lunch to the students in the childcare program.

Ms. Merriam moved to accept the contract agreement. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Board members voted to accept the recommendation. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

14. FOR ACTION – CONTRACT TO VEND MEALS TO ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Ms. Johnson presented for approval a contract for MCCSC Food Service to vend meals to St. Charles Catholic School. MCCSC will provide lunch to the students enrolled at St. Charles during the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton made the motion to approve. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion. Board members voted to accept the recommendation. Aye: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

15. FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION – 5200 AND 5200AG – ATTENDANCE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Ms. Lawrence Puls and Mr. Marchant presented changes to the attendance policy and guidelines to be approved at a future meeting. The revision will count days absent within a 180 school day period instead of beginning fresh each August. This will allow the court system to take action earlier in a school year. Revisions to 5200 AG (guidelines) are mainly grammatical errors and attendance codes. Attendance codes were updated at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year but are not reflected in the current guidelines. Attendance codes were streamlined so all MCCSC schools use the same coding.

Ms. Streiff inquired about religious holidays and absentee letters sent to parents. Ms. Lawrence Puls indicated there is discretion at the principal and social worker levels. Ms. Merriam asked if the policy and guideline changes had been taken before the Discussion Council. Ms. Lawrence Puls said she believed it has, however, we will check to be sure before returning to the Board.

Mr. Marchant indicated the 180 school day count is the most important change presented. Ms. Wanzer stated the new policy would mean students would no longer have a fresh start at the beginning of each year. Ms. Lawrence Puls stated that doctor's statements are currently required for students who have excessive absences without the fresh start each year.

16. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public discussion

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Muehling spoke regarding the Professional Learning Communities Seminar in St. Charles, Missouri. Mr. Muehling, Mr. Richardson, Principal at Lakeview Elementary and several staff members from Lakeview attended. They all returned to Bloomington extremely fired up. The seminar focused on how students learn and are students learning as well as how to be better practitioners at their craft. Mr. Muehling would like to thank Solution Tree and Kim Williams from the Lakeview PTO for making this trip possible.

Ms. Merriam informed the Board that she and Dr. Butler attended the School Law Seminar with gave them information regarding an update on cell phone usage, e-mail records, and the disability act. There was a lot of information that will be impacting schools. Next week she will be attending Critical Friends Training.

Ms. Wanzer thanked the Herald Times for the article on the school day. The article made her think about creative innovations regarding the school day, not just an 8-3 school day.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton wanted to take a moment to express appreciation to the Jacobs School of Music regarding the program at Fairview. There is talk about possibly starting this program at another elementary school. Dr. Sabo-Skelton is fascinated by the extent of talent in the area.

Dr. Butler expressed her regret that Mr. Sechler will no longer be with us. She was glad to see recalls from the RIF list. Dr. Butler expressed her congratulations to the retirees. She also thanked Andy Graham for the multiple articles that have been in the paper the past week. Dr. Butler also reminded the Board members to look at the information they received regarding the Summer Academy for School Board Members, scheduled for July 9-10, 2009.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Jeannine Butler, President

Valerie Merriam, Vice President

Absent

Vicki Streiff, Secretary

John Hamilton, Assistant Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Susan P. Wanzer, Member