

Monroe County Community School Corporation
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Work Session – November 19, 2009

MEMORANDA

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in work session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2009, at the Temporary Administration Building, which is located at 401 East Miller Drive, Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Jeannine Butler, Valerie Merriam, Jim Muehling, Lois Sabo-Skelton, Vicki Streiff and Sue Wanzer

Also present: Janet Tupper, Administrative Assistant; Andy Graham, Reporter for *The Herald-Times*; one parent and two representatives of Community Access Television.

Board candidates present during their interviews:

6:00-6:30 p.m. – Brian Werth

6:30-7:00 p.m. – Bettina Kehoe

7:00-7:30 p.m. – Kathleen Sideli

7:30-8:00 p.m. – Charles Trzcinka

8:00-8:30 p.m. – Keith Klein

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and President Butler stated that the purpose for this meeting was to interview five candidates who had submitted applications for appointment to fill the School Board seat vacated by John Hamilton.

Prior to each interview, on behalf of the Board Dr. Butler expressed appreciation to the applicant – noting that five excellent candidates had expressed an interest in this position. She explained that she would be asking most of the questions and Board members would be taking notes. She told candidates that the questions had been developed by the Board, that each applicant would be asked the same questions and that about five minutes at the end of the interview would be a time for the applicant to ask questions they might have. She advised that after this meeting the Board would meet in executive session and that a meeting has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, for the Board to appoint one of the candidates to complete Mr. Hamilton's term of office.

Dr. Butler said the plan is for the Board's attorney to administer the oath of office to the appointee at a regular meeting of the Board to be held at Bloomington High School South on Tuesday, December 1. She further advised that the term of office for this candidate will be December 1, 2009 through December 31, 2012. Following are questions asked of each candidate. [Note: This session was recorded by the Bloomington Community Access TV and may be reviewed in its entirety at the B-CAT studios located at the Monroe County Public Library.]

1. Tell us a little about yourself and why you decided to apply for MCCSC Board of Trustees member? Why do you think you would be a good Board member?
2. What do you think is expected of you as a School Board member? What do you see are the roles and responsibilities of School Board members?

3. ISBA has a Code of Ethics for School Board members. (Bookmarks were sent to the candidates.) Did you have a chance to peruse them and if so how do you feel about the Code of Ethics? Please talk to us about how you see yourself being able to abide by the Code of Ethics.
4. What do you see are the major issues facing the MCCSC and how would you address them?
5. Knowing that this is a very diverse community, how would you promote healthy relationships among all of the different constituencies within our community?
6. Do you believe you have the time and commitment to give as a Board member? Time commitments vary a lot – rarely do we meet from 7-9 twice a month – usually start early with work sessions or executive sessions.
7. (Dr. Sabo-Skelton’s question) What is your perception of what is happening in the State of Indiana insofar as public education?
8. Does it benefit a trustee, and the Board, when a trustee has children enrolled in MCCSC schools? If so – why; if not – why?
9. What questions do you have for the Board?

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Jeannine Butler, President

Valerie Merriam, Vice President

Victoria I. Streiff, Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Susan P. Wanzer, Member