

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, May 11, 2010

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 11, 2010, in the Board Room at the Administration Center, 315 E. North Drive, Bloomington.

Board members present:

Jeannine Butler	President
Valerie Merriam	Vice President
Vicki Streiff	Secretary
Keith Klein	Assistant Secretary
Jim Muehling	Member
Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member
Sue Wanzer	Member

Also present:

J.T. Coopman	Superintendent
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Cameron Rains	Director, Elementary Education
Tina Peterson	Executive Director of the MCCA Foundation
Randy Tackett	Officer, AFSCME
Norma Owens	Officer, AFSCME
Andy Graham	Reporter, <i>The Herald-Times</i>

In addition to the above, 27 citizens signed the visitor list (which is included as a part of the official record of this meeting) 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 7:00 p.m.

2. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

Randy Tackett, AFSCME Officer, spoke in favor of the referendum

Eric Knox, Parent, spoke about getting the message out on the referendum and specific timelines.

Kris McGlaun, Media Specialist, addressed comments made regarding programs and seniority of teachers.

Monica Chapin, Teacher, spoke on the importance of physical activity for all of us.

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

Assistant Principal Joe Doyle commented on how their staff has been energized by the Professional Learning Communities concept and how much improvement they have seen in the efforts and grades of the students. BHS South students Samantha Kerr, Jordan McFarland, Cameron Jenkins, Exsenet Esler, Paul Barnhart, and Ryan Hohman each spoke about how the various programs had helped them improve.

4. **FOR INFORMATION: Foundation of MCCA**

Tina Peterson, Executive Director, said the Foundation will launch a campaign to raise \$3M in the next year; she thanked Cook Multimedia department for taking the pictures for the brochure and the Senior Volunteer Network for stuffing the envelopes. BioConvergence owners donated an executive for one month to help with fundraising. The Joshua Bell concert raised enough to pay for more than one year of strings; Bradford Woods' pass-through account has received more than the \$38,000 needed; an anonymous donor gave \$20,000 for books for the elementary libraries. Dept of Kinesiology contributed \$10,000 in grant money to help build a trail at Highland Park, making this the fourth trail the foundation has helped build. Thank-A-Teacher time is here. Donations will help fund teacher grants for the coming year.

5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Coopman thanked Mr. Doyle and the students from BHS South for their presentation and pointed out that AVID is one of those programs that require special training.

Referendum update: The Steering Committee has met and the MGT facilitators have met individually with several of those on the Steering Committee and have scheduled meetings with directors, principals and members of the Bloomington Economic Development Commission and established the Community Engagements for June 2nd and 9th at Bloomington South, and June 3rd and 10th at Bloomington North. All members of the community are invited for an opportunity to talk about the programming that they would like to see remain in place in the MCCSC. This is an opportunity to look forward in creating what we want Monroe County Community Schools to look like, not necessarily what it has looked like in the past. Our demographic study should get underway this month as well and we expect it to take some time, due to the size of the county and the district. With the demographic study, we will get voter registration data, as well as GPS maps, which will indicate where voters are located and how they have voted in prior elections.

Dr. Coopman reported that we have good news in relationship to our libraries. Mrs. Chambers met with three of our librarians and next year we will have one librarian assigned to work with the elementary schools, one to work with the middle schools, and one to work with the high schools. They will help develop programming, as well as train media clerks that will be assigned to replace the media specialists that were displaced. Also, we are able to bring back the middle school Family Consumer Science program.

Dr. Coopman noted that we still need to find \$1.5M that we had hoped to save by outsourcing custodial services. Through a creative outsourcing contract, we would have been able to maintain people and services, but with that off the table, there are no longer those guarantees.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Coopman reviewed donations and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: (a) minutes of previous meetings on April 5, April 14 (Work Session and Regular Meeting), April 15, April 27 (Work Session and Regular Meeting), 2010; (b) donations, ECA expenditures, field trip requests and Disposal of Materials; (c) Financial Report; and (d) Allowance of Claims.

Ms. Merriam suggested the following addition (in bold type) to the April 15, 2010 minutes:

*If a Board member wishes to speak with any employee of the corporation **regarding administrative questions**, s/he should contact the Superintendent first. The President of the Board of School Trustees speaks publicly for the Board, so that Board members are speaking as one voice.*

Ms. Streiff moved approval of the consent agenda with the additional as noted. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

7. **CONTRACTS**

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of contracts: (a) Change Orders for Fairview Elementary and the Administration Center; (b) Indiana University School of Nursing; (c) Interstate Studio & Publishing Co. and Lakeview; (d) Interstate Studio & Publishing Co. and Marlin; (e) Kirkwood Photo and BHS North; (f) K J S Enterprises and Lakeview; (g) Lifetouch National School Studios and Unionville; (h) Marzano Research Laboratory to develop detailed measurements for selective topics; (i) Marzano Research Laboratory LLC to provide consultant services; and (j) QSP Reader's Digest and Tri-North. Mr. Muehling so moved. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Following comments from the Board, Cameron Rains, Director of Elementary Education, answered questions and made comments regarding the Marzano contracts. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

8. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

In the absence of Ms. Chambers, Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of personnel matters as presented. Ms. Merriam so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

9. **FIRST READING: POLICY 4150 - DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Dr. Coopman presented this revised policy for the Board to review.

10. **REVISED ORGANIZATION CHART AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Dr. Coopman explained that the organizational chart reflects the shifting of some duties taken on by the Superintendent's office over the years back to the departments and/or buildings. The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction position will be left vacant at this time.

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

Milton Minor, Bloomington West Lions Club, spoke regarding a vision screening service that the West Lions Club can provide free of charge. Dr. Coopman will have the buildings contact Monica Clemons if they are interested.

Milton Fisk, Jobs for Justice, commented on the \$1.5M that MCCSC needs to cut and wondered about the relationship between programs and personnel.

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

Vicki Streiff is pleased that the MCCS Foundation has been able to save Bradford Woods for next year; she was really impressed with the presentation and the quality of the information and the good things that are happening at BHS South and was very pleased with the nursing contract.

Keith Klein saluted Lois Sabo-Skelton, who along with the children and others at Fairview played a very important part in saving the chimney swifts and the chimney dedication.

Sue Wanzer supported moving forward with the referendum in November and commented on and stated how much she enjoyed the Learning Festival held recently at University Elementary School.

Lois Sabo-Skelton thanked those who came out to support our schools and encouraged everyone to continue getting the word out.

Valerie Merriam thanked BHS South for showing how the Professional Learning Communities are helping students succeed and encouraged those who want to volunteer in the schools to get their criminal history check and contact the schools.

Jim Muehling thanked Joe Doyle and the folks from BHS South for sharing the success at BHS South. Regarding the referendum, he said we are in the information gathering stage and his interview with Joe Clark from MGT was very informative.

Jeannine Butler saluted the third graders at Fairview for the chimney swift program at Fairview and praised the BHS South students for their presentation. Dr. Butler commented that it was Mr. Muehling's idea a few years ago to have the school showcase and BCAT gives the community the opportunity to see what our schools are doing.

Mr. Muehling also thanked the students at BHS South who raised \$52,000 for Riley Hospital for Children.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Jeannine Butler, President

Valerie Merriam, Vice President

Victoria I. Streiff, Secretary

Keith Klein, Assistant Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Susan P. Wanzer, Member