

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Work Session, June 8, 2010

MEMORANDA

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in Work Session, for which proper notice had been given, at 5:00 p.m. prior to a regular meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in the Administration Center, Room 136, located at 315 E. North Dr., Bloomington, Indiana.

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

Also present: John T. Coopman, Superintendent; Tim Thrasher, Comptroller; Peggy Chambers, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Personnel; Jan Bergeson, Secondary Education Director; Cameron Rains, Elementary Education Director; Sandy Steele, UniServ Director; Linda Richardson, MCEA President; Norma Owens, AFSCME Officer; Dave Marshall, MCCSC-AA Officer; Tina Peterson, MCCS Foundation Tom Bunger, FMCCS Attorney and Bethany Nolan, Reporter for *The Herald-Times*.

In addition to the above, 7 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.

Ms. Merriam called the Work Session to order at 5:00 pm. The Board agreed to take the agenda items out of order and begin with:

Foundation participation with ECA:

Dr. Coopman and Mrs. Peterson reported that this morning's meeting included Dr. Coopman; Ms. Peterson; Mr. Thrasher; Mrs. Chambers and Mr. Klein, Board representative. The group agreed:

- 1) that the goal would be to raise the entire \$750,000 by August 1st,
- 2) that the MCCS Foundation would incorporate the ECA funds into a sixth account
- 3) that should less than the full amount be raised by August 1st, contracts would be paid at a pro-rated amount and later, if the rest of the money is raised, the contracts would be adjusted to either the pro-rated amount or paid in full
- 4) that the ECA pay schedule stays the same
- 5) that there will be no differentiation between co-curricular and athletic extra curricular and that Title IX will be adhered to
- 6) that this is one united goal across the system (booster clubs, parent groups, etc. could contribute to the MCCS Foundation sixth account for ECA funds)
- 7) that next Wednesday evening (June 16th) another meeting is scheduled to include the above groups

Mrs. Chambers clarified that ECA assignments are for one year and each year they will be presented to the Board for approval, whether they are new or returning.

Following further discussion, Mrs. Peterson pointed out that the FMCCS could not take a position on the Referendum. The FMCCS worked with the MCCSC to determine what the focus areas should be.

Ms. Merriam pointed out that individuals are not precluding from going out and speaking as individuals – making clear that they are not representing the MCCSC Board or the FMCCS Board.

Communication Strategies with the Community:

Suggestions included:

- 1) delivering positive messages
- 2) letting the public know where the money is going
- 3) working with the Support Our Schools group
- 4) making a video for BCATS
- 5) make clear what the impact of a failed referendum is in terms of programs (loss of)
- 6) having the tax calculator on our website

The Referendum:

Dr. Coopman clarified the role of the individual consultant groups:

- 1) MGT – information gathering, community engagement
- 2) Springsted – referendum experts - conducting telephone surveys to determine public support
- 3) Fanning-Howey – demographic studies to help us see the future of our enrollment
- 4) Shanahan & Shanahan – providing legal support regarding funding

Following additional comments from the public and the Board, the Work Session was adjourned at 6:50 pm

(absent)
Jeannine Butler, President

Valerie Merriam, Vice President

Vicki Streiff, Secretary

Keith Klein, Assistant Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Sue Wanzer, Member