

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, June 22, 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, June 22, 2010, in the Board Room at the Administration Center, 315 E. North Drive, Bloomington.

Board members present:

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

Board member absent:

None

Also present:

J.T. Coopman	Superintendent
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Jan Bergeson	Director, Secondary Education
H. Lou Johnson	Director, Food Services
Kathleen Hugo	Director, Special Education
Sandy Steele	UniServe, Director
Don Lifo	Springsted, Inc.
Andy Graham	Reporter, <i>The Herald-Times</i>

In addition to the above, 8 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**

Eric Knox, parent, commended the Board for the good discussion regarding the survey results and for the approach they are taking for the resolution.

Donna Kinkead, teacher and part of the 'Teach American History Grant, commended Pat Wilson for all the work she did to make this grant possible.

3. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Coopman and several other Superintendents met with Mr. Scott Jenkins, the Governor's Educational advisor. This is the first time their input has been requested to promote public education in the state of Indiana. Their comments appeared to be appreciated.

Dr. Coopman commended Alan Veach, Bloomington New Tech Principal, who is a new tech certified trainer and the FMCCS for their support of New Tech.

The budget forecast for 2011 is pretty grim. The State cannot meet their budget obligations to public education. That means that we will most likely see another reduction in money from the state.

So far, we have identified six fund raising activities to help us raise the \$750,000 needed for our extra and co-curricular funds. Our fund raising is "All For All". Money raised will go for all the activities, not just a particular activity. If only 80% is raised, then each activity will receive only 80% of its stipend. However, should the balance be raised by December 1, we will pay the stipend balance.

During our work session tonight, we heard from Dr. Don Lifo and Mr. Jim Shanahan regarding our referendum effort and Dr. Lifo agreed to stay over to provide a synopsis of the survey data that he discussed.

Dr. Lifo commended the Board for their interest in what the community thinks about public education. The survey was administered to 401 registered voters in Monroe County. In general, there was a healthy support of an operating referendum across all demographic groups. Understanding that a tax rate has not been decided yet, four potential tax rates were tested. In that particular part of the survey, those also achieved positive responses. The qualitative indicators (quality of public schools, quality of planning, management of finances and care of buildings,) were also strong.

The survey data, in combination with all the other information the district has been collecting, will help the Board achieve alignment. Alignment in this context has two dimensions: 1) how is the money going to be used and 2) is the tax rate reasonable/affordable.

The survey was encouraging, positive and it certainly suggests that we can have a reasonable expectation of success.

FOR ACTION

Dr. Butler asked for a motion to move the Resolution to change the regular meeting date from Tuesday, July 27, 2010 to Monday, July 26, 2010.

Mr. Muehling so moved. Ms. Merriam seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Coopman reviewed donations and recommended approval of the amended Consent Agenda: (a) Donations; (B) Register of Claims; (C) Payroll Register; and (D) Payroll Claims for 5-7-10, 5-14-10, 5-21-10 and 5-28-10.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton so moved. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

5. RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE REGULAR MEETING DATE FROM TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010 TO MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010

Dr. Coopman will be out of town on July 27th and recommended that the regular board meeting date to be changed to July 26th.

Mr. Klein so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

6. **CONTRACTS**

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of the following contracts: (a) **Bloomington Hospital Rebound** – Bloomington High School North from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015; (b) **Bloomington Hospital Rebound** – Athletic Training Services at Bloomington High School South from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015; (c) **First Steps-South East** – Memorandum of Agreement for the Transition from Early Intervention to Preschool Special Education Program; (d) **IVY Tech Community College** – Memorandum of Understanding for Bloomington Early College High School. The only differences in this MOU are the additional courses in 2a that will be taught in the third year of the program; (e) **STAR Autism Support** – Contract for training services in the fall of 2011. The charge for these services will be paid for from Stimulus Funds; (f) **Change Orders** - Listing of change orders for the Fairview building project; (g) **Dr. Elizabeth Oyer, EvalSolutions Inc.** – Subcontract for teaching American History through the Lens of Indiana Grant, July 15, 2010 – July 31, 2011; (h) **Indiana University** – Subcontract for teaching American History through the Lens of Indiana Grant, July 15, 2010 – July 31, 2011; (i) **The Monroe County Historical Society** – Subcontract for teaching American History through the Lens of Indiana Grant, July 15, 2010 – July 31, 2011; (j) **The Agency for Instructional Technology (AIT)** – Subcontract for teaching American History through the Lens of Indiana Grant, July 15, 2010 – July 31, 2011; (k) **Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services** - 48 month agreement for digital mailing system equipment at the monthly cost of \$245.00; (l) **Marzano Research Laboratory LLC** – Consultant services for *Grading and Assessment* workshop for January 18, 2011; (m) **Statewide Credit Association, Inc.** - Collection Agency for past due Book Bills. Dr. Sabo-Skelton so moved. Ms. Streiff seconded the motion.

Following comments from the Board, Kathleen Hugo, Director of Special Education, answered questions and made comments regarding the First Steps contract. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

7. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

In Ms. Chambers' absence, Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of personnel matters as presented. Mr. Muehling so moved. Ms. Merriam seconded the motion.

During discussion, it was noted that 11 teachers have been recalled. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

8. **REAPPOINT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ADMINISTRATOR**

Dr. Coopman recommended that Cheryl Christen be reappointed as School Improvement Administrator.

Ms. Streiff so moved. Ms. Merriam seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

9. **APPROVE REVISIONS TO POLICY 5111 - ELIGIBILITY OF RESIDENT-NON RESIDENT STUDENTS**

Dr. Coopman recommended approval of the revisions to Policy 5111, which had the first reading at the June 8th meeting. Ms. Merriam so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Mr. Klein reiterated his

concern regarding the wording of 'illegal aliens'. Mr. Muehling indicated that the wording is ambiguous.

Aye: Butler, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Abstained: Klein, Muehling. Motion carried.

10. PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT - POLICY 3242

Dr. Coopman recommended approval of the revisions to Policy 3242, which had the first reading at the June 8th meeting. The area we are focusing on at this time is with the PLC's and we will use members of our staff where and when possible. He commended Solution Tree who continues to partner with us.

Ms. Merriam so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried

11. TEXTBOOK ADOPTION - EARLY COLLEGE U.S. HISTORY CLASS (EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM)

Jan Bergeson recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the textbook "The American People" for our Early College U.S. History Class.

Ms. Merriam so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried

12. APPROVE MEAL PRICE INCREASES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2010

Ms. Johnson recommended approval of meal price increases effective August 1, 2010 as follows: (a) 10 cents increase in student breakfast prices; (b) 10 cents increase school student lunch prices; (c) 40 cents increase in adult breakfast prices and (d) 30 cents increase in adult lunch prices. Ms. Wanzer so moved. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Ms. Johnson responded to questions from the Board. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

13. RESOLUTION FOR REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

Dr. Coopman recommended that the Board adopt a Resolution for a Referendum for the November 2010 ballot with rate and term to be determined. Mr. Klein so moved. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Dr. Coopman noted this is a short resolution and that the Board will be reconvened in Special Session on June 29th at 6:00 pm to pass a Resolution for a Referendum with a set rate and a set term to be placed on the November ballot. Mr. Thrasher presented data for determining the rate. The on-line web calculator will be available in early July. Springsted, Inc. is waiting on our decision on the rate. Following additional Board comments, Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, and Wanzer. Motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

14. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Klein complemented MCCSC on our ISTEP scores.

Mr. Muehling expressed appreciation to those who are involved in the initiative to raise ECA funding and thanked all the teachers, especially those involved with ECA's

Dr. Sabo-Skelton announced that on July 12th at 6:00 pm at the MCPL Auditorium there will be a forum on the proposed constitutional amendment for property tax caps, hosted by the Association of Indiana Counties.

Ms. Wanzer thanked Dr. Coopman, Mr. Thrasher and the consultants for all the work on getting us to the Referendum.

Ms. Merriam reminded us that many of our teachers are involved in professional development this summer.

Dr. Butler commented that the Board had received a notice from the Indiana School Boards Association that the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has announced a DOE program entitled "School Board Development Services and Technical Assistance" and noted that we have an Indiana School Boards Association that provides us with school board training that many of us have found to be extremely beneficial.

Dr. Butler commented on two e-mails she received this week. The first was regarding our proposed health clinic. With the exception of the \$7,500 required to set up the clinic, the cost will be paid by the insurance company. We are hopeful that it will save us and our employees money in the long run. The second had to do with cutting the ECA's. She assured the public that the cutting of the ECA's had nothing to do with the referendum, but all to do with restoring librarians and teachers.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Merriam declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:35p.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