

Monroe County Community School Corporation
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, July 13, 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, July 13, 2010, in the Board Room at the Administration Center, 315 E. North Drive, Bloomington, Indiana

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
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Tina Peterson	Executive Director, FMCCS
Bill Carnes	MGT of America, Inc.
Joe Clark	MGT of America, Inc.
Randy Tackett	President, AFSCME
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 commented that he had just attended the Monroe County Council meeting where the MCCSC resolution to have the referendum placed on the November ballot was approved. Also, he was given the award for the Best Overall Entry in the July 4th parade.

Randy Tackett expressed how much he appreciated being able to attend the earlier work session.

3. FOR INFORMATION: FOUNDATION OF MCCS - TINA PETERSON

Ms. Peterson began with an update on the fundraising for Extra-curriculars, noting that we are just over \$170,000 (roughly 23% of our goal). Many fundraising activities have been planned. Various groups (physicians, realtors, county employees) asking their members to join them in the campaign. Students have recorded PSA's that will be aired locally and that she is scheduled for interviews in the next week. Our story has been published in several papers across the United States.

Mr. Klein congratulated Ms. Peterson on the thermometer sign located at the corner of Walnut and North Drive. Ms. Peterson thanked Tammy Miller for the design and John Carter for the installation.

4. FOR INFORMATION: MGT OF AMERICA, INC. - REPORT OF FINDINGS

Bill Carnes and Joe Clark of MGT of America, Inc. presented the report of their findings (a copy of the power point presentation is included as part of the official record). Dr. Carnes thanked all those who participated and reviewed how the committee was selected and the process for the focus groups, charrettes, and the interviews. They will file their final report with the Board on July 26th.

5. FOR INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Coopman began by thanking Tina Peterson and her group, the principals and others for their efforts in such a short time. We often have a variety of audits that are conducted by state agencies. He commended Dr. Hugo and her staff for the flawless audit performed on our Part B Special Ed grant.

FOR ACTION

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Coopman reviewed donations and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (Special Session - June 2, 2010, Executive Session - June 4, 2010, Work Session - June 8, 2010, Regular Meeting - June 8, 2010, Work Session - June 15, 2010, Executive Session - June 15, 2010, Work Session - June 22, 2010, Regular Meeting - June 22, 2010, Special Session - June 29, 2010, Executive Session - June 29, 2010, Executive Session - June 30, 2010; (b) Donations, ECA Expenditure and Field Trip Request; (c) Financial Report (Financial Report -5/2010 and Expenditure Report--Approp Bal -5/2010); d. Allowance of Claims (Register of Claims - 07-13-2010, Register of Payrolls - 07-13-2010, and Payroll Claims (06-04-2010, 06-11-2010, 06-18-2010 06-25-2010)

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

7. CONTRACTS

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of the following contracts: (a) AdTec Administrative & Technical Consulting – Agreement for assistance with E-Rate filing for reimbursement of

Telecommunications Services, Internet Services, Internal Connections and/or Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections, (b) Bloomington High School South & Indiana University Department of Kinesiology – Athletic Training Services at Bloomington High School South from September 1, 2010 through June 7, 2011, (c) Father Flanagan’s Boys’ Home – Consultation Service Proposal for Special Education department using stimulus funds, (d) Indiana University Speech-Language Clinic – Renewal of contract for bilingual speech-language evaluation services, (e) Indiana University School of Social Work – Affiliation agreement to provide field experience for social work students, (f) Change Orders - Listing of change orders for the Administration Center, Fairview and Service building projects, (g) Curtis & Livers Consulting, LLC – Proposal to provide support and maintenance for the IEM student data system and Stonefield Query at the Tier Two level, (h) Indiana Department of Natural Resources – Renewal of lease from September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011, (i) IVY Tech and Bloomington New Tech High School – MOU to provide academic dual credit college courses through the 2012-2013 school year, (j) Pearson – Licensed Product Agreement for Novanet – renewal of 55 existing ports and purchase of 26 new ports for term: August 7, 2010 – August 6, 2011, (k) Professional Golfcar Corporation and Bloomington High School North – lease agreement for golfcars to be used during the Hoosier Cup Soccer Tournament at Karst Farm Park on September 3-4, 2010, (l) Rubicon West, Inc. – Atlas Curriculum Management Software Reduced Activity License effective October 1, 2010 and (m) Artful Learning Liaison – Contract for Kathryn Heise as Artful Learning Liaison for Fairview Elementary School Administration and staff from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011.

Ms Merriam so moved. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

During comments from the Board, the question was raised regarding whether there was a conflict of interest for Mr. Klein as it pertained to the Ivy Tech MOU. He stated that he did not feel there was one.

Linda Richardson stated that the MCEA believes that any dual credit (high school and IU or Ivy Tech) secondary course being taught at New Tech should be taught by an MCCSC certified teaching unit member.

Mr. Klein indicated that the dual credit courses are generally credentialed at a higher level than a regular high school teacher. Ms. Wanzer suggested pulling the Ivy Tech MOU to see if we have someone available to fill the position. It was pointed out that Ivy Tech is paying for the teacher and if we provide the teacher, then we would have to pay.

Following extended discussion, Ms. Streiff made a motion to amend the original motion to vote on all of the contracts and table the Ivy Tech MOU until the July 26th meeting. Ms. Wanzer seconded. Aye: Streiff, Wanzer Nay: Butler, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton Abstained: Klein Motion rejected.

There being no further comments from the Public or the Board, the Board voted on the contracts as presented: Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff. Nay: Wanzer. Motion carried.

8. **PERSONNEL**

Ms. Chambers recommended approval of personnel matters as presented. Ms Wanzer so moved. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion.

Ms. Chambers congratulated Carolyn Joan Ryser who has made the decision to retire effective at the end of the 2009-10 school year. She retires with 44 years teaching English beginning at the Bloomington High School and continuing at Bloomington High School South. She has been well respected by those she has taught through the years, including Ms. Chambers.

Ms. Chambers noted that there are 28 change of status and 13 teachers on the recall list. The majority of these teachers are returning to their original positions. This brings us to a total of 29 teachers who have been recalled.

Following brief comments from the Board: Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

9. **CONTRACT BUS ROUTE EXTENSION - ROUTE #193**

Mr. Scherer recommended approval of the temporary extension of contract bus route #193 due to road closure on N. Old State Road 37.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton so moved. Ms. Merriam seconded the motion. There being no comments from the Board or the Public: Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

10. **AWARD BID FOR BATCHELOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PAVING AND SITE CONCRETE REPLACEMENT**

Ms. Streiff moved to approve the recommendation for Crider and Crider to be awarded the contract for paving and site concrete replacement at Batchelor Middle School. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Mr. Scherer then requested a correction to the recommendation to show request for approval of base bid #5 in the amount of \$292,000. Mr. Scherer went on to explain that we have had water seeping under the old gymnasium floor for the past three years and we have suffered structural damage in the stone. This paving project will be funded from the bond issue that we re-funded. By eliminating the concrete work from the original bids, we will save \$47,000. The would still go to Crider and Crider. Dr. Butler called for the motion to change the recommendation as stated. Ms. Merriam so moved. Ms. Streiff seconded.

There being no further comments the Board voted on the amended recommendation: Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

11. AWARD BID FOR BACHELOR MIDDLE SCHOOL REMODEL POOL AREA AND EXPAND CAFETERIA

Mr. Muehling moved to approve the recommendation to award the contract for remodel of the pool area and expansion of the cafeteria at Bachelor Middle School to CDI, Inc. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

Mr. Scherer noted that though Neidigh Construction was the low bidder, they did not include the \$125,000 contingency. Therefore, that was not a responsive bid and was rejected.

Following board comments: Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

12. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kim Sackman, Parent, spoke in support of librarians and indicated she had attended all four charrettes and commented on the data as presented by MGT.

Randy Tackett spoke regarding the referendum process and believes we will get the job done.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Sabo-Skelton noted that when looking at statistics, we should take it with 'a grain of salt'.

Ms. Wanzer is excited about what we heard during the work session from Shanahan & Shanahan and Springsted. We have a list of programs that will be restored with a successful referendum and are facing possible funding cuts in the future. We need to prepare a list of our priorities in response to requests from the community regarding what programs might be cut.

Ms. Merriam reported that the H-T online had finally removed a comment she had requested removed because it was incorrect. Things are moving ahead on the clinic, we are just waiting on Community Hospital to get it through their legal department. She thanked everyone who participated in the fourth of July parade. She noted the passing of Linda Stafford, wife of a former Board member, this past week.

Mr. Muehling believes that the number of public queries will be increasing and wondered if there is some way we can have a public e-mail for Dr. Coopman that could be directed to Mrs. Zink to reply to and/or direct to the appropriate people.

Ms. Streiff was absolutely in awe of the huge list that Tina Peterson and others have put together and agreed with Dr. Coopman's comments regarding Dr. Hugo and her staff.

Dr. Butler applauded Tina Peterson and congratulated Joan Ryser for her 44 years of service.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:16 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