

Monroe County Community School Corporation
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
July 26, 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 Monday, July 26, 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
Cameron Rains	Director, Elementary Education
Jan Bergeson	Director, Secondary Education
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Tina Peterson	Executive Director, FMCCS
Linda Richardson	President, MCEA
Paul Farmer	President MCEA
Randy Tackett	President, AFSCME
Andy Graham	Reporter, <i>The Herald-Times</i>
Ben Skirvin	Reporter, <i>WFIU</i>

In addition to the above, 16 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**

Milton Fisk, Jobs With Justice, is very happy with where we are right now. JWJ will be working with Support Our Schools in approaching various organizations to reject Question #1 for property tax caps and to support Question #2 for the Referendum.

Randy Tackett was very encouraged by a letter to the editor that encouraged all voters to get out and support our schools by voting for the referendum.

3. FOR INFORMATION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Coopman announced that the construction at Fairview is going well and the building should be ready as planned. Artful Learning training took place last week and the staff seemed to really enjoy being back together and learning the concepts for Artful Learning that they will implement this year. He commended Tina Peterson and her committees have done a great job in stepping up and raising a significant amount of money for the ECA's.

We are well underway in our Referendum planning and have begun the process of identifying key individuals to serve as co-chairs and committee members.

FOR ACTION

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Merriam moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Dr. Coopman reviewed the donations and one field trip request and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Following comments from Mr. Muehling, the Board voted on the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as recommended. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

5. CONTRACTS

Mr. Muehling moved to accept the contracts as listed on the agenda. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of the following contracts: (a) Change Orders for Fairview, Service and Transportation buildings; (b) Bradford Woods Service Agreement & Guidelines for 2010-2011; (c) Educational Services Company; (d) Food Service meal contract for SCAAP Headstart 2010-2011; (e) Food Service meal contract for Hoosier Hills Pre-School 2010-2011; (f) Food Service meal contract for St. Charles 2010-2011; (g) Gasboy PC Software Annual Maintenance Agreement; (h) Indiana University Learning Technologies Grant Modification; (i) MOU - Fairview and Bloomington Urban Enterprise; (j) School Age Care - Bloomington Playwrights Project; (k) School Age Care - Bloomington Parks & Rec; (l) School Age Care - IU CEEP; (m) School Age Care - Wonder Lab; (n) School Age Care - YMCA.

Following comments from the Board, Mr. Thrasher, Mr. Rains, and Ms. Johnson, Mr. Scherer updated the Board on the current building projects. There being no additional comments, the Board voted on the motion to accept the contracts as recommended. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff. Nay: Wanzer. Motion carried.

6. **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Muehling moved to accept the Personnel Report, the recommendation for Administrator Contracts, and the request to create the position of Work Study Aide. Ms Merriam seconded the motion.

Ms. Chambers announced the selection of Mr. John Hudson as Principal at Marlin Elementary School. Mr. Hudson was formerly the Assistant Principal at Grandview Elementary School. Ms. Chambers expressed the Corporation's appreciation of the selection committee, many of whom were present for the announcement.

Ms. Chambers announced the selection of Ms. Jessica Willis as Assistant Principal at Jackson Creek Middle School. Ms. Willis sent her regrets for being unable to attend the meeting and her appreciation of being given this opportunity.

The personnel report includes 11 recalled teachers, most of whom are art, music and PE teachers. We are able to bring these teachers back due to additional retirements and resignations.

Ms. Chambers noted the second portion of the personnel report is the recommendation from Dr. Coopman for Administrator Contracts and the third part is the request for the creation of a Work Study Aide position. In this instance, we are expanding the duties of the aide position from the Teen Learning Center and moving it to the new Drop Out Prevention program.

Dr. Butler noted that the administrators continue to be paid at the 2008-09 scale. Following comments and questions from the Board, Linda Richardson, MCEA president and Paul Farmer, MCEA vice-president expressed their concerns regarding the multi-year contracts for the administrators.

Following the public comments and additional comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the motion to accept the Personnel Report, the recommendation for Administrator Contracts, and the request to create the Work Study Aide position. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Motion carried.

7. **BOOK RENTAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL FEES, 2010-2011 ELEMENTARY**

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved accept the recommendation for book rental and instructional fees for 2010-2011 school year for the elementary schools. Ms. Merriam seconded the motion.

Mr. Thrasher presented the details for the recommendation of the approximately 12% increase in fees. We work with parents to make payment arrangements and noted that those who qualify for free and reduced lunch should apply for help with book rental at the same time they apply for the free and reduced lunch. We are one of three states that charge book rental. Our book rental fees include textbook rental (formula established by the State), consumables (workbooks, etc.), elementary general fee (classroom supplies), and instructional support fee (elementary paper supplies).

Following questions and comments from the Board and no comments from the Public, the Board voted on the motion to accept the recommendation for book rental and instructional fees for 2010-2011 school year for the elementary schools. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Nay: Merriam Motion carried.

8. TEXTBOOK ADOPTION - GLENCOE ALGEBRA I TEXTBOOK (CONTINUED USE)

Mr. Muehling moved to accept the recommendation for Textbook Adoption – Glencoe Algebra I Textbook - continued use. Ms. Streiff seconded the motion. Ms. Bergeson noted that we are asking to keep the book adopted previously, thereby saving approximately \$25,000.

Following questions and comments from the Board and no comments from the Public, the Board voted on the motion to accept the recommendation for Textbook Adoption – Glencoe Algebra I Textbook - continued use. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff, Wanzer. Nay: Merriam Motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

9. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tina Peterson, FMCCS Executive Director, gave an update on the ECA fund-raising progress and activities. We have raised close to 50% of the \$750,000 needed to fund the ECA's. We received a \$20,000 gift from T.I.S. and Bloomington Rotary North donated \$3,000. She thanked all of the media support we have received.

Randy Tackett, AFSCME, suggested that there are important people in the community that he would like to see speak in favor of the referendum.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Klein has attended a couple of meetings with the committee working on the new MCCSC website and thanked Tina Peterson for all she and the Foundation have done for us.

Mr. Muehling congratulated John Hudson and wished him good luck.

Ms. Streiff congratulated Mr. Hudson and the Marlin community and thanked Ms. Peterson for all of her hard work. She also noted that she is looking forward to the start of the school year.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton noted she had the opportunity to participate in the Artful Learning process last week at Fairview and came away feeling that she is thinking more clearly.

Ms. Wanzer thanked everyone who has contributed in anyway to the ECA's. She thanked the coaches and sponsors who have felt the need to leave for their contributions to their various ECA programs.

Ms. Merriam thanked Ms. Peterson and her family for their participation in the many fund-raising events. She noted and congratulated a number of students from South (Sounds of South) and New Tech student who were in the performance of "*Once Upon A Mattress*". She met with a group from the League of Women Voters who want to help us 'get out the vote' for the referendum.

Dr. Butler hopes that Ms. Peterson will be able to take some time off at the end of the ECA fund raising and congratulated Mr. Hudson. She noted that we had had a good work session tonight to come up with names for our referendum committees.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:44 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