

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, August 10, 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, August 10, 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

Board member absent:

Sue Wanzer	Member
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Also present:

J.T. Coopman	Superintendent
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Peggy Chambers	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Jan Bergeson	Director, Secondary Education
Cameron Rains	Director, Elementary Education
Deb Prenkert	Grant Coordinator
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Randy Tackett	Officer, AFSCME
Norma Owens	Officer, AFSCME
Linda Richardson	President, MCEA
Shannon Lefever	Fanning-Howey
Terri Martin	Solution Tree
Andy Graham	Reporter, <i>The Herald-Times</i>

In addition to the above, 5 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**

No public comments.

3. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: FANNING-HOWEY UPDATE**

Shannon Lefever, Fanning-Howey GIS Analyst/Demographer, presented the results of the demographic which shows that in the next 5 – 13 years we should expect some growth. The voter registration information split into varying age groups and frequency of voting. A copy of the report is included for the official record.

FOR ACTION

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Mr. Muehling seconded the motion.

Dr. Coopman reviewed donations and recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (Work Session - July 13, 2010, Regular Meeting - July 13, 2010, Executive Session - July 13, 2010, Executive Session - July 26, 2010, Work Session - July 26, 2010, and Regular Meeting - July 26, 2010); (b) Donations and ECA Expenditure; (c) Financial Report (Financial Report - 6/2010 and Expenditure Report-Approp Balance-6/2010); (d) Allowance of Claims (Register of Claims for 8/10/2010;

Register of Payrolls; Payroll Claims for July 2, 2010, July 9, 2010, July 16, 2010, July 23, 2010 and July 30, 2010).

The vote was taken without discussion. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton and Streiff
Absent: Wanzer Motion carried.

5. FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's report was added following the consent agenda. Dr. Coopman reported that we had received a photo from the Adrien Himm, who along with Kate Galvin, Sarah Franklin and Greg Chaffin were honored by the American School Counselor Association at the national conference awards recognition ceremony over the fourth of July weekend in Boston. Both BHS North and South were honored for receiving the RAMP (Recognized ASCA Model Program) award.

Dr. Coopman announced that our own School Board will receive an award for achieving Outstanding status as recognized by the Indiana School Boards Association and our delegate will be presented with a plaque at the fall conference in October. The following school board members will receive an individual continuous certification award pin for earning the required number of points in relationship to training events and professional development: Dr. Butler and Ms. Merriam – Master level; Mr. Muehling and Dr. Sabo-Skelton – Level 2 and Ms. Wanzer – Level 1.

Mr. Klein asked Dr. Coopman to comment on the Bill that Congress passed today regarding teachers, firefighters and police officers. Dr. Coopman noted that the federal government has been working on a 10 billion dollar stimulus to return approximately 140,000 teachers to their jobs. At this time, the formula, funding and when it would come to Indiana is unclear. He also noted that this is one-time money, making the referendum all that more important.

FOR ACTION

6. CONTRACTS

Mr. Muehling moved to accept the contracts as listed on the agenda. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of the following contracts: (a) Change Orders for the Administration, Fairview, Hoosier Hills and Service and Transportation building projects; (b) The Maksin Group – Contract Addendum for Voluntary Student Insurance from July 30, 2010- July 30, 2011; (c) Indiana Department of Education – Grant for the Tech Prep Program from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; (d) Teacher's Warehouse, Inc. – Lease Agreement for 524 N. Fairview Drive, Bloomington, Indiana, from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013; (e) Educational Services Company – Agreement to provide financial advisor services to issue 2010 Qualified School Construction Bonds and (f) Solution Tree, Inc. – Agreement for the 2011 PLC Coaching Academy for the dates of February 2-3, 2011, April

19-20, 2011 and July 19-20, 2011.

Mr. Rains introduced Ms. Terrie Martin, Professional Consultant with Solution Tree. Ms. Martin commented that she is so excited for the MCCSC and the coordinated effort of the School Board, Administration and Teachers and commented on the criteria that will be used to select those who will attend the coaching academies.

Following questions and comments from the Public and the Board, the vote was taken. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton and Streiff Absent: Wanzer Motion carried.

7. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Ms Merriam moved to accept the Personnel Report and the request to create the position of Career Information Support Specialist. Ms. Streiff seconded the motion.

Ms. Chambers noted that the personnel report includes six recalled (five to part-time positions) and five new teachers (four are Special Education). We are able to bring these teachers back due to vacated positions.

The second part is the request for the creation of a Career Information Support Specialist at the Hoosier Hills Career Center. This position will conduct career focused activities for students as well as perform other duties of a guidance counselor and is a grant-funded position.

Ms. Chambers presented a summary regarding certified teachers. In March, we rified 73 teachers, 42 teachers have retired and 21 teachers have resigned for a total of 136 positions (full and part-time). We have hired/recalled a total of 53 positions, leaving us down approximately 73 positions. We have 25 rified teachers left to recall (which includes those who have accepted employment elsewhere for this year) and have approximately ten positions to fill.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the motion to accept the Personnel Report and the request to create the Career Information Support Specialist position. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton and Streiff Absent: Wanzer Motion carried.

8. **APPROVE STUDENT HANDBOOKS**

Mr. Klein moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Ms. Merriam seconded the motion.

Dr. Coopman recommended that the Board approve the following examples of student handbooks for the 2010-2011 school year: (a) Marlin Elementary School, which is representative of all the elementary school handbooks; (b) Jackson Creek Middle School, which is representative of all the middle school handbooks; and (c) the individual handbooks for the high schools (Bloomington High School North, Bloomington High School South, Bloomington New Tech High School and Hoosier Hills Career Center).

In the future, the student handbooks will be presented to the Board in May, in order for the handbooks to be printed and distributed at the beginning of the next school year.

Following discussion from the public and the Board, the vote was taken. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton and Streiff Absent: Wanzer Motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

9. FOR INFORMATION: REVISIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES 8600AG – TRANSPORTATION

Dr. Coopman presented the revisions to Administrative Guidelines 8600AG, Transportation, which were made to include information and forms pertaining to activity buses. There was no change to the policy. Mike Clark has developed a training program so that our employees may drive the two activity buses. Dr. Coopman also noted that Mr. Clark serves on the State Transportation Advisory Committee.

Dr. Butler commented that we are saving money not only on gas, but also on personnel by having the coaches/sponsors drive the students to and from the activities.

10. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Clower, Jobs With Justice, announced that the group is building support for the referendum but also building opposition to Public Question #1, the property tax rate cap amendment.

Randy Tackett, AFSCME president, would like to see an article in the Sunday H-T about what good schools mean to good jobs and what poor education would mean to this area.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Sabo-Skelton reports that the Operating Principles Policy Committee is working is meeting this week plans to have the first draft soon after. Also on the committee are Sue Wanzer and Keith Klein

Ms. Merriam was by the Fairview building Friday evening and noted that there were still people working outside. She was on the gold star committee for the RAMP awards and noted that due to the recent cuts, we would no longer qualify for that award. She reminded students, parents and staff that they would be receiving the yellow-covered harassment guide and that all should read it.

Ms Streiff asked Mr. Rains to remind the Board of what resources are available for parents. Mr. Rains commented that the information has been included in the Back To School Guide and that many of the resources that are available to the teachers are also available to the parents through our resource center.

Mr. Muehling wished our teachers and children well for the coming school year. He also thanked Tina Peterson and the community for the successful fundraising for the ECA's. He encouraged everyone interested in helping with the referendum to contact the Central Office.

Mr. Klein asked Mr. Scherer regarding his recent appearance on CATS regarding a sign for Clear Creek. Mr. Scherer noted that the county does not allow signs with changeable letters. In order to get permission to have the sign (which the PTO paid for) he had to measure any sign that referenced Clear Creek Elementary School he filed an appeal that was denied. He is in the process of removing one sign and then will go to the county board of zoning appeals again for approval of the new sign.

Mr. Klein congratulated the students, parents and school employees for stepping up for the ECA fund raiser. Mr. Klein also expressed his concern that during a recent NFL game the wrong message was sent regarding hazing.

Dr. Butler reiterated her support for the activity buses and her expectation that the buses will be used. She confirmed with Ms. Chambers that all ECA contracts are to be approved by the Board each year. She

expressed her appreciation of the community support we received for the ECA's.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jeannine Butler, President

Valerie Merriam, Vice President

Victoria I. Streiff, Secretary

Keith Klein, Assistant Secretary

Jim Muehling, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

(Absent)
Susan P. Wanzer, Member