

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting, October 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 Tuesday, October 26, 2010, in the Board Room at the Administration Center, 315 E. North Drive, Bloomington.

Board members present:

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

Board Member absent:

Jim Muehling	Member
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Also present:

J.T. Coopman	Superintendent
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Peggy Chambers	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Mark Fletcher	Principal, Bloomington High School South

In addition to the above, 16 citizens signed the visitor list (which is included as a part of the official record of this meeting); Bethany Nolan, reporter for *The Herald-Times*; Ben Skirvin, report for WFIU 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. **FACES OF EDUCATION**

President of the Board, Jeannine Butler, presented the Faces of Education award to the Referendum co-chairs: Dr. Jack Peterson, Dr. Ronald Jensen, and Dr. Harmon Baldwin for their leadership as the Tri-Chairs of the MCCSC Referendum Steering Committee is unparalleled.

3. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

There was no public comment.

4. **SCHOOL SHOWCASE: BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH**

Mark Fletcher, Principal, noted that traditionally when making a school presentation, he and his staff discuss things within their realm of influence. Mr. Fletcher discussed the many academic, extra-curricular and philanthropic accomplishments. Additionally, Mr. Fletcher noted those issues that it is necessary for he and his staff to address that are outside their realm of influence by presenting and educational 'quiz' on the history of our funding situation. He noted that it takes just three ingredients to create and sustain a successful public school: fantastic students, recruiting excellent teachers, and a

supportive community.

5. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Coopman shared the following “Good News” from our schools:

Arlington Heights Elementary hosted Science Night on Oct. 1. This was sponsored by various science departments at Indiana University including Biology, Physics, and Optometry. Children and families loved exploring together while conducting a “pig heart” exploration, making ice-cream, learning about earthquakes, playing with the “static electricity ball” and the eye puzzles.

The Title I Family Game Night was Oct. 12 and was a HUGE success. Families then had the opportunity to play a variety of different literacy games together.

Grandview Elementary School staff has worked to make instructional matches for each student. In math, students were grouped in grades K-6 and took time to celebrate the fact that 97% of her students showed mastery on the essential skills assessed. These results serve as further evidence that the structure and support we are giving to our students is effective in ensuring learning.

Jackson Creek Middle 8th grader, Peter Voskuil, finished in 2nd place out of 223 runners at the Indiana State Middle School Cross-Country Event in Carmel, IN.; Assistant Principal Shannon Carroll-Frey was named INCEC’s (Indiana Council for Exceptional Children) Administrator of the Year and Rita Knox, 7th grade Science Teacher, was awarded a \$250 grant from the Bloomington Robotics Club to buy parts and supplies for the November 6th competition.

Hoosier Hills Career Center is hosted its Open House this evening. More than 22 recruiters from various colleges and universities as well as the military presented their options to students for post-secondary education.

The Dew Drop Inn, operated by the HHCC culinary students, is open for the lunch season. Please do drop in for a great meal prepared by our students every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal price is \$6.00. FFA members (Future Farmers of America) will be attending the National Convention in Indianapolis later this month. Math Integration Teacher, Bobby Burns, was recently highlighted in an IACTE (Indiana Association of Career and Technical Education) news article for his work with teachers helping them integrate additional relevant math content into their technical education courses.

Bloomington High School South’s AP awards were recently announced by the College Board, and South students earned the following:

- 1 National AP Scholar earning an average grade of at least 4 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on 8 or more exams.
- 17 AP Scholars with Distinction earning an average grade of at least a 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams.
- 8 AP Scholars with Honors earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams.
- 16 AP Scholars designations were granted to students, who receive grades of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams).

Broadview Learning Center held a very successful Open House on Oct. 8, with the second highest

attendance since it opened in 2006. Thirty local businesses donated \$2300 for food and door prizes.

BLC has written a grant for nearly \$70,000 to serve out-of-school teens and their families with literacy, high school completion, employment readiness and counseling. A regular monthly schedule also has been established for eCompass (admission test to Ivy Tech) and WorkKeys, and the new class at Crestmont Housing has had three community guest speakers who have made presentations on nutrition, employment and security.

The Extended Services Department reports that Hoosier Disposal began single-stream recycling at Jackson Creek and BHS North. This will be offered at no charge to MCCSC during the pilot program. Aluminum, plastics, office paper, newspaper are all included in one container. This eliminates the extra task of sorting or having separate containers for these items. The “good news” is that MCCSC will save money and the environment at the same time. Other schools will be added to the program in the near future.

On the savings front, early results from the MCCSC Energy Education program are starting off on a positive note. The program is on track to realize savings of \$100,000 each month.

Community Access Television Services (CATS) has garnered six first-place awards for excellence in non-commercial cable programming from the Alliance for Community Media—Central States Region’s Philo Competition. The Philo awards recognize programs from several CATS production areas—CATS Week, a weekly news summary of city and county government meetings; the promotional video for Monroe County Public Library’s 2010 Summer Reading Program; and live coverage of the 2009 Lotus World Music Festival.

Dr. Coopman reminded everyone that next Tuesday is election day and to ‘Be a Friend – go to the end’ of the ballot where you will find the opportunity to vote yes on ballot question number two.

## **FOR ACTION**

### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Dr. Coopman recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: (a) Donations and ECA expenditure; (b) Financial Report (Register of Claims (10/28/2010) and (c) Register of Payroll Claims (09/03/2010, 09-10-2010, 09/17/2010, and 09/24/2010).

There being no comments from the Board or the Public, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Absent: Muehling Motion carried.

### **7. CONTRACTS**

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

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of the following contracts: (1) Change Orders – Listing of change orders for the Fairview Elementary School and Service and Transportation building projects; (2) Change Order – for the BHSN West Façade Renovation; (3) Smithville Telcom, LLC. – Broadview Learning Center fiber data connection contract for e-rate purposes from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2018; (4) Vincennes University – subcontract for Region and Adult Education Grant from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011; (5) Turning Point Education Centers, Inc. – subcontract for Region and Adult Education Grant from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011; (6) Owen County Learning Network – subcontract for Region and

Adult Education Grant from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011; and (7) Bloomington Hospital Community Health – Contractual agreement for the Teen Parent Network for pregnant and parenting teenager attending the Bloomington Graduation School for the 2010-2011 school year.

Following discussion and clarifications, the vote was taken to accept the contracts as presented. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Absent: Muehling Motion carried.

8. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Ms. Streiff moved to accept the Personnel Report as recommended. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Ms. Chambers recommended the Personnel report be approved as presented and noted Barbara Lyon, Cook at BHS North and Shirley Webb, Cook at BHS South, have submitted intent to retire.

There being no comments from the Board or the Public, the vote was taken on the motion to accept the Personnel Report. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Absent: Muehling Motion carried.

9. **ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION OF APPROPRIATIONS; THE RESOLUTION OF TAX RATES FOR THE 2011 BUDGETS AND RESOLUTION TO LOWER THE TAX LEVIES AND ALLOCATIONS FOR FUTURE PROJECTS AND PURCHASES IN THE 2011 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND AND BUS REPLACEMENT FUND BUDGETS IN ACCORDANCE WITH I. C. 20-48-1-2**

Dr. Butler declared the hearing to discuss the adoption of the resolution of appropriations and the resolution of tax rates for the 2011 budgets to be open. Mr. Thrasher stated that the Board had conducted a hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup> and did not have additional comments and opened the floor for comments from the Board and the Public. Following comments, Dr. Butler declared the hearing closed.

Ms. Merriam moved to approve the adoption of the resolutions of appropriations, tax rates for the 2011 budgets and to Lower the Tax Levies and Allocations for Future Projects and Purchases in the 2011 Capital Projects Fund and Bus Replacement Fund Budgets in Accordance with I. C. 20-48-1-2. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

There being no additional comments the vote was taken to adopt the resolutions. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Absent: Muehling Motion carried.

10. **HEARING ON THE LEASE BETWEEN THE MCCSC AND THE MCCSC 1996 SCHOOL BUILDING CORPORATION; ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE LEASE; ADOPT PATRONS' PETITION RESOLUTION; ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING ISSUANCE OF QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS; ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

Dr. Butler declared the hearing to approve the lease between the MCCSC and the MCCSC 1996 School Building Corporation to be open and opened the floor for comments from the Board and the Public. Following clarifications and comments, Dr. Butler declared the hearing closed.

Ms. Wanzer moved to approve the lease between the MCCSC and the MCCSC 1996 School Building Corporation which includes Adoption of Resolutions Authorizing Execution of the Lease, Patrons' Petition, Approving Issuance of Qualified School Construction Bonds and Continuing Disclosure Undertaking as recommended. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Following comments, the vote was taken to adopt the resolutions. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Absent: Muehling Motion carried.

11. **ADOPT RESOLUTION: SUPPORT FOR RESTORING INDIANA TO THE CENTRAL TIME ZONE**

Ms. Wanzer moved to approve the adoption of the resolution of support for restoring Indiana to the Central Time Zone as recommended. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

Following comments, the vote was taken to adopt the resolution. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Absent: Muehling Motion carried.

**FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

12. **INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Emma Gates, current IU student and former BHSS student, asked how School Boards and individual schools are addressing students who are struggling and students of lower economic status. How can the community advocate for these students. Dr. Butler encouraged her to send an e-mail to the Superintendent and/or the Directors of Elementary or Secondary Education.

Joe Doyle, BHSS Assistant Principal and Tennis Coach, recognized Ronnie Schneider, State Champion Tennis Player from BHS South.

13. **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Ms. Streiff shared a story about her kindergarten aged daughter and the ‘Vote Yes on #2 – Our Students Need You’ signs.

Mr. Klein shared his appreciation of all that our students do, specifically regarding the *Sounds of South* performance of ‘Fiddler on the Roof’.

Ms. Merriam updated the Board on her participation on the Insurance Committee and the Sex Education Committee and commented that the teen pregnancy rate continues to rise and shared the article written by Victoria Ison for *The Herald-Times*.

Ms. Wanzer commented on the purpose of the referendum and meetings she had attended this past week.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton commented on the community support for our public schools and was appreciative that there are students in attendance tonight.

Dr. Butler reiterated the importance of the need for the referendum and urged everyone to vote yes on #2 and talk with your neighbors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Jeannine Butler, President

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Valerie Merriam, Vice President

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Victoria I. Streiff, Secretary

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Keith Klein, Assistant Secretary

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(absent)  
Jim Muehling, Member

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Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

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Susan P. Wanzer, Member