

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, November 9, 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, November 9, 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
Jim Muehling	Member
Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member
Vicki Streiff	Secretary
Sue Wanzer	Member

Also present:

J.T. Coopman	Superintendent
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Peggy Chambers	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Jan Bergeson	Director, Secondary Education
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Tina Peterson	Executive Director, Foundation of MCCA

In addition to the above, 22 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, reporter 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. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

The public dialogue period is set aside as a time when members of the public may bring questions to the Board and/or the Administration. Five community members made comments regarding the recent successful referendum.

3. **SCHOOL SHOWCASE: BATCHELOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Eric Gilpin, Principal, discussed "Failure Is Not An Option". Guided Study Hall and Academic Lab are two intervention programs established to help students. Guided Study Hall gives students an opportunity to catch up on any missing work and the Academic Lab gives students additional opportunities for community projects. Student presenters Demonique Carroll, Cassandra Plantz and Chris Welsh were all commended by the Board for the work they are doing and for their presentations.

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

Dr. Coopman thanked everyone who worked on the successful referendum campaign and commented on the 'Election Watch' gathering we hosted on November 2nd. He agreed with the earlier speakers that public education is under attack. A plan has been in place well before tonight in relation to the referendum outcome. We had one for a failed referendum and one for a successful referendum. Our plan will be to work diligently to get the most 'bang for our buck' from those dollars allocated. A committee will be formed to prioritize how those dollars will be used.

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

Tri-North Middle School will host its annual Veteran's Day program this Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the gymnasium. The featured speaker will be Master Gunnery Sergeant William Hosea of the United States Marine Corp.

Bloomington High School North Cougars brought home its first Football Sectional Championship against the Whiteland Warriors on November 5th. Congratulations to BHSN Football Coach Scott Bless and his team on the well-deserved 28-21 victory.

The BHSN Marching Cougars placed 10th in the Class B Division of the ISSMA State Finals at Lucas Oil Stadium. Dr. Coopman was there and felt the performance was a '10' but not 10th place!

Bloomington High School South received a letter of commendation from the IHSAA Assistant Commissioner Theresia Wynns, regarding this school year's IHSAA Boys Tennis State Finals Tournament. Mrs. Wynns noted her appreciation for the fine sportsmanship displayed by the BHSS South staff, coaches, players and fans. A special salute goes to BHSS student Ronnie Schneider, who is now the 2010-2011 Boys Tennis Singles State Champion!

Bloomington New Tech High School faculty members attended The New Technology Foundation training at various sites throughout Indiana during the first week of October. New Tech also received a visit from radio station WGCL and MCCSC Board Member Sue Wanzer during lunch on October 18th for the "cafeteria crawl".

The MCCSC Health and Wellness Center will open to employees this month with a:

- Premiere Week Open House and Healthcare Screenings: November 16th, 17th and 18th from 2:30pm – 6:00pm
- Grand Opening: Monday, November 22nd, 12:00pm – 6pm
- Health & Wellness Center Hours: Mondays 12:00pm – 6:00pm, Wednesdays 8:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Fridays 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Special thanks go to the MCCSC Human Resources and Accounting Departments as well as MCCSC Extended Services for making this project a reality for our employees. It will be an asset to our busy lives and make quality health care more accessible and affordable.

In Human Understanding & Diversity news, nearly 400 students as well as many faculty, staff and community members at Bloomington High Schools North and South received a glimpse of history on Nov. 1st and 3rd as a panel from the renown AIDS Memorial Quilt was on display.

MCCSC is grateful to Old National Bank has funded a request from Wonderlab that will allow Title I students to continue field trips to the local museum.

FOR ACTION

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Dr. Coopman recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (Executive Session - October 12, 2010; Board Meeting - October 12, 2010 and Board Meeting - October 26, 2010); (b) Donations (which included a total of \$10,018 for B-TV) and Field Trip Requests for BHS South Wrestling; (c) Financial Report (8/2010) and Approp Balances (8/2010) and (d) Allowance of Claims (11/09/2010).

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Motion carried.

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: (1) Change Orders – Listing of change orders for the Administration Center building project; (2) Anthem Insurance Companies d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield – On-site clinic data services agreement; (3) Anthem Insurance Companies d/b/a Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield – On-site clinic data services addendum to the ASO agreement; (4) Anthem (Group Health Plan) – Agreement to provide services for the early retiree reinsurance program until December 31, 2013; (5) South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. – Adult Education contract for the provision of employment and training services from October 20, 2010 until June 30, 2011; (6) Herff Jones Photography – Agreement to provide individual fall portraits to Jackson Creek Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year; (7) Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. – Agreement to provide yearbooks (webwizard-color) to Childs Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year; (8) Damar Services, Inc. – Agreement for community-supported and/or residential services provision of and payment for the excess cost of educating a special education student for the period September 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 and (9) Damar Services, Inc. – Agreement for community-supported and/or residential services provision of and payment for the excess cost of educating a special education student for the period October 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011.

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

7. PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Streiff moved to accept the Personnel Report as recommended. Ms Wanzer seconded the motion.

Ms. Chambers recommended the Personnel report be approved as presented with one exception: the appointment of Peggy Shields as Cook should be corrected to D-4 Custodian.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the motion to accept the Personnel Report. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Motion carried

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

8. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Two members of the community made comments and Dr. Coopman thanked Paul Purdom for all his work with the voter registration records.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Muehling thanked the Fifth Third Bank for the football tickets and thanked Dr. Coopman for his leadership. He also pointed out that referendum funds generated and expended are easily tracked by the public.

Keith Klein thanked Dr. Coopman, Valerie Merriam and the community for their work on the referendum and acknowledged the public's attendance at tonight's meeting.

Valerie Merriam expressed her appreciation of the staff and administration in the Administration Center for the way she was treated during the referendum work. She also expressed her appreciation of the students that worked with the referendum group and how well prepared they were.

Sue Wanzer echoed her appreciation and thanks of all the tireless workers during the referendum campaign.

Lois Sabo-Skelton talked about the outside manager statement in the PL221 language at the previous meeting and she followed up on the LSA document #10-502 with a personal e-mail in protest.

Vicki Streiff commented that we will always have to rely on generous businesses and individuals in our community who care about our schools. Tonight was a testament to all of them.

Jeannine Butler agreed with all the earlier thanks expressed, expressed her appreciation of Dr. Coopman's guidance toward the consultants and Valerie Merriam and Lois Sabo-Skelton for their hard work with the volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:39 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