

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting, November 23, 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 23, 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 M CCS

In addition to the above, 49 citizens signed the visitor list (which is included as a part of the official record of this meeting); Laura Lane, 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. Nine community members made comments regarding a variety of topics.

3. **SCHOOL SHOWCASE: BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL NORTH**

Jeff Henderson, Principal, presented Professional Learning Communities and how it benefits our students. Don Adams, Social Studies Department Chair, discussed "Focus on Student Learning"; Joanne Frye, English Department Chair, discussed PLC grouping within the English department; Adam Terwilliger, Math Department Chair, discussed data sharing and analysis; and Natasha Roe, World Languages Department Chair, teaching strategies for different languages.

4. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: AYP RESULTS**

Mr. Cameron Rains, Director of Elementary Education, gave a brief update on our district wide Adequate Yearly Progress results. Some of the high points were that we made district wide AYP for the first time since 2005-2006 school year, Highland Park is out of school improvement status and Fairview has

improved. Mr. Rains will make a more complete report at a later date.

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

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

The Indiana Department of Education recently identified Childs Elementary School as a top high-growth school in mathematics for the State of Indiana. In continuing to identify opportunities for enrichment focused on student strengths, it is also Child’s goal to ensure that all students are growing at a high rate in all achievement levels.

Grandview was also named one of Indiana’s High Growth Schools in English/Language Arts.

Batchelor Middle School’s Challenge Team (7th Grade) is researching Invisible Children of Uganda and looking at how it can help the organization. Zenith Block (8th Grade) is working with the local chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Becky Boyle was named Indiana History Teacher of the Year.

On November 6, 2010, Molly Jeon, Japanese teacher at Bloomington High School North, was selected as Indiana’s “Secondary World Language Teacher of the Year 2010” by the Indiana Foreign Language Teacher Association.

Bloomington High School North Habitat members served as hosts for the Monroe County Habitat More than Just Houses Breakfast on Nov. 3rd. The main speaker was Sami Haddad, BHSN Habitat Co-President. The Bloomington North Habitat House is on schedule to be dedicated on Dec. 11th at 4 pm.

The BHSN Spell Bowl Team placed second in the Martinsville regional on October 18. The BHSN Brain Game Team won their first round game against Cascade High School and lost in the second round to defending state champion, Zionsville.

Bloomington High School South is addressing bullying proactively. Elliot Hopkins of the National Federation of State High Schools presented, High School Hazing-Inside the Darkness, to South faculty about the dangers of hazing and bullying. BHSS boy’s and girl’s cross country teams both went to state. Nicole Lucas finish 2nd place, just .8 of a second behind the 1st place.

New Tech High School sent nine students to attend the Business Professionals of America Fall Leadership Conference held at Conseco Fieldhouse on Friday, November 5.

Susan Clendening, Broadview Learning Center, was appointed to the Ivy Tech English Department’s Advisory Board at and was selected to be the Professional Development Coordinator for Region 8.

Hoosier Hills Career Center was spotlighted in a recent article in the Martinsville Reporter-Times. The article positively highlighted the career and technical opportunities offered for area students.

MCCSC Health Clinic is open and off to a great start. During the Premier Week, 181 employees were screened in a two-day period. Thirty people signed up for coaching appointments, 64 set physician appointments, and 96 flu shots were administered.

## **FOR ACTION**

### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Dr. Coopman recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: (a) Donations, ECA Expenditure and Field Trip Request for Bloomington High School North Cheerleading Competition; (b) Financial Report (Financial Report (11/2010) and (d) Payroll Claims (10/1/2010, 10/8/2010, 10/15/2010, 10/22/2010 and 10/29/2010).

There being no 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.

### **7. CONTRACTS**

Ms. Merriam 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 Administration Center building project; (2) MCCSC, St. Charles Elementary and Amy McGill – Tutoring services to be provided to students attending St. Charles Elementary School; (3) MCCSC, St. Charles Elementary and Laura Olivera – Tutoring services to be provided to students attending St. Charles Elementary School and (4) CRS, Inc. – Application Service Provider Agreement for Sub-finder APS System from December 1, 2010 through November 30, 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

### **8. PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

Ms. Chambers recommended the Personnel report be approved as presented.

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

### **9. APPROVE MCPL BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Mr. Muehling moved to approve the appointment of Valerie C. Merriam to the MCPL Board. Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded the motion.

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

### **10. AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA BOND BANK'S 2011 ADVANCE FUNDING PROGRAM**

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved to adopt the resolution authorizing participation in the Indiana Bond Bank's Advance Funding Program during 2011 as recommended. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken. Aye: Butler, Klein, Merriam, Muehling, Sabo-

Skelton, Streiff and Wanzer Motion carried

**FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

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

Comments were made by five members of the public.

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

Mr. Muehling thanked Dr. Coopman for his strong leadership and for the group of leaders he assembled. He spoke to the transparency of the search for Dr. Coopman and we will use the same process to find his replacement.

Mr. Klein thanked the referendum volunteers and congratulated Bloomington North's football team.

Ms. Merriam spoke about the passing of Mr. Ed Smith, Security Guard at BHS North. He was also a former history teacher and he will be missed. She reported from the insurance committee that there would be no rate increases due in part to the opening of the clinic and wiser use of services.

Ms. Wanzer would like to look at a teacher PLC group across the corporation, announced the MCCS Foundation upcoming New Years Eve gathering and thanked all the volunteers and encouraged them to stay with us.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton encouraged all to get their flu shots.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Butler declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

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Victoria I. Streiff, Secretary

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