

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, February 8, 2011

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, February 8, 2011, in the Large Group Room of Bloomington High School South, located at 1965 S Walnut St, Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present:

Jim Muehling	President
Keith Klein	Vice President
Martha Street	Secretary
Kelly Smith	Assistant Secretary
Jeannine Butler	Member
Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member
Sue Wanzer	Member

Also present:

Tim Hyland	Interim Superintendent
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Peggy Chambers	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Cameron Rains	Director, Elementary Education
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Tom Bunger	Attorney

In addition to the above, 84 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, Mr. Jim Muehling, 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. Two students from BHS North spoke and five community members made comments regarding use of the referendum dollars.

3. **SCHOOL SHOWCASE: ROGERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mr. Muehling reminded the public that the school showcase gives us the opportunity to have a greater appreciation of our schools and introduced Mr. Mark Conrad, Principal, who discussed the Positive Behavior Supports and Student Learning at Rogers Elementary School. Mr. Conrad introduced Ms. Holmes to share information regarding the "Red Worm Compost" project. The presentation is attached for the official record.

4. **FOR INFORMATION: FOUNDATION OF MCCS – TINA PETERSON**

Tina Peterson, Executive Director, reported that the Foundation received 17 applications for a variety of grant requests totaling approximately \$65,000 and impacting 6,042 students. She anticipates making the award announcements the first week of March when the Foundation has its annual grant award reception.

Mike Mattos of Solution Tree will be providing an opportunity to engage our parents in a discussion on professional learning communities on April 28, 2011 at 7:00 pm - location to be announced. He will share his experiences as a school administrator.

Ms. Peterson thanked Beth Piekarsky, University Elementary School teacher, who will be dancing for our public schools as one of the dancers in the "Dancing With Celebrities" fund-raiser.

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

Dr. Hyland reported that we were fortunate to have Sen. Vi Simpson here last week meeting with the School Board and the community discussing school funding for 2010-2011.

Dr. Hyland shared legislative updates on House Bills: 1002 Charter Schools bill; 1369 removes the requirement that a superintendent have a teacher's license or a superintendent's license and 1399 would allow home schooled students to participate in IHSA sports programs. The state budget has eliminated all money for professional development, cut the non-English speaking funding from \$7M to \$5M and increased the testing/remediation budget with no guarantee of any additional money for remediation.

FOR ACTION

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Muehling recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (Work Sessions - January 4, 2011 & January 25, 2011; Special Meetings - January 4, 2011 & January 6, 2011; Executive Sessions - January 11, 2011, January 18, 2011 and January 25, 2011; Regular Meetings - January 11, 2011 & January 25, 2011); b) Donations, ECA Expenditures and Field Trip Requests; c) Financial Report (12/2010) and Expenditure Report - Approp Balance (12/2010) and d) Allowance of Claims (Register of Claims - 02/08/2011; Register of Payrolls and Payroll Claims (January 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2011))

Dr. Butler moved to approve and Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded.

There being no other comments from the Board or the public, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Smith, Street and Wanzer Motion carried.

7. **CONTRACTS**

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

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of the following contracts: (1) Change Orders – Listing of change orders for the Service & Transportation building project; (2) Kirkwood Design Studio, P. C. – Architectural services for the Childs Elementary School Interior Remodel No. 2010-49; (3) Scholastic Book Fairs – Certificate of agreement with Fairview Elementary School for the February 10-28, 2011 Book Fair; (4) Star of America – Travel to and from the Professional Learning Communities' Seminar in Lincolnshire, Illinois on August 7, 2011 and August 10, 2011 and (5) American Red Cross – Monroe County Chapter – Authorized Provider Agreement with Bloomington High School South to provide American Red Cross training effective April 25, 2011.

Following discussion from the Board, questions from a member of the public and clarification from Mr.

Rains, the vote was taken to accept the contracts as presented. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Smith, Street and Wanzer Motion carried

8. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

Ms. Chambers recommended the Personnel report which included the announcement of the retirement of Chuck Gromer, teacher at Lakeview Elementary School, be approved as presented.

Following comments from the Board and clarifications by Ms. Chambers, the vote was taken on the motion to accept the Personnel Report. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Smith, Street and Wanzer Motion carried

9. **APPROVE GOALS MONITORED BY THE IDOE**

Ms. Street moved to approve goals monitored by the Indiana Department of Education as recommended. Dr. Butler seconded the motion.

Mr. Thrasher recommended the approval of the following goals with respect to the four categories of expenditures monitored by the State Department of Education:

Category 1, Student Academic Achievement Expenditures: 50.4%

Category 2, Student Instructional Support Expenditures: 9.20%

Category 3, Overhead and Operational Expenditures: 23.4%.

Category 4, Nonoperational Expenditures: 17.0%

Following questions and comments from board member and Mr. Thrasher's response, the vote was taken to approve the goals monitored by the Indiana Department of Education as recommended. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Smith, Street and Wanzer Motion carried

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

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

Comments and proposals regarding the referendum budget were made by 13 members of the public.

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

Dr. Butler congratulated Victoria Ison, student reporter with the H-T, on her article regarding the media coverage of a recent building issue.

Ms. Wanzer responded to earlier comments regarding restoration of positions and feels that we are honoring the referendum.

Mr. Smith thanked everyone in attendance. His desire is to give back to the corporation that gave him so much growing up and his decision will be based on what is best for the students.

Mr. Klein congratulated those in attendance that spoke and put a face and name to their voice and thanked the budget committee for all their hard work.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton thanked everyone who attended and spoke their mind. She is still thinking about the decisions to be made and appreciates all the comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Muehling declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Jim Muehling, President

Keith Klein, Vice President

Martha Street, Secretary

Kelly Smith, Assistant Secretary

Jeannine Butler, Member

Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Susan P. Wanzer, Member