

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Special Meeting, February 21, 2011

MINUTES

The Board of School Trustees of the Monroe County Community School Corporation met in a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2011, in the Administration Center, located at 315 E North Dr., Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present:

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

Board member absent:

Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member
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Also present:

Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Peggy Chambers	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Cameron Rains	Director, Elementary Education
Jan Bergeson	Director, Secondary Education
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Sarah Rogers	Budget Committee Member

In addition to the above, 51 citizens signed the visitor list (which is included as a part of the official record); Ben Skirvin, reporter for WFIU; Bethany Nolan, reporter for The Herald-Times, and two representatives of Bloomington Community Access TV were present.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Muehling called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Comments and Proposals regarding the Budget Committee Recommendations

Mr. Muehling began the meeting by announcing that 64 of the 65 positions that were cut will be restored and that kindergarten to grade 3 ratios will be restored. He identified additional items to be restored and items still under consideration. He also indicated that we would not be waiting on the new superintendent to make the decisions.

Dr. Butler suggested the board take the money in the proposed budget for preventionists and interventionists, and allow principals to decide how best to spend those dollars for their individual buildings.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Klein indicated their support of that plan.

In response to a question from Ms. Wanzer, Mr. Thrasher estimated approximately \$222,000 would be needed to hire two high school counselors, add seventh-grade world language classes and move a band director at Bloomington High School North back to full time. Ms. Wanzer suggested getting the money from the corporation's cash reserve.

Ms. Bergeson responded to Ms. Street's request for more detail on the Diploma Plus model for alternative students.

Mr. Muehling said he would like proposed salaries for noncertified preventionists and interventionists to not exceed those of current aides.

17 members of the public also spoke regarding lower class sizes, additional middle school staff, and the need to restore everything that was cut last year.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Muehling declared the meeting to be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Muehling, President

Keith Klein, Vice President

Martha Street, Secretary

Kelly Smith, Assistant Secretary

Jeannine Butler, Member

(absent)
Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

Susan P. Wanzer, Member