

MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting, March 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, March 8, 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
Kelly Smith	Assistant Secretary
Jeannine Butler	Member
Lois Sabo-Skelton	Member
Sue Wanzer	Member

Also present:

Tim Hyland	Interim Superintendent
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Cameron Rains	Director, Elementary Education
Jan Bergeson	Director, Secondary Education
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
John Carter	Director, Planning
Jim Whitlatch	Attorney

In addition to the above, 44 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* 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. **FACES OF EDUCATION**

Our Faces of Education honorees were recognized for their quick action which most probably saved the life of a young special education student. Our Faces of Education honorees: University Elementary School Teacher Vicki Sooy, paraeducator, Diane Leirer, and health aide, Darla Tompkins.

Dr. Hyland introduced Dr. Kathleen Hugo, Director of Special Education, who announced the Disability Awareness Month for March. She thanked the many businesses who give our students with disabilities much-valued work experience.

3. **PUBLIC DIALOGUE**

There were no public comments.

4. **SCHOOL SHOWCASE: GRANDVIEW 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 Ms. Lily Albright, Principal, who discussed “Learning By Doing” PLC’s at Grandview Elementary School (presentation attached). Ms. Albright discussed the individual student recognitions each month. Ms. Cheryl Maxwell, Art Teacher, discussed how PLC’s have enhanced her teaching with a reading enrichment group that focuses on reading through art.

5. **FOR INFORMATION: AYP/PL221 - 2010 RESULTS**

Cameron Rains, Director of Elementary Education and Jan Bergeson, Director of Secondary Education discussed the Adequate Yearly Progress and Public Law 221 results for 2010 (report attached). Mr. Rains and Ms. Bergeson responded to questions and comments from the Board.

6. **FOR INFORMATION: BED BUG CURRENT PROTOCOLS**

John Carter, Director of Planning, passed around a bedbug (enclosed in a plastic bag). Mr. Carter introduced Marc Lane, Entomologist and Professor with IU SPEA, and Dean Walenzak, Environmental Technician, MCCSC Integrated Pest Management. Mr. Carter reviewed the background of discussions to create the draft protocols (attached as part of the official record) and discussed preventative methods. Mr. Carter responded to questions and concerns from the Board. Shelley Vitols, Arlington principal, thanked everyone working on the proposed protocols, but noted that there is more work to be done in the gray areas, i.e., under “roles and responsibilities” and enforcement. Mr. Lane suggested that the attorneys for MCCSC, the City and the County get together to discuss legal issues and recourses. Mr. Carter indicated that the protocols will be on the website and will be ‘tweaked’ as more information becomes available. Ann Shedlak, Arlington teacher, and Susan Roop, Arlington parent, also spoke.

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

Tina Peterson, Executive Director, reminded that the Foundation is still raising money for Artful Learning training this summer, computers for New Tech, Diploma Plus and continued support of the Literacy Leadership Cohort. She also reported that the Foundation had received a \$15,000 gift from Boston Scientific to support Artful Learning.

The Foundation is currently accepting applications for scholarships through their on-line portal.

Bloomington Reads, an event focusing on reading and literacy skills, will be held at the end of April.

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

Dr. Hyland reported on the status of House Bill 1002 which has now added nonprofit private colleges and universities as eligible charter school sponsors.

He noted that our Batchelor students placed third in a C-Span contest and will be honored this Friday at Batchelor by C-Span. The program will be aired at a later date.

FOR ACTION

9. **APPROVE DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO APPOINTMENT OF NEW VEBA ADMINISTRATOR AND PLAN TRUSTEE**

Dr. Butler moved to approve the documents to appoint the new VEBA Administrator and Plan Trustee. Ms. Street seconded.

Mr. Thrasher noted that the concept to employ Genesis Employee Benefits/America's VEBA Solution as Plan Administrator for the Monroe County Community School Corporation Retiree Health Plan and U.S. Bank N.A. as Trustee for the Monroe County Community School Corporation VEBA Trust was presented and approved at the February 22, 2011, meeting of the Board. Mr. Thrasher reviewed a few transparent changes to the original documents which did not change the way the plan works.

Mr. Muehling asked why we were making the change and Mr. Thrasher replied the former company no longer provides the service. There being no other comments from the Board or the public, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the documents to appoint the new VEBA Administrator and Plan Trustee. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Smith, Street and Wanzer Motion carried

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Muehling recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: a) Minutes of Previous Meetings (Work Sessions on February 3, 8 and 22, 2011; Board Meetings on February 8 and 22, 2011; Special Meeting on February 21, 2011 and Executive Sessions on February 9, 15, 16, and 22, 2011); b) Donations, ECA Expenditures and Field Trip Requests (Blgtn New Tech – BPA, BHS North Band, BHS South Swim & Dive Team and BHS South FIRST Robotics); c) Financial Report (Financial and Expenditure Reports for 01/2011) and Approp Balances (01/2011) and d) Allowance of Claims (Register of Claims for 03/08/2011, Register of Payrolls and Payroll Claims (February 4,11,18,25/2011)).

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Dr. Butler seconded.

Following comments from Mr. Muehling and Dr. Hyland, 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

11. **CONTRACTS**

Ms. Street moved to accept the contracts as recommended. Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

Mr. Thrasher recommended approval of the following contracts: (1) Change Orders – Listing of change orders for the Fairview and Service & Transportation building projects; (2) Indiana Department of Education – grant to support the Healthier US Schools Challenge program for the period February 25, 2011 through September 30, 2012; (3) Boys Town – Program Consultation/Technical Assistance for one Boys Town consultant for two days in September 2011; (4) Paragon Promotions, Inc. – Three year program contract for Fall 2011, 2012, 2013 Childs School ECA fundraisers and (5) CAVI Educational Services, LLC – Provide staff training for Multidimensional Instructional Coaching (MIC) for the period March 28 – May 17, 2011.

Mr. Klein asked if we had received any of the stimulus money and Mr. Thrasher indicated that we have not. The vote was taken to accept the contracts as presented. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Smith, Street and Wanzer Motion carried

12. CARRY-FORWARD OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Ms. Street moved to approve the Carry-Forward of Unobligated Balances in the Capital Projects Fund.
Ms. Wanzer seconded the motion.

Following discussion from the Board, the vote was taken to approve the Carry-Forward of Unobligated Balances in the Capital Projects Fund as presented. Aye: Butler, Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Smith, Street and Wanzer Motion carried

13. PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Mr. Thrasher recommended the Personnel report be approved as presented. He noted the retirement announcements of David C. Marshall Principal, Unionville Elementary School effective on June 30, 2011; Wendy Perry Director, Director of the Extended Day Program effective June 7, 2011 and the following Certified Staff Retirements effective June 9, 2011: Carlyne Ambrose, Summit Elementary; Mary Marlowe Hill Teacher, BHS North Special Education; Barbara Seal, BHS South Science; Nancy Stockwell, Binford Elementary School and Louise Wohlfacka, BHS North Music.

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

FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

14. INFORMATION, PROPOSALS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Randy Tackett, AFSCME Local 3995 President, commented on activities at the State House.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND PROPOSALS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Sabo-Skelton spoke about her recent trip to the AASA conference in Denver and her technology experiences and asked Jason Taylor, Director of Information Services, responded to questions regarding our status in various areas.

Ms. Wanzer asked that the Board consider a resolution in support of our unions in our school corporation and asked Jim Whitlatch to address the language in Senate Bill 590 that says 'English language only'. Mr. Whitlatch noted that this is patterned after the Arizona law and it could apply to public schools, but it cannot take precedence over federal law.

Mr. Muehling extended his condolences to the family of Rex Fletcher, who passed away this week. He also noted that though we have been encouraged to hold off on negotiations until we have a new superintendent in place, it can't be done. With what is happening with the legislature, it is critical that we move ahead on our negotiations. He also discussed the Superintendent search process.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Muehling declared the meeting to be adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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Martha Street, Secretary

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Jeannine Butler, Member

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Susan P. Wanzer, Member