

**MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting, May 4, 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 Wednesday, May 4, 2011, in the Administration Center, located at 315 E. North Drive, Bloomington, Indiana.

**Board members present:**

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

**Board members absent**

Martha Street	Secretary
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**Also present:**

Tim Hyland	Interim Superintendent
Jan Bergeson	Director, Secondary Education
Peggy Chambers	Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Hattie Johnson	Director, Food Services
Cameron Rains	Director, Elementary Education
Mike Scherer	Director, Extended Services
Jason Taylor	Director, Information Services
Tim Thrasher	Comptroller
Jim Whitlatch	Attorney

In addition to the above, 5 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. **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.

Joe Doyle, BHS South Assistant Principal, introduced Maddie Hayford and Lynne Bauman who were two of the students involved in the Dance Marathon which raised \$68,292.75 for Riley Hospital.

3. **FOR INFORMATION: FOUNDATION OF MCCS**

Tom Bunger, President of the Foundation, reported on "Bloomington Reads" and Saturday at the Farmers Market to promote literacy; the personal achievement banquet in conjunction with the Lions Club which recognizes students at the four high schools that might not be recognized otherwise due to their personal circumstances and recognized Beth Piekarsky, teacher at University Elementary School, will be dancing to raise money for the Foundation to raise money for literacy.

4. **FOR INFORMATION: BED BUG PROTOCOL**

John Carter, Director of Facilities, reported on the status of the draft of our protocol.

5. **FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION: EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY**

Mr. Muehling noted that the length of the school day is not a policy decision of the Board but an administrative function and asked Dr. Hyland to discuss the strategy used to determine the school day schedule. Dr. Hyland, noted that when he arrived here in early January, there was great celebration because of the passing of the referendum. Shortly after his arrival, the discussion centered around the fact that the MCCSC had one of the shortest school days, so discussions with the MCEA included the lengthening of the teachers' day, which has been approved. Then it became the administration's project as to how to fill that time. Dr. Hyland asked the Directors of Curriculum to work with the Principals to develop a plan which has previously been presented to the Board and to the community on two occasions. Before they began, he reminded us that the school day schedule will be looked at during the 2011-2012 school year and tweaked as needed.

Jan Bergeson, Director of Secondary Education and Cameron Rains, Director of Elementary Education presented the attached plan to fill the day with instructional time. They noted the focus has always been on students learning at their highest level and that four questions were always asked in the process:

1. What is it that we want our students to learn?
2. How do we know if they have learned it?
3. What do we do if they haven't learned it?
4. What do we do if they have learned it?

They recognized that we needed to add quality instructional time to our schedule, create some time during the school day for students to receive help, access to tutoring when they need it, create enrichment time for those who had learned it.

Collaboration and team-work are important to better student outcomes, so time has been built into the schedule for teams to meet.

All involved agreed that it would be best not to 'flip' the schedules this year and the Corporation is looking into the child care issues. This schedule is already been in use in neighboring corporations.

Jenny Robinson commented on her concerns about the time children would be getting on buses, amount of recess time and concern about the targeting of resources. Jenny Stevens requested the opportunity to distribute her survey and hold off making a decision until then. Dr. Hyland indicated that we would consider the proposal for a survey, but not until May of next year.

Joe Wilbur asked for clarification of how we will grade the schools. The Board, Dr. Hyland and Mrs. Bergeson response was graduation rates, dropout rates, testing scores, failure rate and GPA for each class and make comparisons. Mr. Rains said we would be looking at students not reading at grade level and not just looking at test scores, but using them as indicators.

Joe Childers, Principal of Binford Elementary School, stated that all the elementary principals endorse this plan and feels this gives the teachers more flexibility in the school day.

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

Dr. Hyland assured everyone that Dr. Judy DeMuth has been kept apprised every step of the way on the school day discussion. He will be attending the Indiana Urban Schools Association conference next week and expects to return with some thoughts on how we are reacting to the latest legislation changes.

His work with the Superintendent Advisory Group has been very fruitful and he recommends the continuation under Dr. DeMuth.

**FOR ACTION**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Muehling recommended approval of the Consent Agenda: a. Minutes of Previous Meetings: Executive Session (4/5/2011), Special Sessions (4/7/2011 & 4/27/2011) and Board Meeting (4/12/2011); b. Donations, ECA Expenditures and Field Trip Requests: BHS South Girls Swim/Dive Team, BHS South Wrestling Team, BHS South Girls Tennis Team; c. Financial Report (3/2011) and Expenditure Report -Approp Balances (3/2011); d. Allowance of Claims: Register of Claims (5/4/2011) and April Payroll Register & Claims (4/1, 8, 15, 22 and 29/2011); e. School Improvement Plans for 2011-2012 and f. Approve Revised 2010-2011 School Year Calendar

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

There being no comments, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the Consent Agenda. Aye: Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Butler, Smith and Wanzer Absent: Street Motion carried.

8. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION: SCIENCE [ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS]**

Mr. Rains, Mrs. Bergeson and Ms. Jean Schick, BHS North, Science Teacher recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the recommendations of the Monroe County Community School Corporation's Textbook Adoption Committees for the Science/Health Textbook Adoption for MCCSC Elementary, Middle, and High School beginning the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Wanzer moved to approve and Dr. Butler seconded.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the recommendations of the Monroe County Community School Corporation's Textbook Adoption Committees for the Science/Health Textbook Adoption for MCCSC Elementary, Middle, and High School beginning the 2011-2012 school year. Aye: Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Butler, Smith and Wanzer Absent: Street Motion carried.

9. **CONTRACTS**

Mr. Thrasher recommended that the Board approve the following contracts: (1) Change Orders – Listing of change orders for the Service & Transportation building project; (2) The Maksin Group – Student/Athletic Accident Insurance Renewal with the National Union Fire Insurance Company for the 2011-2012 school year; (3) AVID Center – Annual licensing agreement to support skills for college preparation at Bloomington High School South for the 2011-2012 school year; (4) Indiana Cosmetology Academy – Hoosier Hills Career Center three year contract for instruction required by the Beauty Culture Act for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2012-2014 school years; (5) Carril.com, Inc. – Design contract for the Hoosier Hills Career Center program information brochure; (6) Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife – Extension of lease agreement for the space located at 553 E Miller Dr., Bloomington, for the period of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012; (7) James Harvey

– Consultant contract for the purpose of reviewing and updating MCCSC policies and guidelines for May 5, 2011 through May 4, 2012; (8) Dr. Jill Allor – Professional Development Services to provide reading consultation/training to MCCSC staff on May 16-17, 2011; (9) Bradford Woods – Service Agreement with the Indiana University Outdoor Leadership and Environmental Center at Bradford Woods to provide program leadership, lodging, supplies, food service, equipment use, and all miscellaneous fees associated with the program for the 2011-2012 school year and (10) John Wiley and Sons, Inc., Peoples Education, Inc. - Terms of Contract: Price and inventory will be held for the text (Environment 7E ISBN 978-0-470-52598-2 by Raven/Berg/Hassenzahl @ \$110.25 ea for six (6) years, beginning on May 1, 2011 and ending on April 30, 2017.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton moved to approve and Ms. Wanzer seconded.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the Contracts. Aye: Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Butler, Smith and Wanzer Absent: Street Motion carried.

10. **AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIANA BOND BANK'S 2011 MID-YEAR FUNDING PROGRAM**

Mr. Thrasher recommended that the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the Monroe County Community School Corporation to make temporary loans to meet current running expenses for the use of the Debt Service Fund of the Issuer, in anticipation of and not in excess of current taxes levied in the year 2010, and collectable in the year 2011; authorizing the issuance of temporary loan tax anticipation warrants to evidence such loans and the sale of such warrants to the Indiana Bond Bank; and appropriating and pledging the taxes to be received in such funds to the punctual payment of such warrants including the interest thereon.

Mr. Smith moved to approve and Dr. Butler seconded.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the recommendation to authorize participation in the Indiana Bond Bank's 2011 mid-year funding program. Aye: Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Butler, Smith and Wanzer Absent: Street Motion carried.

11. **APPROVE MEAL PRICE INCREASE FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2011-2012 AND 2012-2013**

Ms. Johnson recommended meal price increases for all paid student meals, adult meals and contracted meals in compliance with Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Dr. Butler moved to approve and Mr. Muehling seconded.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the meal price increases for school years: 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Aye: Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Butler, Smith and Wanzer Absent: Street Motion carried.

12. **PERSONNEL REPORT**

Mrs. Chambers introduced Ms. Krista Nelson who was selected as the Principal of Templeton Elementary School, noted that there are six teachers recalled for next year and recommended approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

Dr. Butler moved to approve and Mr. Smith seconded.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken on the recommendation to approve the personnel report as presented. Aye: Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Butler, Smith and Wanzer Absent: Street

Street Motion carried.

13. **AWARD BID FOR BHS NORTH AUXILIARY GYM FLOOR REPLACEMENT, BLEACHERS, AND GUARDRAIL WORK**

Mr. Scherer recommended that contracts be awarded to the low bidders for the gymnasium projects at BHS North: Cincinnati Flooring, Interkal Spectator Seating, and Jerico Metal Specialties.

Mr. Smith moved to approve and Dr. Sabo-Skelton seconded.

Following comments from the Board, the vote was taken to award the contracts as recommended by Mr. Scherer. Aye: Klein, Muehling, Sabo-Skelton, Butler, Smith and Wanzer Absent: Street Motion carried.

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

Comments were made by one member of the public.

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

Dr. Butler expressed her appreciation to the Leadership Team, the Principals, Jan Bergeson, Cameron Rains and Dr. Hyland, for all of their work on the extended school day schedule.

Mr. Smith announced that friends of a deceased student at BHS North raised money to donate to the scholarship funds in the name of deceased students at BHS North, BHS South and Edgewood. The next run is May 21st.

Dr. Sabo-Skelton encouraged everyone to take advantage of any opportunity to hear Mr. Mike Mattos speak on the Professional Learning Communities.

Ms. Wanzer congratulated Krista Nelson on her hiring and Sherry Dick on her retiring - she will be missed.

Mr. Klein thanked the administrative staff, especially Mrs. Bergeson and Mr. Rains for their leadership in working on the school day. He also expressed his appreciation of our principals, many of whom are in attendance at the school board meetings.

Mr. Muehling congratulated the new hires and those retiring, wishing them the best in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Muehling declared the meeting to be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Jim Muehling, President

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Keith Klein, Vice President

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(absent)  
Martha Street, Secretary

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W. Kelly Smith, Assistant Secretary

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Jeannine Butler, Member

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Lois Sabo-Skelton, Member

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Susan P. Wanzer, Member