

MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monroe, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017

Present: Chairman Donna Lane
Vice-Chairman George King III
Secretary Shannon Reilly-Monaco
Board Member Christine Cascella
Board Member David Ferris
Board Member James Martinez
Board Member Carlos Reinoso
Board Member Jerry Stevens
Board Member Alan Vaglivello

Also present: Superintendent John Battista
Assistant Superintendent Jack Zamary
Finance Director Gabriella DiBlasi
Masuk Student Board Representative Kevin Brown
Masuk Student Board Representative Ryan Winkler

Absent: Masuk Student Board Representative William Santee

Call to Order

Chairman Lane called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report of the Chairman

Motion to approve Kevin Brown (senior), William Santee (senior) and Ryan Winkler (junior) as the Student Board Representatives for 2017-2018

Motion: (J. Martinez)

Second: (C. Reinoso)

Discussion: None

Motion passed 8 (Lane, King, Monaco, Ferris, Martinez, Reinoso, Stevens and Vaglivello)-0

17-068

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion: (S. Monaco)

Second: (C. Reinoso)

Discussion: None

Motion passed 8 (Lane, King, Monaco, Ferris, Martinez, Reinoso, Stevens and Vaglivello)-0

17-069

Reports of the Committees and Liaisons

Masuk Student Representatives

Student Representative Winkler thanked the Board for the opportunity. He continued that the mid-point in the quarter was coming up, and progress reports would be going out shortly. He added that Jostens, the class ring vendor, will be at Masuk tomorrow evening for parents, and the students will also have an opportunity to meet with them during the school day. He also added there will be a FAFSA Information Night tomorrow, and Underclassman pictures will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday. *Student Representative Brown* said the Grade 10 Pupil Services Orientation will be on Thursday evening, the SATs will be administered on Saturday, and the PSATs will be given on the October 11. On October 10, the Junior Advisory "Hang Up and Drive" will take place to discuss the dangers of phone use/texting and driving. He added that there was an early Capstone presenter meeting today with *Mr. Bodnar* and *Mr. Rider*.

CES

Board Member Reinoso said there will be a meeting on Thursday. He also noted that Boys Soccer is first in the State and wanted to acknowledge the efforts of both student representatives

Policy

Vice-Chairman King said the Committee reviewed a Memo of Understanding with the Monroe Police Department that will be shared with the Board at the next meeting.

Public Participation

There was none at tonight's meeting.

Report of the Superintendent

Overview of the October 1, 2017, Enrollment

Superintendent Battista provided the Board with a chart that summarized projections and actual. The District has 42 fewer students than last year though still a few more than initially projected. He noted the cost of doing another projection is \$1,500. The Board did not feel it was essential.

Budget Update

There will be a vote in the Legislature tomorrow so there is currently no update.

Superintendent Battista said the District continues to work closely with the Board of Finance.

Review of the FY2019 Budget Timeline

The Board was updated on the changes made at the last meeting and it was noted the budget workshop will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Notification of the MEA, MASA, and Parents Council Representatives Appointed to the Superintendent Search Committee

Superintendent Battista announced the representatives from each group respectively are *Marie Blake, Jack Ceccolini* and *Christa DeLeo*.

MEA Teachers' Early Retirement Incentive Update

The deadline is Friday, October 13, and there are currently five teachers taking the early retirement incentive and two teachers taking regular retirement.

Stepney Roof Building Committee Update

The Committee will meet on the October 16, prior to the Board meeting, and there will be a vote taken at that meeting to close the project.

Presentations

Board of Education Goals

Superintendent Battista gave the Board a brief presentation on the District 2015-2018 Goals and stated they are published on the website. He noted there are five themes:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Human/Financial Resources
- Facilities
- Educational Resources
- Community Building

Each theme has a Belief Statement, Goals, and Objectives. *Superintendent Battista* said that action steps for objectives were created and updated in September 2017. He stressed that, even if an objective shows as completed, it is ongoing and reviewed. *Superintendent Battista* asked for the Board's input on how they wanted to proceed with the next set of goals. It was determined that Spring 2018 would be a good time to reassess, as the elections would be over, the budget process completed, and they could have the input of the new superintendent.

Old Business

Curriculum-Instructional Materials and Resources Proposals

Motion to approve the following Instructional Materials and Resources Proposals: World Languages, Grade 12, Tejidos; World Languages, Grade 12, APprenons; and World Languages, Grade 11-12, Imagina

Motion: (A. Vaglivello)

Second: (J. Stevens)

Discussion: None

Motion passed 9 (Lane, King, Monaco, Cascella, Ferris, Martinez, Reinoso, Stevens, and Vaglivello)-0

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Policies

Motion to approve the following Policies: Policy #5113-Students-Attendance and Truancy; Policy # 5113.2-Students-Truancy; Policy #5114-Students-Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process; Policy # 5125-Students-Student Records: Confidentiality; and Policy # 5131-Students-Student Conduct

Motion: (A. Vaglivelio)

Second: (C. Cascella)

Discussion: None

Motion passed 9 (Lane, King, Monaco, Cascella, Ferris, Martinez, Reinoso, Stevens, and Vaglivelio)-0

17-071

New Business

There was none at tonight's meeting

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: (C. Cascella)

Second: (J. Stevens)

Discussion: None

Motion passed 9 (Lane, King, Monaco, Cascella, Ferris, Martinez, Reinoso, Stevens, and Vaglivelio)-0

17-072

Respectfully submitted,



Shannon Reilly
Board of Education Secretary