# MONROEVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

## OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

January 8, 2024

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The Board of Education, Monroeville Local School District, Huron County, Ohio, met on this date in the Monroeville Athletic Community (MAC) Meeting Room.

The regular meeting called to order by President, Betsy Ruggles,

Kristin Kaple-Jones, Superintendent and Paul DeMarco.

I. **CALL TO ORDER** (Time: 7:00 p.m.)

#### II. ROLL CALL

For the record, the Board members remained in the meeting following the organizational meeting and no roll call was taken.

III. MISSION STATEMENT: The vision of the Monroeville Local School Board is Excellence in Education for all students. Our district assures each student a well-rounded educational program leading to rewarding careers. In addition, our district will foster students who are critical thinkers, creative problem solvers and socially responsible individuals. Through the collaboration of school, home and community, every Monroeville graduate will be well prepared for the global challenges of the 21st century.

#### IV. APPROVE AGENDA:

2024-4 Motion: Smith; 2<sup>nd:</sup> Ruggles;

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye; Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye.

**Motion Passed** 

## V. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (By Law 0169.1)

Public Meeting notices are posted in the Central Office. If you are interested in being added to the Board's Agenda under Public Participation, requests are to be made in the Central Office.

There shall be no negative public commentary directed at employees, Board members, students or members of the public in accordance with Board policy. Such comments will only be heard in Executive Session, if appropriate, and determined by the Board President or presiding officer of the Board pursuant with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1).

1. Recognition of Board for Board of Education Month January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting

Dr. Kaple Jones presented a certificate of Appreciation.

### VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 regular meeting @ December 12, 2023 Special meeting minutes.

2024-5 Motion: Allen; 2<sup>nd:</sup> Bemis;

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye; Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye

**Motion Passed** 

### VII. OLD BUSINESS:

The Association for Private Counseling contract that was Board approved at the December 2023 meeting is limited

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:** 

## TREASURER'S REPORT

2024-06

A. Approve the financial reports as submitted for December 2023.

Motion: Allen; 2<sup>nd:</sup> Bemis;

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye; Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye

2024-07

B.

Approve the Then & Now certificate for purchase order 231855 - First Citizens Bank for \$4,933.35

Approve the Then & Now certificate for purchase order - 90805537 Great Lakes Electric for \$11,535.00

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2024-08

Motion: Helmstetter, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bemis;

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye. 2024-09

C. Approve the FY25 Tax Budget as submitted.

Motion: Allan, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ruggles;

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye. 2024-10

D. Approve the FY23 Financial Statements (GAAP Conversions) as submitted.

Motion: Helmstetter, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bemis;

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

## A. BUSINESS:

2024-11

- 1. Approve the Grade 3 Paper Testing Choice and District Resolution Collection for 2024 2025
- **2.** Approve the participation in OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for the 2024 calendar year
- **3.** Approve the annual membership to OSBA for the year 2024
- **4.** Approve the membership to Ohio Education Policy Institute for the year 2024

Motion: Helmstetter, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Betsy;

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye.

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2024-12 Motion: Allen; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith.

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye; Ruggles: Aye, and Smith: Aye.

**Motion Passed** 

2024-13

#### **B. EMPLOYMENT:**

- 1. Approve Megan Harvey from Bachelors Step 2 to Masters Step 2
- 2. Approve the following teachers for High Dosage tutoring:
  - Jamie Gehring
  - Rachel Hamm
  - Tracy Weis
  - Megan Harvey
- 3. Approve Jefferson Fair, Aide Step 0, effective January 9, 2024

Motion: Ruggles, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Helmstetter.

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye. 2024-14

## C. DONATIONS:

Accept the following donations for the Giving Tree:

- \$1,000 from Christopher Carroll
- \$1,000 in Meijer gift cards from Janotta & Herner

Motion: Ruggles, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Helmstetter.

ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye.

X. **DISCUSSION:** Next Board Meeting Feb 20, 2024 at 7 pm.

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1. X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bemis 2024-15 The motion was to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye. The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. with no action to follow. Motion: Bemis; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith; 2024-16 The motion was made to exit Executive Session and return to the Public meeting. ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:19 p.m. XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Time: 9:20 p.m. Motion: Smith; 2<sup>nd:</sup> Bemis; ROLL CALL: Allen: Aye, Bemis: Aye, Helmstetter: Aye, Ruggles: Aye, Smith: Aye. Motion Passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

Paul DeMarco, Treasurer

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Betsy Ruggles, Board President