

MONROEVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

November 18, 2024

The Board of Education, Monroeville Local School District, Huron County, Ohio, met on this date in the Board Office Eby Room.

This special 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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. ROLL CALL

Allen: present Bemis: present Helmstetter: present Ruggles: present Smith:

present 2024-258

V. **APPROVE AGENDA:**

**There were two amendments to the agenda made during the meeting. Superintendent's Report # A. 3 and 4, as well as number 1 under Donations.*

M: Smith 2nd: Allen

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

VI. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (Bylaw 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)***

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- Kristen W. Cardone, LPCC-S – Huron County Board of Mental Health & Addiction Services: Mrs. Cardone presented to the Board the services offered by the LPCC-S.
- Senior Class Trip – Amanda Steiber/Jen Harvey: The Senior Class advisors presented the Board with the plans for this year's Senior Class trip to Tennessee. They asked the Board to vote on the issue during this meeting.
- Test Score Presentation – Mrs. Coral Fischer presented academic progress to the Board.

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VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve the regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting.

M: Allen 2nd: Helmstetter

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Helmstetter proposed the District begin working on an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy. Dr. Kaple-Jones informed the Board that this policy is being developed by our legal counsel.

Mrs. Smith shared her experience at Capital Conference. She suggested we begin researching grants and develop a program that would allow students to grow food that can be served in the school cafeteria.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

2024-260

- A.** Approve the financial reports for September 2024

M: Helmstetter 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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- B.** Approve the November 5-year forecast as presented.

M: Smith 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. BUSINESS:

2024-262

- 1.** Approve the updated board policy 9.48 Specific Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles Concerning Political Movements, or Ideology

M: Helmstetter 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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- 2.** Approve the 36-month Postage Meter Rental Agreement with Quadient

M: Helmstetter 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2024-264

- 3.** Mr. Bemis made a motion to amend the agenda to allow for the Board to vote to approve this year's Senior Class trip. Mrs. Allen seconded the motion.

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2024-265

- 4.** Approve the 2024-2025 school year Sr. Class trip to Tennessee.

M: Allen 2nd: Helmstetter

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

B. EMPLOYMENT:

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2024-266

1. Approve Rebecca Schoolcraft - 1 year contract (2024-2025) as a Bus Driver, Step 20 (contingent on submission of required paperwork)

M: Helmstetter 2nd: Smith

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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2. Approve the following as paid van drivers:
 - George Roeder
 - Jerrel Valliant (pending certification)

M: Bemis 2nd: Ruggles

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2024-268

3. Approve the following coaches for the 2024 – 2025 school year:
 - Austin Gossett as JV Boys Basketball Coach - Step 0
 - Brandon Dresser Freshman Boys Basketball Coach - Step 0

M: Smith 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2024-269

4. Approve the following correction for the 2024 – 2025 school year:
 - Jim Roeder – Originally listed (8/19/24) as Assistant Wrestling Coach – Step 4 needs changed to Wrestling Coach - Volunteer

M: Ruggles 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2024-270

5. Approve the Resolution to Terminate Employment Contract of Non-Teaching Employee.

M: Allen 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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6. Approve the Ohio Military Veteran Educator Program Bonus payment to the following employees hired after July 1, 2023:

- a. Mrs. Debra Hartley
- b. Mr. Jarrel Valliant
- c. Mr. Paul DeMarco
- d. Any others the meet the criteria.

The bonus payment is pending approval after submission of the required paperwork (DD-214 and an Honorable Discharge). The recipient will receive \$3,000 after completion of 1 year of employment in the district. Monroeville Local Schools will be reimbursed for this bonus payment through our State Foundation payments. The district will also receive an additional \$1,500 per awardee as a bonus for hiring prior service members.

M: Allen 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2024-272

7. Advance Mr. Kevin Coy to Step 7 on the Classified Salary Schedule.

M: Helmstetter 2nd: Smith

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

C. DONATIONS:

2024-273

1. Accept the donation of \$2,000 from the 21st Century Foundation to the Class of 2025 Fund.

M: Bemis 2nd: Smith

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

X. DISCUSSION:

- December 16, 2024 Board Meeting @ 7 p.m.

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XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code permits discussion in executive session for the following specified purposes: **The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individual unless such person requests a public hearing.**

TIME IN: 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Allen Seconded by Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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TIME OUT: 9:47 p.m.

M: Bemis 2nd: Smith

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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XII. ADJOURNMENT: Time: 9:48p.m.

M: Allen 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

Attest:

Board President:

Treasurer:

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