

MONROEVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS
OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
December 19, 2022

The Board of Education, Monroeville Local School District, Huron County, Ohio, met on this date in the Monroeville Athletic Community (MAC) Meeting Room. The Special Meeting – Work Session was called to order by President, Betsy Ruggles, Kristin Kaple-Jones, Superintendent and Jude T. Hammond, Treasurer.

I. CALL TO ORDER (Time: 6:05 p.m.)

II. ROLL CALL

Allen: Present; Bemis: Present; Helmstetter: Present; Ruggles: Present; Smith: Present.

III. DISCUSSION:

The Work Session was called to discuss and share the information obtained from the Ohio School Boards' Association (OSBA) Capital Conference held in November.

1. Mr. Helmstetter led the discussion on his observations and thoughts upon attending the Conference. The items he discussed were as follows:

- The use of cameras and the coordination with the Monroeville Police Department to have access;
- Virtual Learning tools to be used for the students, Mike mentioned a company named Prizm who has a device that are designed to have a 3-D image for students to wear as glasses;
- Solar panels to be installed on our facilities to integrate with our electrical service designed to reduce the electric billings; Mike shared a document from a company called Melink Solar;
- Board Self-Assessment process to help with Board Governance;
- Wildlife Grant program;
- Creating non-elected/non-voting Board members from the Student Body to have input from the students at the Board level;
- Hope Squad program designed to provide a Peer-to-Peer network to help students in crisis.

2. Mrs. Smith discussed the following topics that she gathered from the Conference:

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- Mental Health Awareness and programs designed to help students who are experiencing difficulties coping with issues at home and school;
 - Staffing standards using statewide models;
 - Gender recognition issues that are a challenge for students, staff and the Board to understand;
 - Therapeutic animals (dogs) to help reduce stress for students.
3. Mrs. Ruggles discussed the following items:
- difficult times gaining voter support for Tax Levies;
 - Administrative Salary and other compensation to attract and retain administrators and other key personnel;
 - Live streaming Board meetings.
4. Dr. Kaple-Jones discussed the following:
- The importance of Engaging Board, Staff, Students and Community to map out the direction of the District;
 - Hiring practices for key personnel;
 - Understanding the recent congressional changes to Title IX as it relates to student learning.
5. Mr. Hammond discussed the following:
- Recent Court decisions that may affect our decision-making and what we need to be aware to avoid being sued, including recent cases involving the students' rights as it relates to gender;
 - Discussion on the next Budget Bill to be enacted by July 1, 2023 for a two-year budget cycle.

IV. ADJOURNMENT: Time: 6:55 p.m.

Motion: Smith; 2nd: Bemis;

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

Motion Passed, and the special meeting was adjourned.

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Betsy S. Ruggles
Betsy Ruggles, Board President

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