MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, March 18, 2024
Masuk High School
1014 Monroe Turnpike

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AGENDA

7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Report of the Committees**

4. **Public Participation**

5. **Report of the Chairman**

   A. Acknowledgement of Donations

6. **Consent Agenda**

   A. Approval of Minutes
   B. Approval of Warrant and Wire
   C. Review of Budget Transfers
   D. Notification of New Hire
   E. Notification of Retirement

7. **Report of the Superintendent**

   A. Review of the February Fund Activity Statement
   B. Report of the March 15 PD Day

8. **Presentation - Reading**

9. **Unfinished Business**

   None

10. **New Business**
    A. Approval to Extend the Superintendent's Contract - Vote Anticipated
    B. Healthy Food Certification - Vote Anticipated

11. **Adjournment**

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. Reports of the Committees

4. **Public Participation**

The Board welcomes public participation and asks that speakers please limit their comments in terms of time. Generally, three (3) minutes per speaker is allotted. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the overall public comment portion of the meeting based on the number of participants or if time constraints warrant it. Observers to Board of Education Meetings are always welcome. Speakers should state their name and address for the record. However, student speakers should state their name only. Participation is an opportunity for the Board of Education to listen to comments from the community regarding items on the agenda for this meeting. As an elected Board of the Town of Monroe, feedback from the citizens of Monroe is important and helps to inform this Board of community perceptions and concerns. On select occasions, the Board Chairman may find it helpful to provide feedback or call upon a district administrator to clarify a statement made in Public Participation. However, it should not be the expectation that the Board will respond to comments or questions offered during Public Participation given the time constraints and structure of the meeting agenda. Specific questions pertaining to the district may be forwarded directly to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, as appropriate, outside of this meeting. The Monroe Board of Education does pledge that any person who speaks during Public Participation will have the full attention of the members of the Board. Written statements are always welcome, and copies will be provided to the Board of Education Members. **Immediate replies to questions/concerns should not be expected (Board Chairman's discretion).**

5. **Report of the Chairman**

A. Acknowledgement of Donations

1. David Wolfe, Monroe resident, donated a television to Jockey Hollow. It will be used in the cafeteria to display student reminders and school announcements throughout the day.

2. The Monroe Rotary Club has donated books to every third grade classroom library in the District.

6. **Consent Agenda**

A. Approval of Minutes

1. The Board of Education Minutes from March 4, 2024, are submitted for approval.

B. Approval Warrants

1. Warrant #S021524w, dated February 29, 2024, in the amount of $4,337.00

2. Warrant #S030424, dated March 4, 2024, in the amount of $431,883.13

3. Warrant #S030724, dated March 7, 2024, in the amount of $148,857.84

C. Review of the Budget Transfer

1. Transfer Request for Masuk Athletics and Masuk Athletics Transfer

D. Notification of New Hire - Kimberly Petrafesa, School Counselor, Stepney Elementary

E. Notification of Retirement - Judi Rice - Fawn Hollow Teacher

Draft Motion: Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

7. Report of the Superintendent

A. Review of February 2024 Fund Activity Statement

B. Report of the March 15 PD Day

8. Presentation - Reading - Mike Crowley, Director of Instruction and PD, and Kim Nelly, K-5 ELA Secondary Instructional Leader

- **Presentation Slides: K-3 Reading Board Presentation 3-18-2024**

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

A. Approval to Extend the Superintendent's Contract- Vote Anticipated

Draft Motion: Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract commencing July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027

B. Healthy Food Certification - Vote Anticipated

1. **The BOE must vote "yes" or "no"** for implementing the healthy food option of C.G.S. Section 10-215f and follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS). **The motion and BOE-approve meeting minutes must include the exact language below:**

> Draft Motion: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

2. If the BOE votes "no" to participation in the healthy food option, a vote on whether to allow food exceptions is **not** required. This vote is required for all BOEs that vote "yes" to participate in the healthy food option. The motion and BOE-approved meeting minutes must reflect a "yes" or "no" vote to allow food exemptions using the **exact motion language** below:

   Draft Motion: The Monroe Public Schools Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.

3. Optional vote for beverage exemptions for all BOEs

   The state beverage requirements (C.G.S. Section 10-221q) apply to all public schools, regardless of whether the district participates in the NSLP or certifies for the healthy food option of HFC. BOEs may choose whether to allow beverage exemptions. Districts without a beverage exemption in place can never sell non-compliant beverages to students on school premises.

   If the BOE chooses to allow beverage exemptions, the BOE motion must include the **exact motion language** below:

   Draft Motion: The Monroe Public Schools Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The "school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

11. Adjournment