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**August 9, 2011 at 3:00 pm.**

Workshop  
A.J. Henriquez Adm. Bldg.  
Board Room

**VISION STATEMENT:** *Graduates of Monroe County Schools are Responsible and Well Informed Global Citizens who are College and/or Career Ready.*

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- PRESIDING:** John R. Dick, Chair
- PRESENT:** John Dick; Andy Griffiths; Duncan Mathewson; Robin Smith-Martin; Dr. Jesus Jara, Superintendent and School Board Attorney Richard Collins
- ABSENT:** Ron Martin, called in with Just Cause due to the illness of his Spouse.

**WORKSHOP — TIME APPROXIMATE 3:00 pm**

1. Caveon Test Security Policy, Christina McPherson presented the draft policy with the Board.
2. HOB Construction Budget Update, Michael Kinneer provided an update to the Board on the financials.
3. EPIC Update, Theresa Axford recapped EPIC program and what the state is mandating in the levels. She explained the realignment of the EPIC committee and announced the new members of the committee and the UTM committee members. It will be ratified after receiving feedback from the State and gives us the go ahead to move forward. They will be using the Danielson model; overarching model being used and now will decide how to roll out the training to teachers in general. Implementation is expected to be this school year and is mandated. 67 districts are participating. The district will meet on Friday with the UTM.
4. District/Superintendent's Goals and Superintendent's Evaluation Tool, Superintendent Jara/Ken Gentile. Dr. Jara presented his lofty goals to the Board and he would like an open discussion on the five goals and prioritizing them as necessary. Mr. Martin is pleased with what was presented and stated he would like to see this adopted at the executive level as well. Dr. Mathewson would like to know which standards State or National, the Principals would like to go with for teachers. Mr. Griffiths would like to see more action and review on the climate surveys.
5. Discussion on Marathon Manor, Chairman Dick was contacted by Curtis Skomp about the Marathon Manor and possibly assisting the District in selling. With the DCA changes the TBR's transferable building rights may have value now. The Board agreed to have him come to speak to the Board, but maybe a process should be outlined to compete for selling the manor.

**Added at the meeting:**

6. Ocean Studies Charter School Fire Inspection Update – Superintendent Jara looked through the CO presented by OSCS and in looking at some of the requirements in was noted that there are life safety issues that still have not been handled. A letter from the County Fire Marshall outlining the safety issues has been received today and he shared it with the Board. Dr. Jara did speak with OSCS and the issues will be addressed by them with the Fire Marshall. There may be a possibility that if this is not handled, they will not open as expected.
7. Legislative Proposals – Andy Griffiths presented to the proposals to the Board. He presented the Local required effort reduced from 90 to 80 and reduce categorical. Allow same districts when property value falls that we can reinstate critical needs millage without a referendum. The consensus of the Board is to move forward with presenting these at the meeting.
8. Audit and Finance Committee Update on Custodial Bid 431 – Stuart Kessler states the AFC does not express an opinion on whether this is fair to employees or not. The AFC met with the vendors and those that attended. Strictly from a financial aspect is that there will a financial savings to the District. The committee has serious reservations to move in a bid on this. The overtime rate was not specified in the bid. Robin Smith-Martin mentioned the quote in the paper from an AFC member, but did thank the AFC for their participation. Dr. Mathewson is discouraged in the 40% salary reduction proposed in the bid and the annual take home will be greatly affected.

**CITIZEN INPUT:** The following addressed the Board:

Letters from Isaac Rosa & Margo Romero into the record, Wendell Robinson, Amada Fajardo (via interpreter letter), Holly Hummel Gorman and Captain Davison.

**SPECIAL ACTION ITEMS**

**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent,**

Andy Griffiths motioned, Dr. Mathewson seconded to approve the

1. Approve Bid 431 Award and Contract with GCA for Custodial Services. GCA Rationale  
08/08/2011

Dr. Mathewson is not in favor of this as presented. Mr. Martin reminded the Board and public that a lot of people have already been let go that affect academic achievement some of the most vital positions. We are in a bad situation right now in the budget and we must make bold moves. Dr. Jara explained what would happen if the budget went lower than 2% which includes the oversight by the state board. Dr. Jara stated that the district and union will meet on August 18 for impact bargaining. RSM give to GCA w.55 employees at a higher rate rather than 70 at a lower rate, but Mr. Collins stated that believed the RFP process would have to occur again. Mr. Dick does not personally want to vote on a budget that will cause oversight.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Griffiths No  
Mr. Martin Yes  
Dr. Mathewson No  
Mr. Smith-Martin Yes  
Mr. Dick Yes

Motion passed

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**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent,**

Dr. Mathewson motioned, Mr. Smith-Martin seconded to approve the

2. Approve Recommendations for Administrative Personnel for 2011-2012 School Year.
  - a. Steve Vinson

Motion passed without objection

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**Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent,**

**Dr. Mathewson** motioned, Mr. Griffiths seconded to approve the

3. Recommendations for Instructional Personnel for 2011-2012 School Year.

Motion passed without objection

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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**John R. Dick, Chair**

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**Dr. Jesus Jara, Interim Superintendent**