

The Board of School Trustees meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

The complete meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Members present: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides*, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street
(*via Zoom)

President Fuentes-Rohwer led a moment of silence and tribute honoring Mr. Keith Klein who passed away January 25, 2021. Mr. Klein was a member of the board from 2009 – 2021, serving as president 2012-2015. He loved Bloomington and MCCSC and was a strong proponent for public education and an advocate for all students. [Read the full tribute here](#).

Call to Order: Board President Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer called the hearing on a proposed superintendent contract to order at 6:00 p.m.

President Fuentes-Rohwer recapped the timeline and statutes the Board followed for the hearing on a proposed superintendent contract.

Public Comment: Three members of the public made comment.

President Fuentes-Rohwer closed the hearing at 6:09 p.m.

Board President Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer called the regular Board of School Trustees meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Celebration of Success – Dr. Mobley recognized and congratulated:

Maker Challenge contest overall champions honored

The 4th annual Maker Challenge question, “what can be designed using simple machines to improve the lives of the people in Bloomington during a pandemic?” The fourth-grade students (online and in-person) rose to the challenge by using drawings, models and prototypes to develop a stop motion video that showcased their invention virtually.

This year MCCSC collaborated with The Mill, a coworking space for innovators and entrepreneurs in Bloomington who helped students learn from a community partner about being an entrepreneur and what it meant to turn an idea into a business. The Mill also provided a volunteer to partner with each school and helped with school judging.

The overall winners were identified in the following categories:

- Best Use of Stop Motion: Miranda's Mart by Miranda Rader (Ray-der), Grandview
- Best Innovation for Health & Safety: Dining Enclosure with Vacuum Tube & Pulley by Brendan Funk, Templeton
- Best Innovation for Entertainment: The Game Shaker by Madison Spier (Speer), Childs
- Best Innovation for Community Building: The Need Help/Give Help Website by Walter Voyles, Templeton

MCCSC recognizes Equity Spotlight Award – University Elementary

Lily Albright, principal at Unionville Elementary School, nominated University Elementary School. In her nomination, she wrote: University Elementary Schools' commitment to equity and inclusion is genuinely inspirational, powerful, and deserving of recognition. The teachers, staff are setting examples observable in the school culture, teaching, and leadership. I am most encouraged by UES's commitment to examine, reflect, and grow as a diverse learning community.

University Elementary School Principal Glen Hopkins describes the schools' commitment to equity and inclusion as something beyond welcoming students and families' global population "We must start with ourselves by examining our biases and practices." Hopkins said, "University's staff and faculty and PTO are dedicated to meet the needs of our students and families in this ever-changing environment."

MCCSC recognizes the first Unified Coaches Association in the Country

In the fall of 2013, the IHSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC) recommended the establishment of a Unified Track and Field State Championship as the 21st IHSAA sanctioned sport. Since then, the IHSAA has added Unified Flag Football (2018) and Bowling (2018) high school state championship tournaments.

The Unified Coaches Association of Indiana (UCAIn) was organized in January 2021, the first in the country. The mission is to support, inform and educate those individuals coaching high school unified sports in the Hoosier state. Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team based on a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. It has continued to show that participation in sports has the power to break down social barriers and stereotypes.

Congratulations to **Brooke Fleener**, Unified Track Coach at BHS North for all your efforts to ensure this tremendous accomplishment on behalf of all our students.

MCCS Foundation – Mrs. Cyrilla Helm, Director of the MCCS Foundation provided an update on current and upcoming Foundation events.

Superintendent Report:

Announced Kindergarten Online Registration opens Monday, February 2, more information can be found on our website. Encouraged parents/guardians along with their kindergarteners to join a Virtual Kindergarten Open House available to view beginning February 10th using the following link www.mccsc.edu/kreg.

Mentioned that MCCSC will have a free FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion event on Wednesday, February 24 from 4-7 PM. More information will be in the weekly Parent Communication newsletter.

Reminded everyone on Monday, February 15 schools will be closed for President's Day.

Stated the Girls in Engineering, Math & Science conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2021 and will be virtual this year. Although it may be a few months away, I wanted to provide you with the date to mark on your calendars. More information will be forthcoming in the weekly parent newsletter and on the MCCSC website.

Read portions of a letter to the State Board of Education, Indiana Secretary of Education - Dr. Katie Jenner and Governor Holcomb requesting online testing for students for IREAD, ILEARN and ISTEP or allow teachers to keep this precious time teaching students and not require state testing.

Public Comment: Three members of the public made comment.

Curriculum and Instruction presented the following:

- Spring Testing Requirements was provided for information by Dr. Marky Winston, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- MCCSC C.A.R.E.S was presented by Mrs. Becky Rose, Director of Student Services
- Equity Access and Opportunities report was presented by Mr. Hasan, Equity and

Inclusion Coordinator

- Ready School Entrepreneurship Update was presented by Dr. Markay Winston, ASE Principal Alexis Harmon, and Director of Elementary Education Dr. Deb Prenkert

Items approved by the Board:

Consent Agenda: Memorandum from the following Executive Sessions December 8, 9, 10 and 12, 2020; Minutes from the Board Meeting held on December 15, 2020; Minutes of the Reorganizational meeting held on January 5, 2021; Financial Report (December 2020); Food Assistance Fund (December 2020); Appropriation Balance Report (December 2020); Register of Claims (January 26, 2021); Payroll Register and Payroll Claims (December 2020); and the Request to Declare as Surplus and Authorize Disposal of Out-of-Date Items were recommended for approval as part of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Brandon Shurr, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Donations –President Fuentes-Rohwer reviewed and recommended approval of the donations.

Motion by Elizabeth Ruh, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Personnel Report – Dr. Mobley recommended approval of the Personnel Report as presented.

Motion by Martha K. Street, second by Brandon Shurr

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Memorandum of Understanding - Dr. Mobley recommended approval of the MOU between the Monroe County Community School Corporation and Monroe County Education Association as presented.

Motion by Martha K. Street, second by Brandon Shurr

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

President Funtres-Rohwer presented a letter requesting COVID-19 vaccine for school personnel.

Contracts – Mr. Kenny recommended approval of six contracts and one change order as presented.

Motion by Martha K. Street, second by Elizabeth Ruh

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Authorization to Bid – Mr. Kenny recommended approval of the Authorization to Bid as presented.

Motion by Brandon Shurr, second by Martha K. Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh,

Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Resolution 2021-03: Transferring Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund was recommended for adoption by Mr. Kenny.

Motion by Elizabeth Ruh, second by Martha K . Street

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Cathy Fuentes-Rohwer, Jacinda Townsend Gides, April Hennessey, Elizabeth Ruh, Brandon Shurr, and Martha K. Street

Adjournment

President Fuentes-Rohwer adjourned the meeting 8:16 p.m.