

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
January 14, 2013

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Burnett at 6:15 P.M.

Members present: Nancy Burnett, Robert Warden, Tony Stroda, Jennifer Gamache, Superintendent Randall Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Member absent: Mylrea Estell.

Also present: Building Principals Brenda Goracke and Bill Crowson.

The meeting moved immediately into executive session to review a student expulsion as per ORS 332.061(1)(a).

The meeting returned to open session at 6:30 P.M.

Members present: Nancy Burnett, Robert Warden, Tony Stroda, Jennifer Gamache, Superintendent Randall Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Veda Rose Kreth.

Member absent: Mylrea Estell.

Also present: Building Principals Brenda Goracke and Bill Crowson, Patrons Betsy Pitcher; Kati Bateman and Sherrie Deaton.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012 as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and the following item added:

C. Approval to Hire:

3. Jennifer Potterf, Title I Assistant, temporary position

The listing of bills paid in December was reviewed. Board members would like to see a comparison of electricity consumption. Mr. Crowson will have a report ready for the February meeting.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

The thank you letter to the Gray Family Foundation was read.

There was no public input.

Mr. Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- A representative from Troxell held a document camera presentation for administrators. The company handles all different brands. Mr. Crowson would like to order a universal brand so we could use the same type of projection bulbs and filters for all cameras. The representative visited all classrooms on both campuses and made recommendations based on teacher requests and classroom configuration. The installation technician will do a walk through later this week. Mr. Crowson explained that a document camera allows teachers to take a document from their computer, project it through the camera onto a screen. Students can then manipulate the document on the screen. Each teacher on both campuses will have a document camera courtesy of the Gray Family Foundation.

Mrs. Goracke announced that her building has started state testing. They have several parents who volunteer to help, donating many hours of time to help in the classroom so that the Assistants can stay with their students.

There are three Lego Robotics teams at the grade school; two of those teams are going to state. A new high school Lego Robotics team will have their first competition in February. Most of the Lego gear has been moved from Mr. Beatley's classroom to the blue storage building. This allows the displays to remain set up and gives back space in the classroom.

Also, Mrs. Goracke explained that a gym light has been repaired and restored to the safety chains. While the scissor-lift was in the gym, the walls and ceiling were dusted. The gym looks really nice.

Student enrollment as of the end of December was reported as holding at 451 K-12.

Student recommendations on the Student Communication Devices policy, administrative regulations and handbook descriptions were reviewed. Veda Rose Kreth spoke for the High School Student Council. Written recommendations from the Grade School Co-Vice Presidents and Junior and Senior Class Presidents are enclosed. There was general discussion. Mr. Crowson explained that because the students are a responsible group and he trusts them, he would like to give the students more responsibility. He would like to take the student recommendations and work with the administrators to update the policies, then report back to the Board. There were no objections. The Board thanked the grade school and high school student councils for their detailed input. They did a great job.

Jennifer Gamache took the Chair temporarily in order to discuss item 8.B.1) "hiring" Nancy Burnett as a non-paid high school Volleyball Assistant Coach for 2013-14. Robert Warden moved to approve the appointment. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0 (Nancy Burnett abstained).

Chair returned to Nancy Burnett.

After the second reading, Tony Stroda moved to approve the subject policy, administrative regulations and forms as revised. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The 2014 Fiddle Camp was discussed. If the camp was held in June after the Alumni Reunion, it may not interfere much with summer cleaning. The group will pay for all utilities and labor costs incurred. They may need the entire Commons for classes, the gravel parking lot and football practice field for RV parking and tents. There would be no profit for the district, but the week long event may be good for the community. There were no objections voiced from the Board.

Mr. Crowson explained that the Achievement Compact Committee has been meeting to work on goals. The committee consists of himself, Brenda Goracke, Bill Crowson, licensed staff members Lory Bechtold and Whitney Connolly, and classified staff member Roxane Tacy. The revised due date is June 30, 2013. The committee will continue to work together.

The following Board Zone terms will expire June 30, 2013: Zone 1 held by Jennifer Gamache, Zone 4 held by Robert Warden, and Zone 5 held by Tony Stroda. February 11 is the first possible day to file, and March 21 is the deadline to file.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Burnett at 7:33 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary