

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
February 11, 2013

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Burnett at 6:30 P.M.

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

Also present: Building Principal Brenda Goracke; Monroe City Councilor Carol McGlasson; Patrons Julie Stroda, Trevor Stroda, Katie Bateman, Carl Deaton, Laura Warden, Lorene Smith, Betsy Pitcher.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013 as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and the following item added:

D. Approval of Volunteers:

6) Jennifer Gamache, 5-8 Grade Track Coach

The listing of bills paid in January was reviewed.

The list of spring coaches to hire and the list of volunteers to approve was reviewed and discussed.

The written request from Rosie Fuhrmann to extend her maternity leave was distributed.

The Board reviewed the letter of resignation from Connie Madsen, effective March 29, 2013.

The Board reviewed the following resolutions: 1213-001 Accept & Expend Grants for Technology Improvements and 1213-002 Accept & Expend Grant for LEGO Robotics First Tech Challenge.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Monroe City Councilor Carol McGlasson reported that they still expect an April opening date for the new library. Randall Crowson mentioned that he will meet with the librarian to talk about shared services.

Mr. Crowson reported that the heating project is now complete. Willamette ESD coordinated the project and came in under budget. The ESD returned \$29,000 which the District then used toward the loan. He will send a letter of commendation. The ESD worked hard on the paperwork and did a nice job.

The Title I Compliance letter was reviewed by the Board. The District was audited last year, and due to hard work on the part of Nancy Williams and Patty Beauchamp, the District is in compliance with state and federal requirements for the 2011-12 school year. Ms. Williams and Ms. Beauchamp also wrote a targeted program for our schools.

Katie Bateman voiced her concerns about having consistency with the teaching staff in the Kindergarten classroom.

Katie Bateman also asked about Board zone boundaries and what is needed to change the boundaries. She said that some times a person is interested in serving on the Board but lives in the wrong zone. There was general discussion about Board zones.

Lorene Smith asked for clarification concerning a letter sent home regarding flu and the norovirus. Brenda Goracke explained that a doctor's note is needed if a child has been absent three consecutive days. There followed general discussion of the district's attendance policy and the compulsory attendance law.

Katie Bateman asked about the weapons policy and lock down drills. Randall Crowson explained that the District has communication directly with Fire Chief Rick Smith and the Benton County Resource Officer. When asked if those procedures could be sent home to the parents, he explained that those procedures are kept confidential and are not to be released to the general public. He assured Mrs. Bateman that emergency contact procedures are in place in case the parents need to be notified. A risk assessment has been done within the past year.

Betsy Pitcher asked if, once the technology project was complete, the old overhead projectors would be for sale. Elmira Public Library is looking for a good, used projector. Mr. Crowson explained that any projectors not purchased with federal funds and in good working order would be declared as surplus by the Board. It was suggested that the library also contact the OSUsed Store (the surplus warehouse on the Oregon State University campus).

Student enrollment as of the end of January was reported as down from the previous month at 441 K-12.

Mr. Crowson explained that electricity costs have been up by \$500 in October, \$900 in November, and \$400 in December; but there were zero fuel costs. We will be able to analyze energy costs better as more time goes by.

The current 2012-13 school calendar was discussed. Originally, the professional development day in May was scheduled so it would not conflict with Forest Camp. Then, Forest Camp was rescheduled, conflicting with the May 3 professional development day. Mr. Crowson recommends canceling the May 3 professional development day and making it a regular student contact day. Tony Stroda so moved. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Open Enrollment for 2013-14 was discussed and the class guidelines were reviewed. The open enrollment application form will be posted on our web site.

The 2014 Fiddle Camp was discussed. Mr. Crowson explained that the group will pay for all utilities and labor costs incurred. They may need the 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. If there are no objections from the Board, Mr. Crowson will contact the sponsors to discuss scheduling the event. Ms. McGlasson, City Councilor was very interested in the event. Mr. Crowson will meet with Ms. McGlasson to discuss scheduling events. There were no objections from the Board.

The 2013-15 Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD Local Service Plan was reviewed. Randall Crowson recommended approving the plan. Mylrea Estell so moved. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board reviewed the OSEA Classified Employee Week Proclamation. Randall Crowson voiced his support. Motion to approve: Robert Warden. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Crowson recommended extending the current bus route on Territorial to pick up eight students who are currently on Open Enrollment or Interdistrict Transfers. The extension would be an additional 1.25 mile round trip. A photo was reviewed of the proposed new bus turn-around at the corner of Territorial and Ferguson roads. The turn-around appears to be a safe and open area. There was general discussion of the dangers to children walking on Territorial Road. Tony Stroda still favors a white beacon on the top of buses that travel Territorial Road. Robert Warden moved to approve the extended bus route as proposed. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The Home School Report was reviewed. Currently, there are 22 students within our district boundaries who are home schooled.

The revised policy and administrative regulations were reviewed and discussed. The second reading will be held in March.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Burnett at 7:31 P.M.