

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

The board meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Gamache at 7:00 P.M.

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

Member absent: Nancy Burnett. Member late: Mylrea Estell.

Also present: Building Principal Brenda Goracke; Teacher James Mulanax; students Eli Spirit, Jesse Boyd, Jesse Whiteis, Colin Howell; and patrons Katie Bateman, Bob Bateman, Amy Piper, Sarah Egbert, Shane Egbert, Lance Horning, Sherrie Deaton, Carl Deaton, Lorene Smith, Betsy Pitcher.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and the following item added:
7.B. Schedule Special Board meeting

The listing of bills paid in February was reviewed and discussed.

The Board reviewed the list of Notifications for 2012-13 licensed and administrative staff, as well as the list of Contracts for licensed staff.

The interdistrict transfer requests were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Crowson explained that Linda Crocker was previously approved as a volunteer high school track coach. They would like to offer her a contract for a paid assistant coaching position.

New volunteers include assistant baseball coach Ernest Reys, and 5-8 track coaches Ron Langley and Jessica Mosier.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

Vice-Chair Gamache read the thank you letter to S.E. Customs. Mr. Dyksterhuis donated his time and materials to paint graphics on the Principles of Technology electric car. The car was on display in the library.

Teacher James Mulanax explained to the Board that the Principles of Technology class designs and builds an electric car from scratch and then they race the car against students from other schools at

rallies. They find out what works, what doesn't work, then modify the vehicle to make it better. Students Eli Spirit, Jesse Boyd, Jesse Whiteis, and Colin Howell explained how the car works, and what modifications they have done and what modifications they are planning for the future. Working with each other they have learned about team work and leadership. Working with other school teams they have learned about sportsmanship. The students have an increased interest in fabrication, welding, and design. The next rally will be May 18 at 11:00 AM at Lane Community College. The team thanked Mr. Mulanax. The Board also thanked Mr. Mulanax and the team for their time and enthusiasm.

Note: Mylrea Estell arrived 7:35 P.M.

There was general discussion with audience members on interdistrict transfers and open enrollment. Board member Tony Stroda explained that, in order to maintain good relations with our neighboring districts, the Board has not recruited students in other districts.

There was general discussion with audience members on the Kindergarten program. Mr. Crowson apologized for the over-crowding in the classroom. Next year we will start with two classes as needed.

Tony Stroda commented that he is very pleased to see audience members at the past few board meetings. It is very helpful to have input.

Sarah Egbert explained that an "unofficial" parent group started at the grade school in 2009. This group raises money to fund the merit field trips. The last fund raiser was a Jog-a-thon which raised over \$9,000. The group would like guidelines for the trips to include approved transportation, bus requests, information on chaperones, cost, and time lines. There was general discussion on non-profit entities: how to form one, restrictions, and benefits. The Board commends the group's effort.

In light of the upcoming election, Katie Bateman asked the board members to give the audience members a brief summary of their years on the Board and a little about themselves. Tony Stroda explained that his father graduated high school from Monroe, as did he, as well as his son. He's been on the School Board for about 12 years. The most important thing they do is write policy and hire the administration. This Board works together as a team. Robert Warden explained he has been on the Board approximately 10 years. He was originally appointed to fill a vacancy left by Bonnie Moody. He enjoys being on the Board and seeing that the kids get what they need. Mylrea Estell explained that she saw an opportunity to serve the community when Bob O'Brien retired from the Board. She has also served on the Linn-Benton-Lincoln (LBL) Budget Committee and currently serves on the ESD Board. Jennifer Gamache explained that she is in her second year of a two year appointment. She originally wanted to represent the parents. She has found that it's not exactly what she thought it would be.

Student enrollment as of the end of February was reported as the same as the prior month. We have enrolled five new students this past week. Tony Stroda suggested adding noteworthy quotes from graduates to the school brochures. We could use the brochure next year during open enrollment.

Mr. Crowson reminded Board members that the deadline to file for the May election is March 21. Robert Warden has already filed.

The 2013-14 academic calendar was reviewed. Staff input indicated that if budget furlough days are needed, they would like to cut days during the week of Thanksgiving. Tony Stroda moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The classified union representative has suggested two dates to meet with the board representatives to begin negotiations. Robert Warden is available April 2 at 6:00 at the very earliest (after 6:00 is preferable). He is not available the second date the union suggested, April 25.

The Board reviewed revised policy and administrative regulations. After this second reading, Mylrea Estell moved to approve the changes as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that he has contacted the Secretary of States' Office regarding our Board zones. In 1978 the union high school district held an election to form the board zones. When the new district was formed in 1995, it adopted the union high district's rules and regulations, including the board zones. In order to change the board zoning, we would have to now hold an election. There was general discussion of this subject. The consensus is to send a survey to the parents to sample the electors. Do they want a change at all? If so, what type of configuration would they like to see? Mr. Crowson will send out a survey with the students to take home.

Mr. Crowson explained that we need to schedule a special board meeting with an executive session for a student expulsion hearing within the next ten school days. After discussion, the meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. in the Superintendent's office.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Gamache at 9:15 P.M.

Jennifer Gamache, Board Vice-Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary