

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
March 12, 2012

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 6:45 P.M.

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

The meeting moved immediately into executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:04 P.M.

Members present: Tony Stroda, Robert Warden, Mylrea Estell, Nancy Burnett, Jennifer Gamache, Superintendent Randall Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Alex Baker.

Also present: Patron Betsy Pitcher; employees Brenda Goracke and Bill Crowson.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2012 and February 23, 2012 as written. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no additions to the agenda.

The listing of bills paid and the expenditure statements for February were reviewed and discussed.

The list of surplus books was reviewed and discussed.

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

Mr. Crowson recommended the hiring of Assistant Softball Coach Chablis Fenner, and approve the 5-8 Track coaching volunteers Jennifer Gamache and James "Cass" Dykeman.

Nancy Burnett moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Bob Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Mylrea Estell read the thank you letter Pacific Power Foundation. Board members reviewed the news article, "A nice clean sport" regarding the Principles of Technology class. Mr. Crowson announced that the Dragon Pride Auction will be Saturday, March 17. Mr. Crowson invited board members and their guests to attend the Dinner. He is sponsoring a table as his contribution to the fund raiser. The Honor Society Banquet will be held Thursday, April 12. All Honor Society members are invited as well as the initiates and their parents.

There was no report from Tim Nash.

There was no public input.

Enrollment was reviewed as 475 K-12, dropping slightly from this time last year.

An expulsion hearing was scheduled for Monday, March 19 at 6:00 PM in the Superintendent's office.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- There are estimated to be cost over-runs on the heating system project. He will double check the figures and report back to the Board.
- He clarified that non-Monroe students are not allowed to attend Forest Camp.
- He is beginning the 2012-13 budgeting process. He expects the district will be flat-funded next year, however with rising costs we will still need to control expenses.
- Next year districts are required to adopt social studies textbooks. Monroe will not be able to afford to do that.
- He is researching alternatives to textbook adoptions.
- There will be an additional \$16,000 funded from the Clean Energy Works Oregon grant. These funds will be awarded at the end of the project.

Brenda Goracke reported that the grade school finished the second round of the "Tasting Table". This time students tried blueberries. There will be Martial Arts lessons in K-6 PE classes. These classes will focus on respect. There will be after school Martial Arts classes for grades K-6, or possibly through 8th grade. The Girls on the Run program is beginning. The program is for girls in grades 3-5 and focuses on self esteem. A Clay Day Club for 7-8 grade students who don't participate in sports began last week. This activity may help motivate students to stay off the ineligibility list. Participants will be able to work with Patty Hanchett in the creation of clay pottery and figurines. Whitney Welch is interested in starting a Drama Club for grades 5-8.

Bill Crowson reported that it is time for spring sports to begin and, of course, it's raining. He will be taking his last class tomorrow for this term to renew his administrative credential. The track athletes participated in a clinic last weekend in Hood River.

Randall Crowson commented that the high school students treat other students, staff, and visitors with respect. Students hold doors open for each other and for adults. They treat each other with respect and are generally pretty nice to each other. He recently had parents visiting from a neighboring school who witnessed such behavior and they were very impressed. We have a pretty amazing group of kids. Chair Stroda commented that all three administrators can take a pat on the back for teaching that good behavior.

Randall Crowson explained that he spoke with Jim Minard at City Hall regarding the high school parking drainage (or lack thereof). John Dillard, Monroe Telephone wrote a letter to the Benton County Commissioners, as did Mr. Crowson (copies are attached). He recently spoke with Trevor Stroda, who worked for Conser Quarry when they put the catch basin in the gravel parking lot. Mr. Stroda from Conser Quarry assured Randall Crowson that the high school is not tied into the City storm drains. Mr. Crowson will try and contact Ken Kohl at ODOT, will keep in contact with the City, and report back to the Board.

A special board meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Superintendent's office. This meeting will be held in executive session to review teacher performance. Any certified staff member may request that their performance be reviewed in open session.

Randall Crowson lead a discussion regarding 7-12 athletic participation fees. He would like to discontinue the fees for next year. Budgeted amounts and actual amounts collected for the past three years were reviewed. The item was tabled until more information is gathered.

Randall Crowson explained that he would like to review and revise the activity eligibility rules. He would like to align the new state standards to eligibility rules. Board members voiced concern that the district's high standards remain, but they are willing to review the rules.

There being no further business, Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary