

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
April 9, 2012

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Mylrea Estell.

Also present: Patron Betsy Pitcher; employees Brenda Goracke and Tim Johnson, and Tribune News reporter Sadie Moser.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2012 and March 19, 2012 as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

The list of surplus books was reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Crowson recommended Jessica Mosier as a volunteer 5-8 track coach. She lives locally, substitutes as a teacher, and also tutors three days a week at the high school.

Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board was reminded of the special board meeting on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Chair Stroda read the thank you letter to Ken Dawson, Dent Auto Repair. Mr. Dawson repaired and painted the stalls for the boys restroom at the high school for no charge.

There was no public input.

Enrollment was reviewed as 470 K-12, dropping a little.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- Requests for Proposals went out for copy machines. The new company, Pacific Office Automation, plans to install the new copiers next week. There was a significant savings through this company.
- He's working on budgets. At this time it looks like we will be flat-funded.
- Building maintenance: He has signed a contract to buff the gym floor in the new gym. He will get bids on the roof job. He will meet with the construction managers tomorrow for phase one of the heating project. There is plenty of fuel oil for the rest of the year.

Jerry Brown Co. can transfer the oil from the underground tank to the shop tank when the heating project is complete.

- He will be meeting at the ESD next week with Superintendents to discuss the new Achievement Compact. The compact replaces the old Consolidated Improvement Plan (CIP) and the electronic version (eCIP).

Brenda Goracke explained that she went with the 7th & 8th graders to Government Day at the courthouse. They visited the courthouse, the jail, and the 911 call center. They learned lessons on county financing, taxes, and the education needed for certain jobs.

Alex Baker reported that Student Council elections will be held in a few weeks. Also, the high school had their one and only home track meet last week.

Randall Crowson reported that Bill Crowson and Christina Walker were the high Oregon Lottery winners in the "Scratch-it for Schools" event. Monroe High School will receive \$1,271.00. Bill Crowson will be on the radio in the morning to explain how they plan to use the money. The "Scratch-it" team included Bill Crowson, Christina Walker, and two disk jockeys from Mix 94.5 FM Radio.

The letter from Benton County regarding the high school parking lot drainage was reviewed (copy attached). The County Commissioners will be taking the issue to the State. Mr. Crowson will follow up with a letter to the Commissioners.

The Flood Plain drawing and letter from the City of Monroe was reviewed (copy attached). This is informational only.

Mr. Crowson explained that he is still gathering information and policies from other school districts regarding athletic participation fees. After discussion, Robert Warden moved to drop the athletic participation fees beginning 2012-13, as long as the budget can support it. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson and the administrators are still gathering information and talking to other districts about Activities Eligibility. The subject was tabled until May. The goal is to have a policy in place prior to publishing new student handbooks.

Mr. Crowson and the Board discussed the current lawn maintenance services received and the quality of work of those services. After discussion, Robert Warden moved to extend the current contract as is for one year, through the 2012-13 school year. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson reported that the Title I exit interview went well. There were nine "findings", the least of any district in the State. A "finding" is a very minor point needing correction. Five of the nine findings were explained during the interview, leaving only four to correct. These were minor record keeping practices. Nancy Williams and Patty Beauchamp did a superb job throughout the audit process.

The revised 2012-13 budget building calendar was reviewed. Nancy Burnett moved to approve the revision as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The revised 2011-12 school calendar was reviewed. Because of the four emergency weather school closure days, the Seniors are short on their required seat time hours. The calendar has been adjusted to make those hours up. Nancy Burnett moved to approve the revisions as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The 2012-13 Open Enrollment numbers were reviewed.

Chair Stroda read the Teacher Appreciation Week Proclamation. Robert Warden moved to approve the proclamation as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

The interdistrict transfer request for Sierra Giron to Crook County School District/Insight Program as reviewed. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the transfer for the balance of the 2011-12 school year. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The revisions to JECBD-AR Homeless Students were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the administration regulation as modified. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The board reviewed revised and new policy, administrative regulations and forms. Modifications were made to some. The second reading will be in May.

Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.