

Monroe School District #1J
Budget Hearing and
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
June 11, 2012

The Budget Hearing was called to order by Chair Stroda at 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Employees Brenda Goracke, Randy Jamerson; Tribune News reporter Sara Moser; student Shylo Murry; and patrons Eric Murry and Betsy Pitcher.

Chair Stroda explained that the proposed budget was presented in May to the Budget Committee. After review, the Budget Committee approved the budget as presented. This hearing is to gather public input.

The budget hearing was adjourned at 7:07 P.M. by Chair Stroda due to lack of public input.

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Stroda at 7:30 P.M.

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

Also present: Employees Brenda Goracke, Randy Jamerson; Tribune News reporter Sara Moser; student Shylo Murry; and patrons Eric Murry, Betsy Pitcher and Tim Nash.

The minutes of Board meeting May 14, 2012 were discussed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed. The following change was made: Move 8. C. Interdistrict Transfer requests 2012-13: 1. Shylo Murry, grade 10 to Corvallis School District, Crescent Valley to Consent Agenda 4.C. The following additions were made: 7.A. Negotiations update, 8.G. Technology Grant.

There were no questions on the bills. The last payment has been made on the modular classrooms.

The Interdistrict Transfer Request for Shylo Murry was reviewed. The Board questioned both the student and her father, Eric Murry as to the reasons for the request. Shylo explained that she likes choir, culinary arts, and Monroe doesn't offer those classes. She requested a transfer last year, was denied, and took her Freshman year at Monroe. She would like to take food and nutrition classes, also a foreign language such as French or German. She explained that she would like to open her own restaurant some day. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the transfer pending acceptance from Corvallis School District. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The letter to the Becker family was reviewed.

Board members read letters of resignation.

The Board reviewed the lists of Fall and Spring Coaches 2012-13, temporary Summer 2012 positions, extra curricular contracts 2012-13, and approval to hire 2012-13.

The list of items declared as surplus property was reviewed. Some teachers have already moved some surplus books from the library into their classrooms.

Sample Achievement Compacts from Lebanon School District were reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that this replaced the Consolidated Improvement Plan. He explained that the district must set their goals and file the Compact by July 1. The Board's consensus is for Mr. Crowson to proceed with the preparation and to file the finished copy with the State.

Robert Warden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as modified. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The list of volunteers for this school year was reviewed. The Board truly appreciates their service.

The following thank you letters were read by Board members: Chauncy Hubbard, Hubbard Farms; Hugh & Jean Wheeler; Dennis Albert & Family; Peggy Contreras; Stahlbush Island Farms, Inc.; Linn-Benton Community College; Mr. & Mrs. O'Con, Crow Boys, Inc.; Robby Younger and Jeff Jackson. The Board, once again, voiced their appreciation to those who give so much to the schools.

Jennifer Allen, high school Earth Science teacher, explained that her class partnered up with different agencies including the Long Tom Water Shed and Benton County Soil Conservation. Her class learned how to read and use aerial maps of the area. Students Emily Spence, Brianna Fortmiller and Lacy Hunter explained they learned about invasive plant species. They also learned in this project how to spot weeds, how to identify weeds, and how to eradicate the weeds. They thanked the Board for the program, and said it was "super fun".

Mr. Crowson presented pins to Robert Warden for his ten (10) years of service on the Board, and to Tony Stroda for his fifteen (15) years of service on the Board.

Public Input: Tim Nash explained to the Board that he and a few others have started clearing the trees at the grade school. All labor and equipment has been donated for this project. He requested that board members look at the area and decide how close to the boundaries they would like cleared. He pointed out that having the land cleared should decrease the risk of cougar sightings on campus. Also, would the Board like the area replanted with other trees, or allow the land to return to its natural state? After some discussion, the Board's consensus is to continue to clear the scotch pine, including those trees behind the back stops. The Board thanked Tim for his time.

Mr. Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- The new power pole is in at the high school.
- Some of the classified staff will be making up some of the inclement weather days. They will all be working in custodial.
- The new score board for the gym has arrived.
- The summer food program will run Monday-Thursdays June 18-August 9.
- They will concentrate work with the summer maintenance/cleaning in crews by buildings this summer (rather than separate schedules).
- The year end attendance summary was included.

Mrs. Goracke commented that they had a great end of year field day today. They are having the grade school gym floor refinished this August.

Tony Stroda updated the board members on the certified negotiations. There have been some minor language issues. He has offered the teachers three difference choices of funding and insurance. They will meet again this week.

After review, Mylrea Estell moved to approve Resolution 1112-007 Adopting the 2012-13 Budget as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Robert Warden moved to approve Resolution 1112-008 Making Appropriations as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Nancy Burnett moved to approve Resolution 1112-009 Imposing and Categorizing Tax as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board was reminded that Superintendent Goals need to be set in July.

The Interdistrict Transfer Request for Montessa Jo Frost-Horning to Corvallis School District was reviewed and discussed. Jennifer Gamache moved to allow the transfer to Corvallis. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board had the first reading of the following policies, administrative regulations, and forms: 1. JFCF/GBNA Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/Cyberbullying/ Teen Dating Violence, 2. JFCF/GBNA-AR Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing/ Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence, 3. JFCFA Cyberbullying - Students, 4. GBNAA Cyberbullying - Staff, 5. EBB Integrated Pest Management policy, 6. EBB-AR Integrated Pest Management Plan.

Mr. Crowson announced that just today, he received a \$160,000 grant from John Gray for Technology. Mr. Gray is a Monroe graduate and wants Monroe to be competitive with other districts. He plans to increase the band width, purchase 18 document cameras for classroom use, purchase 41 new computers, upgrade connections, add seven port hookups, upgrade memory and

install a multi-media center in the new gym. In addition, Mr. Crowson received an \$8,000 grant from Jennifer Mosier (Mr. Gray's grand daughter) to upgrade computers. The generosity of this family is over-whelming.

The August Board meeting was discussed. Tony Stroda and Robert Warden will not be able to attend. Consensus is to not hold a Regular August Board meeting. A special meeting could always be held if needed.

Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 9:37 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary