

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

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

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

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

Also present: Employee Brenda Goracke, patrons Betsy Pitcher and Kristin Beckstead.

Chair Stroda opened nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. After discussion, Tony Stroda nominated Nancy Burnett as Chair and Jennifer Gamache as Vice-Chair. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

In Nancy Burnett's absence, Jennifer Gamache assumed the chair position.

The listing of Designation of District Duties, Meeting Places and Times was reviewed. Board consensus is to change the meeting time to 6:30 for the November, December, January, and February regular board meetings. Tony Stroda moved to approve the listing with the changes as noted. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

After review of the Bank Accounts & Signatures, Tony Stroda moved to approve as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2012 as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and item D. Approval to hire high school Science Teacher was tabled. With that change, Robert Warden moved to accept the consent agenda. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

The City of Monroe would like to keep in closer contact with the School Board. We will exchange agenda and minutes.

The board read the thank you letter to Pacific Power from James Mulanax on behalf of the electric vehicle program. Mr. Crowson announced that Mr. Mulanax purchased surplus supplies and equipment from another school program that was closed.

Jessica Mosier, granddaughter of the Gray family and a member of the Oregon Community Foundation, gifted \$10,000 to the District for technology.

Kirsten Beckstead introduced herself to the Board. She has three, soon to be four children attending Monroe Grade School. She would like to start up a Cross Country program at the grade school. She is willing to coach on a volunteer basis. Mrs. Goracke explained that the grade school

belongs to the Willamette Valley Youth League which does not offer cross country. There was general discussion regarding liability insurance, transportation, and non-league meets. Mr. Crowson said he is not adverse to the idea, but is concerned about any financial impact. Ms. Beckstead will research information on area teams and leagues. She will report back to Mrs. Goracke.

Mr. Crowson reported that Tim Nash was successful in getting the Army Corp. of Engineers involved in the grade school field project. Mr. Crowson and Mrs. Goracke will complete the paperwork needed to get the project on the schedule. They could fund top soil, gravel, equipment and labor.

There was no public input.

Mr. Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- Reviewed the construction update on the heating & cooling project.
- Reviewed the Achievement Compact that was filed with the State.
- Explained that the District did not have to transfer funds from the PERS UAL account to the general fund to balance for 2011-12.
- He is working with the gift from John Gray. He will have a meeting this week to discuss equipment purchase and installation time lines.
- The City Library project has started. He will work with the library to see if we could have joint projects with the high school.
- He reported that he went to Central Linn and met with superintendents from Central Linn and Harrisburg to discuss the Farm-to-School Program.

Nancy Burnett arrived at 8:05 PM.

- Mr. Crowson explained that Mylrea Estell sent a message that she wanted to discuss with the Board the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Territorial. In light of the recent tragic accident, she is concerned about the safety of the students and school buses on that road. There was general discussion of the traffic patterns and configuration of the road. Tony Stroda highly recommended installing strobe lights on the bus roofs. These lights would alert other drivers that the bus is nearby, especially in the valleys and during the dark mornings.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the following policies, administrative regulations, and forms as written: 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. GBNA Cyberbullying - Staff, 5. EBB Integrated Pest Management policy, 6. EBB-AR Integrated Pest Management Plan. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The Superintendent goals for 2011-12 were reviewed and new goals for 2012-13 were discussed. By Board consensus, the following goals were added *in addition* to the existing goals:

1. Write and put in place a teacher evaluation pilot program by the end of 2012-13.
2. Establish a district-wide safety committee and supervise the committee to ensure compliance.
3. Research maintenance/capital projects bond.

The volunteer coaches for 2012-13 were reviewed. Mr. Crowson assured the board that Nancy Burnett did not receive special consideration for this position. Tony Stroda moved to approve the volunteers. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board reviewed the letter from the Oregon Department of Education regarding the District's 2010 Special Education performance review. The District has met all requirements and no further corrective action is required on the part of the District. Nancy Williams deserves a big pat on the back for her work with this audit.

Tony Stroda reported that we now have a tentative agreement with the certified staff. Compensation and language are fine, but they have to work out some insurance questions. Mr. Crowson reported that he has agreements for six furlough days from all four employee groups.

Mr. Crowson shared the photo of the Class of 1936 with the Board. He plans to send it to John Gray as a small thank you.

Chair Burnett adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary