

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
April 13, 2009

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

Members present: Mylrea Estell, Tony Stroda, Robert Warden, Nancy Burnett, Superintendent Randall Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Quintin Kreth.

Member late: Tim Warden.

Also present: Employees Leslie Perdue, Marie-Louise Martinson, Brooke Kilbane, Pat Mooney, Bill Crowson, Brenda Goracke; City Councilor Dave Ballard; Patrons Charlie and Julie Cloer, and Tri-County News Reporter Jessie Higgens.

The minutes of March 9, 2009 were corrected to read: page 2, paragraph 2, second sentence, "(Will Wright) is also the safety officer for the school *district*." Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

Tim Warden arrived at 7:32 P.M.

The Consent Agenda items were reviewed and discussed. The following items were added:

4. A. Thank you letters to Bond Hansen, Allan Schwindt
6. E. Revise Budget Development Calendar for 2009-10
7. F. Interdistrict Transfer Request 2008-09, informational

Robert Warden moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

Quintin Kreth read the letter from Monroe City Council President Dave Ballard.

Christine Manley summarized the OSBA Regional Meeting notification. The meeting will be held May 6, 2009 beginning at 6:30 P.M. at LBL-ESD. The deadline to RSVP is April 24.

Randall Crowson explained the letter from Governor Kulongowski regarding funding for the 2009-11 biennium.

The Board welcomed audience members to the "Meet the Staff" portion of the meeting.

Pat Mooney introduced himself. This is his thirty-third year and he will be retiring after this school year. He is passionate about Forest Camp and asked the Board for their continued support of the program. He thanked the Board members for all they have done for the schools and the community. He also thanked Randall Crowson and Brenda Goracke for their deep commitment to the schools.

Brooke Kilbane introduced herself. This is her twentieth year. She is happy about the new Pinnacle program at the grade school, and believes it is a wonderful tool for parents. She will be

staying in the classroom with the students who do not attend Forest Camp.

Marie-Louise Martinson introduced herself. This is her first year teaching. She teaches all the science classes at the 5/6 grade level. She has earned two degrees from OSU. She makes an effort to do hands-on lessons. This will be her first year at Forest Camp. She explained that she did her student teaching last year with Mr. Mooney. She loves the children and works well in a smaller school. She is very excited about next year and the new changes.

Leslie Perdue introduced herself. She was hired a year ago as an educational aide and works in Special Ed and Title I in the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The teachers and administrators spoke of her child care background, versatility, dedication and patience.

The Board members thanked the staff for coming in and sharing with them.

A break was taken from 8:20-8:25 P.M.

Charlie Cloer commented that he is glad to see the Pinnacle program available at the grade school. Julie Cloer commented that she is happy to be able to access it. This program is a good way to stay connected with how the students are doing.

City Councilor Dave Ballard explained that the water treatment plant grand opening will be held soon. There was a little fire at the water plant, so the open house has been postponed. The sewer project will be going out for bid the first of May. There are no new housing developments planned.

Superintendent Crowson reported that student enrollment dropped a little, but is still above last year's total. Mrs. Goracke commented that the grade school enrolled six new students last week.

Brenda Goracke clarified that Mrs. Kilbane will not be alone with all the students who did not attend Forest Camp. She has hired Rosie Fuhrman to work with the kids during that week in Language Arts. This will be a good time for her to meet some of the students she'll be teaching next year.

Mr. Crowson explained that the District underwrites the costs for Forest Camp. If there is a student who wants to attend the camp and cannot afford it, there are scholarships available.

Mrs. Goracke invited the board members to the Clinic Open House tomorrow afternoon at 3:00.

Mrs. Goracke also explained that they have had a variety of counselors from Benton County Mental Health once a week to serve the children at the grade school.

Bill Crowson announced that he is still working on a new sports league proposal for OSAA.

Randall Crowson listed some of the current projects he is working on:

- ▶ \$47,000 grant for textbooks from the Rainy Day fund
- ▶ \$9,000-10,000 Energy Grant
- ▶ SIF grant (Credit Recovery & Summer School)
- ▶ American Recovery Act is worth \$100,000 in Special Ed and \$30,000 in Title I funds
- ▶ eCIP workshop at the ESD with Brenda Goracke and Patty Beauchamp
- ▶ Currently he is pricing replacement lights for the shop for future energy grants
- ▶ Kitchen equipment grant from the Federal government
- ▶ Brenda Goracke, Bill Crowson and he are working on ELL, TAG, eCIP & 504
- ▶ He and Brenda Goracke met with the Clinic representatives to establish a better working relationship.

Mr. Crowson explained that he contacted OSBA about their bonds and local option expert. A representative has agreed to attend a meeting at no cost to the District.

The process for criminal history verification checks for volunteers was reviewed. Annual checks for all volunteers versus checks for only new volunteers was discussed. It was suggested that the volunteer could pay the processing fee. This item was tabled.

The Alpine payment accounting was reviewed.

Mr. Crowson explained that Benton County will begin the Construction Excise Tax September 1, 2009. Lane County began last year, but the District has waited for Benton County. All schools in Benton County will get together and develop one form that they can all use.

Tony Stroda moved to adopt Resolution No. 0809-003 Imposition of Construction Excise Tax as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The revision to the Budget Development Calendar for 2009-10 was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that the estimates from the State are not expected until May 1, 2009 and he would like to move the first budget committee meeting to May 14. This would allow ample time to finish the proposed budget. This would also move the publication dates. Tony Stroda moved to approve the calendar as revised. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2009-10 proposed academic calendar was reviewed. This draft was presented previously to the staff. There were no negative comments from the staff. Tony Stroda moved to approve the academic calendar as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

Chair Estell read the School Board's Proclamation of Teacher Appreciation Week May 3-9, 2009. Robert Warden moved to approve the proclamation. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Pacific Power Foundation grant, Principles of Technology was reviewed.

Mr. Crowson asked board members to use the Periodic Lawn & Grounds review form this spring. Tony Stroda commented that during his grounds inspection he found a few maintenance concerns at the grade school. On the original modular classroom building, there are loose shingles on the south sloping roof. There is also a pole in the ground along side the shot put area at the high school.

The Board reviewed the following revised Policy and Administrative Regulations:

- 1) GAB 21-109 & CBA Position Descriptions
- 2) Family and Medical Leave policy, AR & forms

The second reading will be in May.

Mr. Crowson explained that an interdistrict transfer request for a Monroe student has been denied by Junction City even before he had time to present it to our Board. He has written a letter to the parents.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Estell at 9:38 P.M.

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Mylrea Estell, Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary