

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
May 11, 2009

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

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

The meeting moved immediately to executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:20 P.M. and recessed until 7:30 P.M.

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

Also present: Tri-County News Reporter Jessie Higgins; Employees Brenda Goracke, Robin Owen, Stacie Walton, Ruth Carr, Patty Hanchett, Edie Carter, Richard Fielder, Jackie Lambert, Christina Walker, Lory Bechtold, Kathy Johnson, Kathy Allen, Bill Crowson.

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

The Consent Agenda items were reviewed and discussed. Tim Warden moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

Board members read the following communications: letter from Allan Schwindt; thank you letters to George & Irene Daugherty, Jimmy & Betty Russell, Office of Disability Adjudication & Review, Susan & Charley Fisher; Commendation from the City of Monroe; letter from Alice Keenan, Monroe Alumni (copies attached).

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

Robin Owen introduced herself as a Monroe graduate. She has worked two years as a Title I Aide in Mrs. Otto's classroom. She mainly assists children with low reading skills but also works on the playground, at the lunch line, and as needed in the classroom. Her son graduated last year from Monroe.

Kathy Johnson explained that she is the Secretary at the grade school. She has worked in the district for 19 years. She works with student attendance, calls for subs, works with the activity accounts and behavioral reports. She has put three kids through Monroe schools.

Kathy Allen introduced herself. She has also put three kids through our schools. Her middle son will graduate soon from Harvard. This is her twelfth year as a Special Ed Aide. She works with a child who has limited verbal skills. She has learned sign language and teaches it to the student.

Richard Fielder introduced himself as the grade school PE teacher. This is his second year. He graduated from Monroe in 2000. He loves to get up in the morning to play with the kids. Diamond Woods Golf Course has allowed some of the students to come up and hit golf balls from the driving range at no charge. Currently, the kids are training for the Fun Run later this month.

Lory Bechtold explained that she teaches 7th & 8th grade Mathematics. She gave a demonstration in Math transformation. She followed with a demonstration on how this relates to Art.

Patty Hanchett introduced herself as the 7th & 8th grade Language Arts teacher. This is her second year at Monroe and is very happy here. She has three English classes, one Novel Task class and one Social Studies class. Her biggest goal is to raise the writing assessment scores. Her students have worked on writing poems and suspense stories among other lessons.

Ruth Carr explained that she is the 7th & 8th grade Science teacher. She also teaches the ELL students. She explained that she loves her job and thoroughly enjoys coming to school. She loves it at Monroe and appreciates being able to teach here.

Stacie Walton introduced herself as the Grade School Office Assistant. Among other duties, she tracks lunch money, tends to the kid's boo-boos, performs head lice checks, and contacts parents when needed. She graduated from Junction City, but thinks small schools are great. She believes the parents and community make the school what it is. She really enjoys her job.

Eddie Carter explained that she is a Special Education Assistant. She has worked in the district for ten years. Her job is challenging at times, but she loves it.

Jackie Lambert introduced herself as a Title I Aide in the Resource Room. She's worked in the district for thirteen years and loves her job. The staff has been fantastic to work with.

The Board thanked the staff members for attending tonight's meeting. It's the staff that makes the District as good as it is.

A short break was taken from 8:05 P.M. to 8:10 P.M.

There was no public input.

Christina Walker announced to the Board that she has six athletes and two alternates going to State in Track. She is currently getting ready for the Fun Run.

Quintin Kreth announced that Student Body elections will be held this week. Also, the Student Council bought a water buffalo for children in a third world country.

Randall Crowson, in his administrative report, reviewed the following subjects:

- The baseball team is in third place in League.
- The softball team has only one loss.

- There is a huge budget shortfall.
- He will meet with the certified and classified employees this week.
- The first budget committee meeting will be this Thursday.
- The access to the district's irrigation power line has been blocked. He will speak with the new neighbors.
- He has filed for restitution for the theft of the Dragon. No word recently from the artist.
- Enrollment is down a little.

Mr. Crowson commended Will Wright for his time in attending the informational meetings during the recent influenza situation. He did a great job in keeping the district informed. Benton County did a great job in leadership. Tim Warden voiced his appreciation for Mr. Wright's enthusiasm for the project.

Mr. Crowson reported that, after hearing the comments at the last board meeting, he feels the criminal history verification check process should not be altered. This is not an expensive service and is important to the safety of our children.

Update on the maintenance concerns from last month include the roof on the modular classroom has been fixed, and the stub by the shot put pit has been pulled.

The board reviewed the following policy, administrative regulations and forms: GAB Forms 21-109 & CBA Position Descriptions; Family and Medical Leave policy, AR & forms. There was no further discussion. Tony Stroda moved to approve as discussed in April. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the 2008-09 interdistrict transfer for Saul Perez, grade 11, to Junction City High School. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the 2008-09 interdistrict transfer for Cody Dawkins, grade 9, from Harrisburg High School. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Robert Warden moved to approve the 2009-10 interdistrict transfer for Helen Julie Schindler, grade 3, from Corvallis School District. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Changes to policy, administrative regulations and forms selected from Sections A/B: Board; G Personnel; I Instruction; J Students; and K Community Relations were reviewed. The second reading will be in June.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Estell at 9:00 P.M.