

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

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Mylrea 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. Zone 1 seat is currently vacant.

Also present: City Councilor Dave Ballard, Principal Brenda Goracke and teacher Connie Madsen.

Superintendent Randall Crowson administered the Oath of Office to Directors Tony Stroda and Robert Warden.

Mr. Crowson explained that the vacant seat for Zone 1 has been advertised more than twenty days. There were no applicants for this position from within the zone. Tim Warden lives outside the zone, but is willing to serve. There were no other applicants from outside Zone 1. Tony Stroda moved to appoint Tim Warden as Director of Zone 1 for a two year term. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Chair Estell opened nominations for 2009-10 Board officers. Tony Stroda nominated Robert Warden for the office of Chair. Second: Nancy Burnett. Mr. Warden declined the nomination. Tony Stroda nominated Nancy Burnett for the office of Chair. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Nancy Burnett assumed the Chair responsibilities.

Chair Burnett opened nominations for Vice Chair. Tony Stroda nominated Robert Warden. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board reviewed the listing of Designation of District Duties, Meeting Places and Times. Mr. Crowson explained that he would like to appoint a Special Education attorney in addition to general legal counsel Lane Shetterly. Tony Stroda requested that regular board meetings begin at 6:30 PM during the winter months: November - February. There were no objections. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the listing as amended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the listing of District Bank Accounts as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009 as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The bills lists were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Crowson recommended hiring Timothy Johnson as Head Custodian. Mr. Johnson has 14 years of experience as a custodian in the Junction City School District.

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

Board Members read the communications. The OSBA Summer Board Conference dates were announced.

Randall Crowson reported that the window project is well underway. He has received price quotes for the lighting jobs in the shop and high school cafeteria. He would also like to paint the trim and peaks of the grade school gym.

Brenda Goracke reported that the summer meal program is doing well with an average of 118 for lunch. She also reported that the soccer goals have been disposed of.

Mr. Crowson explained that he can use some federal stimulus money for an all day Kindergarten program. After discussion, Robert Warden moved to approve the use of a portion of the stimulus money for an all day Kindergarten program. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

The changes to JEF-Form-1 Interdistrict Transfer Request were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the changes as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The changes to the 2009-10 calendar were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the changes as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson announced that the district needs to upgrade the property insurance policies. He will put the liability insurance out for proposals this year for the 2010-11 year. There were no objections. The Board would prefer a local agent.

The discussion on school board zones was continued from prior meetings. Mylrea Estell prefers specific zones. Robert Warden explained that his constituents are pleased with the zones. Tony Stroda feels strongly that at-large positions would be beneficial. At-large positions would ease the boundary restrictions when filling a board seat. Mr. Stroda does not see a need for specific zones since the consolidation of the District. Board consensus is to have Mr. Crowson continue research on the process for re-zoning.

Mr. Crowson explained the need to reinstate the \$10.00 shop fee for required projects. Materials would be purchased for projects beyond the required projects. Also, Mr. Crowson requested that the high school book and locker fee of \$35.00 (\$20.00 refundable) be changed to a \$20.00 non-refundable fee. There were no objections from the Board.

The Superintendent goals were reviewed and the 2009-10 goals set as follows:

1. Continue to work on academics.
2. Be prepared to present a bond issue for facility improvement when directed by the Board.
3. Maintain staff development and morale.
4. Continue facilities maintenance within budget constraints.

5. Continue to stay abreast of technological advances.
6. Research re-zoning Board seats to five at-large positions.
7. Continue to pursue favorable grants.

Mr. Crowson explained that the outside bleachers do not have safety rails. PACE (property insurance carrier) recommends that the district upgrade the bleachers when feasible. He also explained that he will work on a safety grant.

The Interdistrict Transfer Request 2009-10 for Jewel Oakes to Philomath School District was reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to deny the request. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Burnett at 9:40 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary