

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
September 14, 2009

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

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

Member absent: Robert Warden.

Also present: Employees Christina Walker and Brenda Goracke.

Superintendent Randall Crowson administered the Oath of Office to Director Tim Warden.

After discussion, Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of July 13, 2009 as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

The following items were added to the agenda:

4. E. Thank you letters to Benton County Sheriff's Department, Jim & Betty Russell, Sterling Savings Bank, City of Monroe.

After review and discussion of items, Tim Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

Board Members read the communications. The OSBA Fall Regional meeting will be held on September 30 at Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD.

Tim Warden thanked the Board for the balloon bouquet they sent his son when he was injured. His son is feeling much better now.

There was no public input.

Student enrollment for the first week of school was reviewed. Enrollment is up a few from last spring, but down from last year's opening week. The Kindergarten class is held all day this year with 31 students enrolled.

Christina Walker presented a demonstration of a new on-line curriculum. This service would consolidate on-line classes to one provider rather than several. Services would include Credit Recovery, AP classes and regular education classes.

Brenda Goracke announced that the grade school has started on the Pinnacle grading program.

Randall Crowson gave the superintendent's report. He announced that the District received a \$25,000 check today for an energy grant. He is currently working on three other energy grants. There was discussion regarding the gym heat pumps. The pumps are 20 years old and need to be replaced on a rotation basis. The Construction Excise Tax (CET) is now complete with the final paperwork to Benton and Lane Counties. Any revenue generated from CET will be used toward priority maintenance projects.

Both the high school and grade school met AYP again this year. Josh Carley's memorial service will be held in the gym this Saturday at 11:00 AM.

The discussion on school board zones was continued from prior meetings. The listing of Oregon Statutes related to board zoning was reviewed.

Mr. Crowson requested that the 2009-10 calendar be revised as follows:

Regular Class day April 28 with ACT testing at high school

No School, Professional Development April 30

Tony Stroda moved to approve the calendar as revised. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Tony Stroda asked for information regarding the status of the district's insurance agent. Randall Crowson explained that the specifications for liability insurance will be sent out this winter.

The Interdistrict Transfer Requests were reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the following requests: Eugenio Garcia grade 7 to Central Linn School District, Colton Wellette Kindergarten student from Bethel School District, and Timothy Sherrett grade 11 from Corvallis School District. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0. The Board was informed that Eugene School District denied the request for Christine Hurst, grade 12.

The 2008-09 Drug and Alcohol report was reviewed and discussed.

The revisions of the following were reviewed: IIBGA Electronic Communications System and IIBGA-AR-1 Electronic Communications System. The second reading will be at the October meeting.

There was discussion of the revisions to DJC-AR Special Procurement & Exemptions from Competitive Bidding. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the revisions as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 3/1 (Nay-Tony Stroda). Mr. Stroda was opposed to the way the regulation is written. He believes administrative regulations should to be written so that they can be read by the average person.

The Board began reading the revised Talented & Gifted Handbook (IGBB-AR). The reading will continue in October.

Tim Warden voiced concern over lost "overflow" grade school parking now that the church parking lot has been chained off. Mr. Warden suggested the student drop off area needs to be reviewed.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Burnett at 10:13 P.M.