

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
May 10, 2010

The board meeting was called to order by Board Member Tony Stroda at 7:30 P.M.

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

Members absent: Nancy Burnett, and Robert Warden.

Also present: Patron Lonnie Koroush, Employees Bill Crowson and Brenda Goracke; City Councilor Dave Ballard; and TriCounty Tribune reporter Sadie Moser.

Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes of April 12 and April 26, 2010 as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 3/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed. The following items were added:

4. B. Thank you letter to Jerry's Home Improvement
6. D. Review of IKFB Graduation Exercises and IKFB-AR Graduation Ceremonies
8. Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a staff member

The bills list was reviewed. Mr. Crowson announced that he has put a freeze on spending except for emergencies. The electronic requisition system was discussed briefly. The Distance Learning Aide position will be eliminated; however, the employee will be reassigned. Mr. Crowson commented that he would like to reconfigure the high school library as a media center for the students to have more access to computer research. The list of letters of intent for the classified staff were reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the consent agenda as modified. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Tim Warden moved to eliminate the Distance Learning position. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 3/0.

Board members read a thank you card from Bob & Elaine O'Brien, and thank you letters to: Micah Smith, Linn County Deputy Sheriff; Bill & Lorene Smith; Susan & Charley Fisher; and Jerry's Home Improvement.

The proposed public transportation routes were reviewed. The schedule includes two morning and two afternoon runs to Corvallis and back to Monroe, as well as two runs to Junction City and back to Monroe one day a week, possibly one Saturday.

A reminder that the next regular Board meeting will be the third Monday in June due to the budget furlough days.

Lonnie Koroush asked the Board to clarify when a student can walk during graduation. The Board explained that a student must have earned his diploma in order to walk during the graduation ceremony.

Monroe City Councilor Dave Ballard updated the Board on City activities. They are working on their budget, the bus service will be starting soon, the water and sewer is on line. They still have an open Council position. Applicants must live within the Monroe city limits.

Randall Crowson presented the School Board with a plaque commemorating Monroe High School as one of U.S.A. Today's "America's Best High Schools" for 2010. They rated different areas including overall student performance and state testing. Monroe High School received a Bronze medal. Only two Silver medals were awarded in Oregon (Crescent Valley and North Eugene High Schools). Monroe was not eligible for a Silver medal based on their AP courses. No Gold medals were awarded in Oregon.

April enrollment was reviewed. Enrollment is up a few from March.

Randall Crowson reported on the following:

- Diamond Woods Mens Club is organizing a golf tournament with proceeds going towards student scholarships for Monroe students. Almost all 88 spots have been sold. Bill Crowson has put together a team, and Randall Crowson will work at the tournament.
- District Payroll is becoming a big issue. He had ESD representatives in to look at our business practices including payroll, accounts payable, and human resources. He recommends direct deposit and electronic leave forms. We will have a "dry" run with the summer staff.

Bill Crowson reported on the following:

- The baseball team is tied with Lowell in the League.
- District track meet will be held this weekend.
- He has been working with the seniors to streamline the graduation ceremony.

Brenda Goracke reported on the following:

- The Grade School's parent group has done a great job raising money for merit trips.
- The music programs are scheduled for next week.

There was discussion about the possible window replacement and whether the classrooms would lose light by covering up the glass blocks. The new windows may be shorter, but they will be wider, allowing the same or more light into the classrooms.

The 2010-11 calendar revisions were reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the revisions as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The transportation contract was reviewed. This is a rolling three-year contract. The contract amount for 2010-11 may go down. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the revised contract. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Mr. Crowson mentioned that the lawn and landscape contract amount was frozen by the contractor.

The final revision of IKF and IKF-AR Graduation Requirements & Diplomas was reviewed and slightly modified. Tim Warden moved to approve the policy and regulation as amended. Second:

Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 3/0.

Mr. Crowson requested clarification on policy IKFB Graduation Exercises and IKFA-AR Graduation Ceremonies. Who makes exceptions to the policy, the Superintendent, the Board, or both? The policy was modified and the second reading will be held in June.

The Cafeteria Site Review report was discussed. The Offer versus Serve option for the Breakfast and Lunch Programs was explained by Mr. Crowson. There was some discussion about Dinner and Weekend programs. There was also discussion regarding the portion size for Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade students. Some students feel it is too small. Mylrea Estell moved to accept the Site Review and approve the following:

“Monroe School District will use the "Offer versus Serve" option under the Traditional Menu Planning when serving the School Breakfast Program breakfasts to students. Students must take at least three of four food components .

Monroe School District will use the "Offer versus Serve" option under Traditional Menu Planning when serving National School Lunch Program lunches to students. Students below high school grades will be required to take at least three of the five components.”

Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Position Descriptions, forms GAB-F21 through GAB-F62 and Employee Evaluation forms GCN/GDN-F21 through GCN/GDN-F62 were reviewed, discussed, and modified. Tim Warden moved to approve as dictated. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 3/0.

The library window shades were discussed. It’s been a challenge to any who tried to lower the shades and keep them straight this evening.

The Superintendent’s office changes were discussed previously in the Superintendent’s administrative report.

The Board moved into executive session at 9:18 P.M. as per the following:

1. ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a staff member,
2. ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

The meeting returned to open session and was adjourned by Tony Stroda at 10:15 P.M.