

Monroe School District #1J
Budget Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
June 21, 2010

The budget hearing was called to order by Chair Burnett at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Mylrea Estell and Tim Warden.

Also present: Employees Connie Madsen and Brenda Goracke.

Mr. Crowson explained that he is presenting a balanced budget, however he is uncertain that the district will receive the State funding to support it. We should have the 2010-11 beginning cash balance by July 12, 2010. He will make adjustments to the budget after that time. There was no public input.

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Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The Consent Agenda items were reviewed and discussed. The following corrections were made:

- 4. D. 18. Assistant Baseball Coach - Richard Fielder
- 4. D. 19. Second Assistant Baseball Coach - Beau Sisneros

The Confidential and Administrative Personnel contracts were tabled until the July meeting.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the above corrections. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The 2010-11 volunteer list reviewed. A very impressive list. Thank you to all volunteers.

Board members read the following communications: Thank you letters to Daisy Ripke, Mark Peterson, Dennis Albert & Lean Minc, Sky Evans, Treehouse Signs, Jim Fox, Pacific Power; letter from ODE, granting Full Approval to the ELL Plan (good job, Brenda); and a letter from OSEA indicating their intent to negotiate (copies attached).

Mr. Crowson presented a five year service pin to Chair Burnett; thank you Nancy. Tim Warden also earned a five year service pin. Mrs. Madsen voiced her thanks for the Board's dedication. Tony Stroda explained that we have a smooth operating district. The Board is proud of the administrators, teachers and students so it is a pleasure to serve.

The enrollment summary for 2009-10 was reviewed.

Mr. Crowson announced that the district will receive another full audit from ODE, Division 22 State Standards next year. The last audit was in 2007. He will write to Susan Castillo, State Superintendent to request a deferral.

Other administrative updates included:

- The ECIP was rejected with only three small corrections needed. Those corrections were made and the ECIP resubmitted. The new ECIP is due in September.
- The cafeteria review at the high school has now met all standards. The same changes were made at the grade school in order to keep continuity.
- The high school gym floor has been refinished.
- The high school lighting project is complete.
- Grade school student schedules are being worked on to accommodate the lack of music classes.

Brenda Goracke updated the board on grade school schedules and curriculum.

The final changes to IKFB Graduation Exercises were reviewed. The student in question last month buckled down and earned his diploma. Robert Warden moved to approve the changes as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

The Kindergarten program was discussed. Previously, the program was reduced to half-day for students with the teacher working full days on professional development and grading days. After further research, Mr. Crowson explained another option for the program. Students would attend full days on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This option would save transportation costs for the noon bus run, give the students more instruction time, and help parents with day care issues. The Board voiced favorable comments for this option.

Tony Stroda explained that the Monroe Teachers Association ratified the 2010-12 agreement. The tentative agreement was reviewed and the following change made:

Page 22, paragraph E. "The District would also offer an annual \$500 multiple qualified bonus per endorsement above two endorsements to all staff."

Tony Stroda moved to ratify the tentative agreement with the above change. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that if State funding holds the way it is projected, he will need to ask all staff to take five furlough days next year. Each day equals approximately \$16,000 in employment costs. He wants to do this early and set a calendar with defined furlough days. If a bargaining group is not willing to take the furlough days, he would need to reduce staff by an equivalent amount.

The Resolutions to adopt the 2010-11 Budget, levy taxes and make appropriations were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that with Linda Sprik's retirement, he has advertised the position (in district only) as a seven hour instead of an eight hour position. There are very small numbers for breakfast. To save one hour of prep time at the high school, hot breakfast dishes will be prepared at the grade school and transported to the high school. Cold breakfast meals will be prepared at the high school. All high school lunches will be prepared at the high school.

As recommended by the State, Mr. Crowson has added one hour to the Dishwasher position as Grade School Assistant Cook. This will allow more time for the Head Cook to spend in administrative duties. The one hour assistant cook from the high school who was mopping the floors at the grade school will be replaced by the two Assistant Cooks at the grade school.

The Superintendent's goals were reviewed. New goals are to be set in July.

Mr. Crowson mentioned that Christine Manley has done a super job in the records room. We'll have another purge this Friday.

The changes to IGD/IGDJ-AR High School Interscholastic Athletics were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Burnett at 8:40 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary