

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
August 9, 2010

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

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

Also present: Misti Crowson and daughter Keeley Crowson, Tri-County Tribune reporter Sadie Moser, student Quintin Kreth, and Principal Brenda Goracke.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of July 12, 2010 as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following change made: As a courtesy, move item 7. B. 3. a. Interdistrict transfer 2010-11: Keeley Crowson, grade 10 to Junction City School District to 3. E. Consent Agenda.

The bills lists were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Crowson explained that the inspection from the Health Department will be reimbursed from the State.

The teacher contracts for 2010-11 were discussed. Mr. Crowson explained that if "extra" money comes from the Federal Government (with no stipulations on funding), he would like to talk to the grade school teachers concerning the music program. There were no objections.

Keeley Crowson explained to the Board that she is asking for a transfer request to Junction City because she has gone to school there since first grade. She will be a sophomore this summer and would like to walk with her class at graduation in a few years. When questioned by board member Mylrea Estell, Misti Crowson admitted to living within the Monroe School District for several years. Randall Crowson explained to the board that Misti Crowson has falsified records and does not recommend approving the release. Mylrea Estell moved to deny the request for transfer. Motion died for lack of a second. The lack of action on this item effectively denies the request. This process was explained to Misti and Keeley Crowson. A letter will be sent to their home explaining the situation.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no communications.

There was no public input.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- He has requested a proposal from Benton County to stripe the high school parking lot.
- He will obtain proposals to repair and level the gravel lot at the high school.
- The high school stage ceiling is painted. Mr. Elliott received a grant from Monroe Area Foundation for new stage curtains. The curtains are in and waiting to be hung. New

blackout curtains are needed.

- The computer lab for the grade school is in. The teacher computers are ready to be set up.
- Both the high school and grade school buildings will be ready for student registration.

Mrs. Goracke commented that the grade school looks nice. New head custodian Cathy Burson is doing a good job. The old music room may be used as a word processing lab if Kindergarten numbers stay low.

Mr. Crowson explained that he has had discussions with both union presidents recently regarding furlough days. He feels confident it will go through when staff returns and are able to vote. He will not agree to replace the days if state funding comes in higher. According to the negotiation agreement, he could reduce classified staff by 10% if they do not agree to taking the three furlough days. The certified staff has already lost 1.5 teachers.

As reflected on the school calendar, the grade school day has been extended by ten minutes. Classes will start this year at 8:05 AM.

The Board continued with the reading of revised policy, administrative regulations and forms. Tony Stroda moved to approve as amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2009-10 Preliminary AYP Report was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that Monroe School District has met six years in a row. The district attitude is always to improve. The community, staff and students deserve the credit for the grade. Mr. Crowson also explained his disappointment in the Corvallis Gazette Times. There have been two negative articles concerning Benton County schools not meeting AYP. Monroe was not mentioned in either article. He spoke with both the publisher and reporter and expressed his annoyance.

The interdistrict transfer requests for Zac Bradley and Julie Schindler to attend Monroe School District for the 2010-11 school year was reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve both requests. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

The interdistrict transfer request to Lebanon School District for Cheyenne and Shaylynn Hilton was reviewed. The family plans on moving to Lebanon in the next few months and would like the students to start the year there. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the request for the 2010-11 school year only. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

There being no further business, Chair Warden adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.