

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
October 11, 2010

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Warden at 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Tri-County Tribune reporter Sadie Moser.

The meeting moved immediately to executive session to discuss labor negotiations as per ORS 192.660(d).

The meeting moved back to open session at 7:30 P.M.

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

Also present: Tri-County Tribune reporter Sadie Moser, Monroe Grade School Principal Brenda Goracke.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2010 as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following item was added: 9.C. 2009-10 District & School Report Cards.

The bills list was reviewed and discussed. Robert Warden did not like the invoices that list the description as "see attached". There are no attachments to reference.

The various invoices for textbooks were discussed. Textbooks were purchased through grants and special ed funds for special education classes; no general fund dollars were used. All classes have current textbook adoptions. Some used textbooks were purchased as classes grew, but these are also current adoptions. In addition, the district sells used books back to Follett. Mylrea Estell mentioned that the district has done a good job keeping the textbooks current.

The list of new hires was reviewed. Mr. Crowson recommended hiring Hilary Irwin as a Temporary Kindergarten Classroom Aide for this school year only. Feedback from parents indicated that they wanted the students kept together. Mr. Crowson recommended hiring Mark Masters for the Health Clinic Custodian position. Benton County Health Department funds this position.

The list of volunteer coaches was reviewed.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The thank you notes and letters were reviewed. The notes to Evelyn Likaits from the Art students were especially cute. It was pointed out that Evelyn is Christine Manley's mother. The Board sends their thanks as well.

The letter to Quintin Kreth from Lane Forest Products was reviewed. Mylrea Estell announced that to continue his project, Quintin is looking for someone to till up the high school flower beds. It was suggested he contact Joe Loving.

The letter from ODE was reviewed. The Oregon Department of Education has sent official notification cancelling their onsite visit this year.

There was no public input.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- The boilers are running today. One condensate pump went out at the high school, but the grade school and high school shop are okay. All boilers were tuned over the summer.
- Enrollment is holding well, maybe up a little.

Brenda Goracke explained that there is a group of volunteers who come in to work with the primary grades in reading. The Safe Route to Schools grant application has been completed. Included are bike safety courses, signage, and a monitor at the end of Orchard Tract.

The proposed Loading/Unloading at Monroe Grade School was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that the consensus from the parent meeting was that the proposal was acceptable and it covered all of their concerns. There was general discussion regarding the cross walk signs on Orchard. Mr. Crowson spoke with Roger Irvin from Benton County Roads Department, who assured him that the signs are legal. The flashing light has been deactivated as it no longer meets requirements. Mrs. Goracke would like to collaborate with the City on a grant from ODOT for possible solar crosswalk lights. The Board's consensus for the proposal is satisfactory.

Resolution 1011-001 Lane County Construction Excise Tax was discussed. This amended resolution replaces the one approved in April, 2009. After review, Tim Warden moved to approve. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

After reviewing the changes to JEBA Early Entry of Students, Tony Stroda moved to approve as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Crowson reminded the Board that one more Budget Committee Member needs to be appointed. Mylrea Estell will check with Bruce Ashenbrenner and bring a recommendation to the meeting in November.

Mr. Crowson wanted to clarify the appointment to the Zone 1 Board seat. In the last election, no one ran for this position. The Board called for applicants from outside the zone. Tim Warden was the only applicant who filed. He was appointed to the board seat. This appointment was made within the law with no "deals" made from either side.

The new policy JHFF Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students, JHFF-Form-1 Sexual Conduct Complaint, JHFF-Form-2 Witness Disclosure, and the pamphlet for staff, parents, and volunteers was reviewed and discussed. Modifications were made to the pamphlet. All employees are currently being trained. A second reading will take place in November.

The Home School report was reviewed and discussed.

The 2009-10 District and School Report cards were reviewed. Monroe High School earned an Outstanding rating, and Monroe Grade School earned a high Satisfactory. Good job, everyone.

Chair Warden adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Robert Warden, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary