

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

The board meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Robert Warden at 6:30 P.M.

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

Member late: Nancy Burnett (arrived 6:48 P.M.)

Member absent: Tim Warden.

Also present: Employees Brenda Goracke, Christina Walker, Bill Crowson, Kathy Allen; patron Merle Allen.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of November 9, 2009 as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 3/0.

The bills were reviewed. Items of discussion included the high school bell system. Is there a way to hook up the system to the computer server?

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 3/0.

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Monroe hats and Monroe Grade School ink pens were given to the Board members. Many thanks for your dedication and service.

The thank you letters were reviewed and discussed. Thank you patrons for your generosity.

There was no public input concerning school business.

Current enrollment data was reviewed. The district enrollment has dropped 35 students from this time last year. Funding will be less than expected.

Superintendent Crowson gave the administrative report. Monroe School District, along with districts in our ESD area, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Race to the Top grant. The fuel oil at the high school should last us through to spring break. The improvements made to the heating systems and window replacement have certainly helped with fuel consumption. Bob Nixon's memorial service will be held at 11:00 on January 23, 2010 at the high school. Mr. Crowson has also sent out an informational memo to staff regarding financing.

Brenda Goracke reported on grade school activities. She had about 50 cases of legal length paper cut to letter size so the staff could use it. They may have an opportunity to purchase some of the LBL-ESD science kits once their program ends. There will be three baritones sent out for instrument repair. This is not damage, but general repair. Our new teacher, David Beatley, has signed up with OSU to begin the ELL program for certification.

Mrs. Goracke also reported on a trespass incident that happened today at the grade school. A patron informed her he was going to look on the playground for a lost dog. She asked him to wait one hour because the playground was busy with children. He became verbally abusive, left the building, and drove around to the playground. She told the patron to leave campus; he replied that she could call the police. When the police arrived, the patron argued with them and was uncooperative. After the patron was handcuffed, he yelled at the children. The patron was arrested and cited for trespassing and disorderly conduct. The patron happens to be the spouse of an employee. Mrs. Goracke also reported she had a staff meeting that afternoon to explain the situation. She has mailed an Exclusion from Campus letter to the patron.

There was some discussion regarding school board zones. Mr. Crowson asked if the Board wished to pursue re-zoning. The Board's consensus is to wait on the project until we receive the results of the 2010 census.

The Employee Key Checkout and Lost or Stolen Key Report forms were reviewed and revised. The cost of re-keying is a major concern to the Board.

The parking on Dragon Drive was discussed. Mr. Crowson informed the board that one duty of Kathy Allen's position is to supervise the flow of traffic into the grade school parking lot. He explained that he met with Dave Ballard from City Hall. The Catholic Church has taken down the handicapped parking sign which has gained back two parking spots. The Church has made a private parking lot with an exit onto Dragon Drive with no permits. In doing so, they have blocked off the sidewalk with their driveway. After discussion, the Board's consensus is to have Mr. Crowson contact the City to inquire about enforcement of the zoning laws.

The revised IIGB-AR Technology Plan 2009-11 was reviewed. The Board appreciates the clarification.

After review of the final revision, Mylrea moved to approve JBAA Section 504-Students, JBAA-AR Section 504-Student Procedures, and JBAA-Forms 504-01 through 504-04 as revised. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

Superintendent Crowson gave the Annual Report of the Compliance with the Standards. Mr. Crowson assured the Board that the District is within all standards as required by the State of Oregon. The Board was supplied with a listing of the revised Standards.

The Superintendent Evaluation form was reviewed. Board Members commended Mr. Crowson on his leadership qualities, the time he puts in, and his visibility in the district. Board Members Tony Stroda, Mylrea Estell and Student Council Representative Quintin Kreth completed their evaluations and turned them in. Robert Warden promised his completed form later in the week.

Mr. Crowson explained that he has received several complaints from parents regarding the lack of censorship by the Book Mobile (Benton County Library). They check out books and videos and allow the use of the internet to children without censoring the content. Lane Shetterly, the District's attorney, stated that while he could not assign liability to the Book Mobile issue the fact that it is parked on District property and is open during school hours certainly makes the District culpable for

some actions. He also stated that the District has every right to expect the Book Mobile to comply with District policies and regulations while on District property. Mrs. Goracke explained that the children have access to the Book Mobile during their recess which makes supervision difficult. After discussion, the Board's consensus is that the two entities have different missions. The Board would like Mr. Crowson to send a letter to Benton County Library to ask that they cancel their visits to our District.

Mr. Crowson announced that we are involved in a consortium which will train our health teachers to teach sex education to our students. The contacts for students are: Richard Fielder and Stacie Walton at the grade school, Beau Sisneros and Christina Walker at the high school.

A discussion of high school graduation revolved around setting the graduation date. Mylrea Estell moved that graduation times and dates be established by the School Board (beginning with the 2010-11 school year). Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0. Project Graduation can recommend a date to the school board each fall.

The Grade School graduation date was discussed. Tony Stroda moved to approve Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation date. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

There was no action taken on transfer request for Mauricio Nieves. Mauricio has enrolled in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Monroe and is doing fine.

The board reviewed and revised the following: JFCJ Weapons in the Schools, GBJ Weapons in the Schools - Staff, KKA/JFCD Public Conduct on District Property, KGB Public Conduct on District Property. The second reading will be in February.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:58 P.M.