

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
November 15, 2010

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

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

Also present: Tri-County Tribune reporter Sadie Moser, Monroe City Councilor Dave Ballard, patron Wesley Beckstead, and Monroe Grade School Principal Brenda Goracke.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 2010 as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

Note: Nancy Burnett arrived.

The consent agenda was reviewed. There were no changes.

The bills list was reviewed and discussed. The format was discussed. Tony Stroda asked Mylrea Estell who is on the ESD Board who could do anything about the waste of paper associated with printing the zeros on the billing statements. The District has tried to eliminate this issue and has been unable to solve this problem with the ESD.

The Board again pointed out that the “as per attached” is unacceptable. Randy Crowson assured the board that he has instructed the principals and secretaries that this is a summer only function, it is not to be used during the school year. Tim Warden asked how many flash drives were purchased for \$53.96 and were they competitively bid or just assumed to be the lowest price. Mr. Crowson will find out.

Kathy Johnson’s letter of resignation was read by Chair Warden. Mr. Crowson thanked Kathy for her many years of loyal service and expressed appreciation for giving the District so much advance notice. This allows them time to train a replacement.

The list of new hires and volunteer coach was reviewed. Stacie Cheeke was the only in-district employee to apply for the grade school secretary position. Stacie has been hired in the secretarial role, with Kathy Johnson in an advisory role. Ashley Chick is the new Title I Assistant at the grade school. Robert Hoepfl is recommended by Brenda Goracke as the new volunteer 7-8 grade boys basketball coach.

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

The Board reviewed the thank you letters to Ann & Donna Davis, Green & White Rock Products, Inc., Debi Mills, John Dillard, Ann Williams, Jerry’s Home Improvement, and Anna Moser. Chair Warden commented that our community and extended community has provided to our schools above and beyond.

The mini-grant from SELCO for the Principles of Technology class was reviewed. Mrs. Estell commented that Mr. Mulanax puts a lot of time into the program.

Dave Ballard, Monroe City Councilor announced that the 99 Express bus from Monroe to Corvallis is up and running. Other City projects are on hold because of the economy. The State hospital outside of Junction City is still scheduled to open in 2013, but the prison project is on hold. Mr. Ballard also commented that he had been told that the last money's that are needed to complete the hospital project may not be made available by the legislature if they need those funds elsewhere. He got his information from Jay Dixon, County Commissioners Chair, who is on the hospital site council.

Mr. Crowson announced that enrollment is holding. He also announced that there has been a good turnout with the high school parent-teacher conferences—better than in the past few years.

Mr. Crowson explained that the district is still struggling with finances. His office will receive another projection from the State in a few days. Mrs. Estell stated that the administrative staff should be commended for keeping the budget lean.

The Budget Committee position for Zone 2 is still open. Mylrea Estell will be ready to appoint someone at the December meeting.

The Board reviewed and revised new policy JHFF Reporting Requirements Regarding Sexual Conduct with Students; JHFF-Form-1 Sexual Conduct Complaint, JHFF-Form-2 Witness Disclosure Form; and the Pamphlet for Staff, Parents, and Volunteers. Tony Stroda moved to approve the policy, forms and pamphlet as amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that his contract ends on June 30, 2011 and the Board must make a decision to terminate by January 1, 2011 if they are not going to rehire him as Superintendent under a new contract. He asked if the Board wanted input from staff. After discussion, the board will welcome any comments from staff. They may remain anonymous if they wish. Mr. Crowson will send out a form.

After review, Mylrea Estell moved to approve the revisions to the IGBB-AR Tag Handbook and Forms 5 & 7. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The following revisions were reviewed: IIA Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials, IIA-AR Instructional Materials Selection, IIA-Form Reconsideration Request Form for Re-evaluation of Instructional Material, ING Animals in District Facilities, ING-Form-1 Animals in District Facilities. The second reading will be in December.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the changes to JHFE-AR Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse Regulations and the new JHFE-Form-2 Child Abuse Investigations Conducted on School Premises as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Mylrea Estell moved to approve the revisions to KN-AR Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The revisions to the Substitute Handbook were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the changes as noted. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0. There will be another update in the fall.

The meeting moved to executive session at 7:40 P.M. to discuss labor negotiations as per ORS 192.660(d).

The meeting moved back to open session at 7:58 P.M. and was adjourned by Chair Warden.

Robert Warden, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary