

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
December 13, 2010

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

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

Member absent: Tony Stroda.

Also present: Business Manager Corinne Klein, Tri-County Tribune reporter Sadie Moser, Monroe Grade School Principal Brenda Goracke, and student Quintin Kreth.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2010 as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and the following item added::

4.B. Thank you letter to Tony & Delaine Baker.

The bills list was reviewed and discussed.

Dustin Ballard was recommended as a volunteer assistant wrestling coach.

Corinne Klein reviewed the audit with the board members, explained the unfunded actuarial liability, and answered questions.

Tim Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board read a thank you note from Christine Manley and thank you letters to Hugh & Jean Wheeler, Romella Lee, Peggy Contreras, and Tony and Delaine Baker. Chair Warden commented that our community certainly supports our district.

High School student Quintin Kreth announced that he earned straight A's this past term at the University of Oregon. Good job!

Mr. Crowson explained that he has approved interdistrict transfer requests for two special education students. These students have moved into our district but wanted to continue classes in their previous district. In order to not interrupt their educational programs and wait for a board meeting he approved the requests. There were no objections.

Enrollment is holding at 475.

The old gym was painted this last weekend. With the new paint, the new floor finish and the new mats, the gym looks great. The gym will be used to capacity for activities such as wrestling, basketball, drama, and volleyball. The renovation is courtesy of Dragon Pride and volunteers.

Mrs. Goracke announced that 7th & 8th grade teacher Dave Beatley, assisted by high school science teacher Jenny Allen, took the grade school robotics LEGO team to their first competition in Corvallis last weekend. The team took 17th out of 25. The students were very interested in what they saw.

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

The board again 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. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the above listed policies, regulation and forms as amended. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

Board members reviewed staff input regarding the renewal of the superintendent's contract. There was general discussion regarding curriculum standards and keeping communication current with the public regarding those standards. Mylrea Estell moved to offer Randall Crowson a three year contract with financial considerations to be discussed at a later time. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0. Mr. Crowson extended his appreciation to the Board for their support.

Brenda Goracke explained that the SAFE Route to Schools Grant, while approved by ODOT, has not yet been signed off by them. A representative from ODOT contacted Brenda with new requirements for the grant to be claimed. After reviewing the required changes, Brenda believes that the implementation of the grant would be more expensive than beneficial to our district. Brenda stated that with the help of patrons and community members the parking lot project is already underway, and she will continue work on the traffic flow, and safety improvements at the Grade School.

Note: Nancy Burnett left the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Mylrea Estell moved to decline the SAFE Route to Schools Grant. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The Budget Development Calendar for 2011-12 was reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the calendar, noting that a budget committee member in Zone 2 needs to be appointed. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 3/0.

The parent survey was reviewed and discussed.

The district took a snow closure day on November 23. The board's consensus is to wait until the winter is over before making a decision on making up the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. by Chair Warden.