

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
January 10, 2011

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

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

Member absent: Tim Warden.

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

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2010 as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson announced that January is School Board Recognition Month. To honor our Board Members Mr. Crowson presented each with a copy of the book, When School Bells Rang, Schools of Benton County, Oregon by Marlene McDonald. It took nearly a year to find five copies as the book has been out of print for years. Thank you board members for your service!

Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD will hold a gathering of School Board Chairs, Superintendents and Legislators on Monday, January 24, 2011 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Chair Warden and Superintendent Crowson plan to attend.

A newspaper article concerning new lunch standards was reviewed.

The thank you letter to Monroe Area Foundation was read. The Foundation also donated \$300 to the high school library for a spinning paperback book rack.

There was no public input.

Enrollment is still holding steady at 473.

Randall Crowson gave the administrative update. One heat pump in the new gym has a leaky compressor; the repair is estimated at a few hundred dollars. Another heat pump in the new gym has a bad compressor. Repair is estimated at \$5,000-6,000 to replace the compressor and repair the heat pump. A new heat pump costs approximately \$21,000. Three of the heat pumps are 22 years old. The fourth heat pump is a few years newer. It was purchased to take some of the strain from the original three heat pumps. The Construction Excise Tax fund is available to use to replace the heat pump, but not for repair of the old heat pump. The Board's consensus is to replace the heat pump as long as it is at the beginning of a technology series and not at the end. It is important to keep the equipment consistent.

Mr. Crowson also reported on the following:

- He wrote a letter to staff regarding projected funding. Budget cuts would equal two and one-half certified staff.

- The lighting project at the grade school is ready to go. The funding is in place and the equipment is in. The teachers are excited about the project and are willing to accommodate the work crews.
- He is investigating the application process for a Teacher Incentive Grant. No small schools have applied for it in the past. He is only interested if it meets our school goals.

Mrs. Goracke updated the Board on grade school sports. She has also been busy with teacher observations and working toward evaluations.

The Budget Committee position for Zone 2 is still open. Ms. Estell requested a phone reminder.

The audit proposal was reviewed. Participating agencies involved are Corvallis, Greater Albany, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Lincoln County, Monroe, and Philomath School Districts and LBL ESD.

Mr. Crowson gave the Annual Report of the Compliance with the Standards. He explained that the district is in compliance with Division 22 Standards. In answer to questions from the board, he assured them that all policies are up to date, and textbooks are 100% standard.

Mrs. Goracke gave the report on Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs). Overall, the program is doing very well. An audit of the program will be conducted in February. (Handouts are attached.)

Mr. Crowson showed board members a draft copy of a district newsletter containing the school and district report cards. There were no objections to mailing the newsletter. Additional newsletters highlighting school news will be sent out during the school year. This is in response to parent requests.

The interdistrict transfer request for Tyler Moody to Junction City School District was reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the transfer. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board reviewed the following: DK Payment Procedures, DK-Form Monthly Bills Review, GBLA Disclosure of Information, JECDA Transcript Evaluation, JECDA-AR Transcript Evaluation Procedures. The second reading will be in February.

The following forms were reviewed: IGDF-Form Student Fund Raising Activity Request, JEC-Form-2 Interdistrict Transfer Request Special Education, KG-Form Facilities Use Request, JHCA-Form-2 Athletic Participation. Tony Stroda moved to approve the forms as modified. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0. OSAA's Sports Pre-Participation Examination form was reviewed. There were no objections to use this form.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. by Chair Warden.