

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
May 9, 2011

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Warden at 7:30 P.M.

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

Member absent: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Tri-County Tribune reporter Sadie Moser, and grade school principal Brenda Goracke.

The minutes were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

The agenda was reviewed. The following item was added: 7.D. Approve Resolution 1011-010 Supplemental Transportation Plan.

The bills were reviewed and discussed.

Mylrea Estell announced that her son, Quintin Kreth, has been nominated and elected to the University of Oregon Mortar Board. He will be inducted this Saturday. This honor is for college juniors and is based on academics, leadership, and service. He will be graduating from high school this year with 121 college credits. Congratulations Mylrea and Quintin.

The list of letters of intent for classified staff 2011-12 were reviewed and discussed.

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

The thank you letters to Delaine & Tony Baker and Harco Machine were read and discussed.

The Special Education Status Report was reviewed. The district special education program is in compliance with State standards. Nancy Williams deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the good review.

The Site Visit Monitoring Report conducted by Oregon Department of Energy was reviewed. Mr. Crowson shared flyers describing Monroe School District's energy projects. The flyers were written by the Department of Energy and submitted to Washington, D.C.

There was no public input.

Enrollment is steady again at 475.

Mr. Crowson gave the administrative update:

- He is looking at alternatives to replacing the high school boiler. If it is possible to bring in a higher capacity of electricity into the building, Mr. Crowson would recommend the following: one main heat pump for the south end of the building to include the library and

rooms 4 & 5, ductless heat pumps in rooms 6, 7, 8 (special ed), and 9 (science lab), a wall heater and fan in the Art room, and propane heaters in the old gym. There are possible grant funds available. He will continue his research. We have had only one diesel fill this year, with 2,000 gallons remaining. We could transfer the diesel to the shop tank if the main building heating system is converted.

- Mr. Crowson explained that there was a non-injury bus accident this morning on Williams Road. A logger had a piece of equipment in the road. After stopping, the bus approached slowly to pass. The bus driver did not see anyone in the cab of the equipment, and the equipment driver did not see the bus. As the cab moved, the rear knuckle hit the bus, breaking the driver's window and forcing the bus into the ditch. There were no injuries and all students were transferred to another bus. A police report was filed and the State was notified.

Ms. Goracke announced that Winston Cornwall will speak on Civil Rights and Bullying & Harassment next Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 in the grade school cafeteria. The Board members and community are welcome to attend.

The request from the City of Monroe was reviewed. After discussion, Mylrea Estell moved to support the City's application for funding assistance for a feasibility study for a riverside path. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson reminded the Board of the need to raise lunch prices to actual cost as required by the Federal government. The District can only raise prices by a maximum of 10¢ per year. Tony Stroda moved to approve the new lunch charges for 2011-12 as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that the band instruments have not been used for several years. The seals in wind instruments will dry out and, after time, decrease the value. Discussion revolved around renting and/or selling the instruments. Consensus is to have the instruments assessed for condition and value. Mr. Crowson will report back in June.

The Lawn Maintenance contract was discussed. The board agreed that proposals need to be sent out.

Mr. Crowson explained that the Summer Food Program will be on the same schedule as the Art in the Park schedule this year. Both programs will run Monday through Thursday each week during June and July only.

The interdistrict transfer for Christopher and Lindsay Ralston for the 2011-12 school year from Junction City was reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the transfer request into the Monroe School District. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The interdistrict transfer request for Sadie Chestnutt for 2011-12 to Philomath School District was reviewed. Mr. Crowson said that he was quite clear when he explained to the family that their transfer was approved for the 2010-11 school year only. No action was taken.

Possible classified employee reduction in force and certified employee layoffs were discussed. Mr. Crowson explained that he may need to reduce staff time in 2011-12. He will have more information at a later date, but needs to notify the employee unions of the possibility. The Board agreed with this plan of action; there were no objections. Mylrea Estell commented that the Board expects a lot from staff, and they think the world of them.

Mr. Crowson explained that the 2011-12 school calendar will be completed after the budget is presented. By that time, it will be more clear what the budget cuts and needs will be, and the calendar will be more accurate.

Resolution 1011-010 Supplemental Transportation Plan was reviewed and discussed. Mylrea Estell moved to adopt the plan to allow bus stops within Monroe City limits for elementary school students. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M. by Chair Warden.

Robert Warden, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary