

Monroe School District #1J
Budget Hearing & Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
June 20, 2011

The budget hearing was called to order by Chair Warden at 7:05 P.M.

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

Late: Nancy Burnett arrived at 7:25.

Absent: Tim Warden.

Also present: Tribune News reporter Sadie Moser, Principal Brenda Goracke.

There was general discussion regarding projected enrollment and possible personnel cuts.

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Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

The agenda and bills were reviewed.

Tim Warden arrived at 7:35 PM.

The Resolutions to adopt the 2011-12 Budget, levy taxes and make appropriations and approve the GASB 54 Statement were reviewed.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2010-11 volunteer list reviewed. This is an amazing number of volunteers and shows a great amount of support from the community. Thank you to all volunteers.

Board members read the following communications: Thank you letter from Jackie Crowson; thank you letters to Lee Duncan, Florence Brown, Elaine Smith, Karen Cohee, Ristie Ridge, Jimmy & Betty Russell, John Scott; Susan & Charley Fisher; Treehouse Signs; Peggy Contreras;

Mark Peterson, Monroe Church of Christ; Hugh & Jean Wheeler.

Mr. Crowson presented a plaque to out-going board member Tim Warden for his years of service from 2005-2011. The District appreciates his service.

There was no public input.

The enrollment summary for 2010-11 was reviewed. Enrollment figures held steady for the year.

Mr. Crowson gave the administrative update including:

- The next energy grant application has been filed. The energy audit will be scheduled. Pacific Power is working on the power consumption.

Brenda Goracke reviewed the Title III Audit Report. One ELL teacher is not fully certified, however expects to receive his endorsement by next fall. A copy of the report is attached.

The School Meals Initiative for Healthy Children report was reviewed. A copy is attached.

The Lawn & Landscape Maintenance proposals were reviewed. Contractors in attendance were Mike Chorak from Chorak Mowing, Mick Kokkeler from Kokkeler Lawn Care Services, and Jeff Cope from Home Grown Gardens. Board members asked questions of the contractors. After lengthy discussion, Tony Stroda moved to award a one year contract to Kokkeler Lawn Care Services providing the Board sees improvement in service regarding care of the football field and broadleaf spray on the campuses. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2011-12 school calendar was reviewed. After discussion, Tim Warden moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The list of safety recommendations and the completed projects was reviewed. A copy is attached.

The May 2011 election results were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to accept the results as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Administrative and Confidential Employee contracts were reviewed. After discussion, Tony Stroda moved to approve the Superintendent/Special Education Director's 2011-2014 contract with a 2% raise in salary per year. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0. The other five employee contracts were reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the contracts as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0. Mylrea Estell stated that because the District has been very conservative in the past, financial stability has been maintained. Monroe salaries remain competitive with other districts.

The tentative 2011-13 Classified Employees Association agreement was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that the classified union will meet on Wednesday to vote on ratifying the agreement. Tony Stroda moved to ratify the tentative agreement as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The Deed of Gift from Benton County Historical Society was reviewed. Through the process of cleaning the records room (bowling alley), several boxes of odd and ends were sent to the Historical Society. They have gone through all the boxes, sent a few back, and catalogued the documents they would like to keep. They are requesting a deed of gift in order to keep the items. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the document list with the exception of three folders which contained social security numbers. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0. There are also several items of interest set aside for the South Benton Historical Museum.

The interdistrict transfer requests into Monroe for students Julia Schindler and Hayden Beyer were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve both transfers for the 2011-12 school year. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Tony Stroda requested that all office personnel compile a detailed desk manual. Continuity in the office is a huge consideration and manuals will be very helpful in the event of unforeseen absences.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Warden at 9:50 P.M.

Robert Warden, Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary