

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
July 11, 2011

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

Newly elected board members Mylrea Estell, Nancy Burnett, and Jennifer Gamache were sworn in.

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

Also present: Building Principals Bill Crowson and Brenda Goracke.

Chair Warden opened nominations for 2011-12 Board officers. Robert Warden nominated Tony Stroda for the office of Chair. Second: Nancy Burnett. Mylrea Estell nominated Nancy Burnett as Vice-Chair. Second: Tony Stroda. Both motions carried 5/0.

Tony Stroda assumed the Chair responsibilities.

The Board reviewed the listing of Designation of District Duties, Meeting Places and Times. Tony Stroda requested that the regular board meetings begin at 7:00 PM each month. There were no objections. New items include Official Auditor for the school year: Pauly, Rogers and Co., P.C. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the listing as amended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Robert Warden moved to approve the listing of District Bank Accounts as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2011 as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Chair Stroda took a minute to encourage new board member Jennifer Gamache to ask questions at any time.

The agenda was reviewed and the following items added:

- 4.A.2. Thank you letter from Randy & Jackie Crowson
- 4.D.2. Letter from ODE Pupil Transportation, Transportation Review
- 7.D. August 2011 board meeting, discussion

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The bills lists were reviewed and discussed. The other consent agenda items were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the consent items as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The thank you letters were read and discussed.

An update from ODE was read regarding the Title III Monitoring. David Beatley is scheduled to have his ELL endorsement by this fall.

The letters from Oregon Department of Education, Pupil Transportation were reviewed. The Supplemental Transportation Plan has been approved by ODE. The Transportation review passed with no deficiencies. Lisa Rictor organized the review this year and deserves congratulations. Chester Crowson sends two mechanics to the school bus mechanics course each year.

There was no public input.

The enrollment graph for the years 1995-2011 was reviewed.

Christine Manley explained that she contacted the Benton County Historical Society about the donated documents which contained social security numbers. The Society was aware of the documents and inadvertently included them in the deed of gift. The documents were returned to the district and destroyed. A revised deed of gift was issued.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- Summer maintenance is progressing. They are working on repair to the main building roof at the grade school. Over twenty-two thousand nails will be used on the existing shingles, then the areas will be tarred, and certain areas will be replaced with new shingles.
- The pea gravel has been moved back under the playground equipment at the grade school. This will be made a part of the regular maintenance duties.
- He has received a quote from Gary Hallet to paint the south and west sides of the west wing at the grade school. He will complete the project by late August.
- The District will repair the fascia on the west side of the grade school gym, then contract out for seamless gutter installation.
- He is still working on paperwork for the high school boiler replacement. The District has cut back on energy consumption so dramatically that we may not qualify for certain grants. Tony Stroda stated that he supported having Randy apply for the SELF Loan at a payback up to 20 years. He felt that we would benefit in the long run. Bob Warden supported Tony's position and stated that he sees no reason to replace the old boiler. He would rather support putting in the new system and save the energy. Mylrea Estell wanted some type of public release on the energy saving projects that the District has done in the past and what we are currently doing to save energy and money. Nancy Burnett and Jennifer Gamache offered no objection. The Chair asked for consensus and received consensus for Mr. Crowson to proceed with the loan. The Board asked Randy Crowson about payback potential and Mr. Crowson stated he would use all funds available including general fund. The Board discussed that the final payment on the modular classrooms was in this years' budget and that amount was \$21,100 and that we could budget that in the future to meet this obligation if necessary. We can also use CET funds and 1149 funds.
- The gym heat pump replacement is on hold. Mr. Crowson would like to wait until there are more CET monies available.

- The summer meal program is going well. This program runs the same time frame as the Art in the Park. The meal program is self-sustaining.

The South Benton Community Enhancement Association application to move, fill or impact wetlands was reviewed.

Allowing students to have personal computers on campus was discussed. Mr. Crowson explained that he would like to be able to treat laptop computers, I-phones, Blackberries, etc. the same as other electronic devices if they are misused. After some discussion, the Board's consensus is to add a section in the student handbook concerning laptops and other devices. For grades 7-12, a need must be established for academic purposes only. If misused, the device may be confiscated. For grades K-6 these devices will not be allowed without prior approval from the principal. Bill Crowson will develop a use form for students and parents.

The Superintendent goals for 2010-11 were reviewed. After discussion the following goals were set by consensus for 2011-12:

1. Continue to work on academics, especially 9th & 10th grades.
2. Maintain staff development and morale.
3. Improve High School Library functionality.
4. Continue facilities maintenance within budget constraints.
5. Continue to pursue favorable grants.
6. Promote Monroe schools with media (web site, print, etc.)

After discussion, the board agreed that a regular meeting in August is not necessary. A special meeting may be called if needed.

There being no further business, Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 9:24 P.M.