

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
September 12, 2011

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Tony Stroda, Robert Warden, Jennifer Gamache, Superintendent Randall Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Alex Baker.

Late: Mylrea Estell, Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Building Principals Bill Crowson and Brenda Goracke, patron Tim Nash, TriCounty Tribune reporter Sara Moser, and University of Oregon student Kaine Warner.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2011 as written. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

NOTE: Mylrea Estell arrived at 7:02 P.M.

The agenda was reviewed and the following item added:

3. E. Approval of Interdistrict Transfer Request 2011-12, Transfer Out:
 - 4) Leanne Logan, grade 11, to Philomath School District

The listing of bills paid, the expenditure statements and sequential check lists for the months of July and August were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Crowson explained that Sarah Albitz was hired as the new Grade School Office Assistant. She has several years experience and lives locally.

NOTE: Nancy Burnett arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

The dividend check from SAIF was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that Mrs. Manley has been working with SAIF and the Early Return to Work program for our injured workers. Putting injured workers back on limited duty saves insurance costs which in turn lowers premiums. Due to those efforts this dividend check is higher than usual.

Chair Stroda read the thank you letter to Dragon Pride Booster Club. The Board voiced their appreciation of all that Dragon Pride does for the district.

Tim Nash explained that he recently worked on a grant for the City baseball field. He is now looking at a possible grant from the Corp. of Engineers for a football field and track at the grade school. There was general discussion on maintenance and upkeep of the field and track, the current nature trail, and parking issues. Mrs. Goracke feels this could be a good project. Mr. Nash mentioned that if this grant did not go through, he could get local patrons to help build the field. If the project does not cost the Board anything, would it be an option? There were

no objections to the project, grant, or alternative local funding. Mr. Nash will keep the Board informed as to his progress.

There was no public input.

The current enrollment K-12 is 477 students. The high school enrollment is down, but the grade school is up, keeping enrollment at the same level as last spring. Mr. Crowson explained that he has accepted two early Kindergarten entries based on interviews between Mrs. Goracke, the children, and the parents.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- The heating system project should begin in about two weeks. He will be using funds from Construction Excise Tax (CET), Senate Bill 1149 and general fund savings.
- A local company, Crag Creek Tree & Land Care, trimmed some trees recently at both the grade school and high school.
- Due to the increase in the shop classes, they may advertise for a part time shop aide. Chair Stroda commented that it is a feather in Monroe's cap to be able to build that program back up. Representative Alex Baker commented that she took shop class last year and when it is crowded, it is very hectic.
- The South Benton Library has reached their fund raising goal. They plan to start construction on the library in the spring. A letter of congratulations was signed by all Board members. He has also talked with Lori Pelkey regarding the library and schools working together.

Brenda Goracke explained that Title III funds will be used toward a Rosetta Stone program for all 8th grade students. The one year program subscription will include English speakers learning Spanish, and Spanish speakers learning English. Dave Beatley can proctor, and Kim Martinez will be available to help in the classes. This program will also serve as an on-line class, which will be a State requirement.

Mr. Beatley has completed his course work for his ESOL endorsement and has applied to TSPC.

Mr. Bill Crowson explained the Perkins CTE (Career & Technical Education) Program and handed out an overview and equipment inventory. There is a small amount of funding available each year through our business education and industrial arts programs. The funding alternates each year between the two programs. The federal monies are used to purchase equipment for the programs.

The current Transportation Contract was reviewed. Randall Crowson explained that the auditors feel the contract needs to be put out for bid. He will notify the contractor that he will put the contract out for bid at the end of this current contract, July 1, 2014. Mylrea Estell moved to notify the transportation contractor. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Bill Crowson requested a cooperative baseball and softball sponsorship between Monroe and

Alsea school districts. The athletes must comply with Monroe High School rules and regulations. We have had similar sponsorships with Alsea in the past. Robert Warden moved to approve the request. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board reviewed the 2009 Oregon State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report. Our district meets all state and federal regulations in our special education program. A great job by Nancy Williams, Special Education Coordinator.

The 2010-11 AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) report was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that our school district has met AYP for five consecutive years. In fact, Monroe is the only district in Benton County to pass. The State keeps raising the bar and, so far, our teachers keep hitting it. Keep up the good work!

The interdistrict Transfer Requests for Ingrid, Jacqueline, and Giovanni Coronado were reviewed. There was no action taken.

Policy and administrative regulation GCPC/GDPC Retirement of Staff and GCPC/GDPC-AR Re-employment of PERS-Retired Staff were reviewed. Mr. Crowson assured the Board that all re-hired retired employees will be treated the same.

The Board reviewed the following new and revised policy and administrative regulations:

- 1) EFAA District Nutrition and Food Services, new
- 2) EFAA-AR Reimbursable School Meals, new
- 3) JE Student Attendance, revised
- 4) JED Student Absences & Excuses, revised
- 5) GBCA Staff Religious Dress, new
- 6) GBCA-AR Staff Dress & Grooming, new

The second reading will be in October.

The Board reviewed the following new and revised forms:

- 1) DK-Form-1 Monthly Bills Review, revise
- 2) DK-Form-2 Sequential Check List Review, new
- 3) DK-Form-3 Monthly Payroll Review Documentation, new
- 4) DK-Form-4 Adjusting Journal Entries, new

Nancy Burnett moved to approve the forms as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.