

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
November 14, 2011

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

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

Late: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Building Principals Bill Crowson and Brenda Goracke; Business Manager Corinne Klein; patrons Lorene Smith, Kim Horning, Lance Horning, Betsy Pitcher, Sara Ballard; and TriCounty Tribune reporter Sara Moser.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2011 as written. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The listing of bills paid and the expenditure statements for October were reviewed and discussed. The list of volunteer coaches and employees to hire were reviewed.

NOTE: Nancy Burnett arrived at 7:05 P.M.

The list of surplus items was reviewed.

The 2010-11 Financial Report/Audit was reviewed. Mrs. Klein explained that this is a new auditing firm this year. They did not audit the Monroe Foundation because there are no public funds in the Foundation and therefore there are no legal requirements to audit non-public funds. If the Board wants the Foundation records audited, there must be a separate audit. After general review and discussion, the Board thanked Mrs. Klein and Mr. Crowson for their efforts.

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

The thank you letters to Dan Lara, Dean of Science at LBCC, and Janice Irene were read.

Tim Nash was not in attendance. The Grade School Fields report was tabled until December.

There was no public input.

Bill Crowson reported on the College Now program at the high school. Last school year 45 Monroe High School students earned a total of 364 college credits through this dual credit program. The students also earned high school credit at the same time. Mr. Crowson reviewed the courses available for this school year (list attached). He explained that Monroe uses this program a great deal, much more so than larger area districts. Board members expressed appreciation for the availability of the program.

Brenda Goracke explained the latest AMAO report. This report tracks our ELL students and the progress they have made. This year there are only 16 students in the program, nine of those students are returning from last year. The District did not meet Target 1 which requires significant improvement of the majority of ELL students. She will write a two-year improvement plan. Mr. Beatley is now fully certified in ESOL, which completes the improvement plan from last year.

The current enrollment K-12 is 477 students.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- He has signed the loan papers for the heating project and is working to get the bidding process started. The old boiler at the high school is in bad condition. Commercial Air is loaning boiler parts to the District to help save money and is only charging labor costs. The loan is at 3½ % interest. He learned that Monroe is only one of eleven district to get the first of the loans.
- He will present the Board with an open enrollment policy draft next month.
- He continues to work on setting up the safety committee. He is waiting for nominations from the certified group.
- He informed the Board that we must also have a “pesticide” policy. The current draft from OSU is 30-40 pages.

Brenda Goracke reported that there will be a Lego Robotics competition in December. The Rosetta Stone Spanish/English program is being enjoyed by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The grade school gym is scheduled to be closed during Christmas break so that the floor can be refinished.

Bill Crowson reported that Monroe won the first state football playoff game. The next game is this week.

Randall Crowson reminded the Board that the district will be closed next week due to three furlough days along with the two days for Thanksgiving. The furlough days are meant to help balance the budget. The ESD will be replacing the district server during those days.

Nancy Burnett asked who made the decision to shut down the gym during December? There was discussion of programs, classes and schedules. Mr. Crowson pointed out that this will be the first time the gym floor will be refinished since it was installed in the 1970s. Sara Ballard explained that she has checked around the area and all other gyms are booked. There will be no other place for the grade school basketball teams to practice during break.

Mr. Crowson explained the TAG review (attached). The program will soon need to be updated and the regulations rewritten.

Mr. Crowson explained that Monroe School District joined the Junction City-Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce. Sabrina Sparks was nominated for Student of the Year for her work with Habitat for Humanity by a community member. Lory Bechtold was nominated for Educator of the Year by the administrators. Christy Warden was the recipient of the Community Member

of the Year. This is the first year we have been involved and because of the short time frame, the administrators took care of the educator nomination. How does the Board want to work with the Educator of the Year nomination in the future? He explained to the board that “Educator” includes teachers and classified employees. Consensus is the administrators will nominate a few each year and bring to the board for a final nomination.

The updates to LRE-AR Public Charter Schools Regulations was reviewed and corrections made. Robert Warden moved to approve as modified. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

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

- 1) AD Education Philosophy
- 2) AE District Goals
- 3) ECAB Vandalism/Malicious Mischief/Theft
- 4) IGBHE Expanded Options Program
- 5) IGBHE-Form-1 Expanded Options Programs Notification
- 6) IK Academic Achievement/Parent Reporting
- 7) IKF Graduation Requirements & Diplomas
- 8) IKF-AR Graduation Requirements
- 9) IKFB Graduation Exercises
- 10) JGAB Use of Restraint and Seclusion
- 11) JGAB-AR Use of Restraint and Seclusion Guidelines
- 12) JHFE Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse
- 13) JN Student Fees, Fines and Charges
- 14) JO/IGBAB Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities
- 15) KBA Public Records

The second reading will be in December.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:32 P.M.

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Tony Stroda, Board Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary