

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
February 13, 2012

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 6:30 P.M.

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

Absent: Nancy Burnett, Jennifer Gamache.

The meeting moved immediately into executive session to discuss negotiations as per ORS 192.660(2)(d).

The meeting returned to open session at 7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Patron Betsy Pitcher; employees Brenda Goracke, Bill Crowson, Christina Walker; and TriCounty Tribune reporter Sarah Moser.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2012 as written. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

There were no additions to the agenda.

The listing of bills paid and the expenditure statements for January were reviewed and discussed.

The list of surplus books was reviewed and discussed.

Board members read the letter of resignation from Ashley Chick; and reviewed the list of new hires.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Board members read the thank you letters to Monroe Area Foundation, Barbara Wrightman-Doe, and Greenberry Industrial. The donation from Greenberry Industrial has allowed the district to join a new program, "Tasting Tables" which introduces uncommon foods to the grade school students. This month Red Pears were introduced by a local grower.

The Northwest Accreditation report was reviewed. Bill Crowson explained that Monroe High School has been accredited 76 years in a row. Board members encouraged him to keep up the good work.

Randall Crowson explained that the Clean Energy Works Oregon grant funding has been approved for approximately \$5,000. He will not accept the funding if there are restrictions.

There was no public input.

The enrollment at the end of January was reported as 478; holding close to last year.

Randall Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- Home school report update
- He will have to schedule foot surgery in March or April. There will be a three month recovery period with limited mobility. He should be fully recovered in time for the summer maintenance projects.

Bill Crowson reported that the girls basketball team will make the playoffs. Monroe is hosting the wrestling district tournament.

Brenda Goracke reported that the grade school is getting ready for conferences and Forest Camp. They have finished TAG testing, and are getting ready for the Explore (ACT) testing for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They have enjoyed the Tasting Table program so far. The Wellness Survey is also coming up soon.

Tony Stroda asked for an update on the roof leaks at the grade school. Randall Crowson explained that the leaks are under control at this time, but the roof will need to be replaced. He is looking at using Construction Excise Tax (CET) money to re-roof the grade school. He will get quotes this spring.

Randall Crowson explained that the District received a \$40 restitution payment for the Dragon Weathervane vandalism. He has promised to send any restitution funds to the volunteers who placed the weathervane back on the roof. These out-of-town volunteers used their own boom truck, time and employees. Mr. Crowson would like to get at least a three digit total before he sends off any funds.

Randall Crowson explained that the Alsea School District Superintendent mailed brochures into our District soliciting our students to enroll in their school district. Alsea also included Philomath and Lincoln County School Districts in this open enrollment campaign. The Alsea Superintendent did not give any type of advanced notice to the other school districts. Mr. Crowson explained that he has rescinded the Cooperative Sponsorship for Baseball and Softball between our two districts and is seeking Board approval of his action. Mylrea Estell moved to rescind the agreement. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The current 2011-12 school calendar was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that originally the teachers asked that the professional development day in May be moved so that it would not interfere with Forest Camp. This year, Forest Camp was moved and interfered with our professional development day. Mr. Crowson requested that the May 4 Professional Development

Day be moved to May 25. May 4 would become a regular class day. Robert Warden so moved.  
Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

A special board meeting will be held February 23 (after an expulsion hearing). Superintendent Crowson would like to discuss open enrollment at that time. He will be prepared to set open enrollment numbers, and have draft brochures ready. He plans to take out an advertisement in the local paper. He handed out draft lists of positive attributes written by each principal. He asked that board members review and add their suggestions by the end of this week.

Chair Stroda read the Classified Employee Week Proclamation. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the week of March 5-9, 2012 as Classified Employee Week. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

IGBC-AR Title I/Parental Involvement was discussed and revised. Robert Warden moved to approve the administrative regulation as modified. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that several years ago when the State Department of Transportation (ODOT) resurfaced the highway in front of the high school, they eliminated several drains and the ditch. The highway sits at a higher level than the school parking lots. During the recent rain storms, the highway in front of the school flooded and water ran into and through the high school parking lot. At one time there was six to eight inches of water in the parking lot. Water was also bubbling up out of the storm drain at the east end of the paved parking lot. He has been told in the past both from ODOT and the City of Monroe that that type of flooding situation cannot happen. Tony Stroda suggested contacting Ken Kohl, from ODOT who was on the highway project, and also the City of Monroe. Mr. Crowson will make the contacts and keep the Board updated.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:30 P.M.

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Tony Stroda, Board Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary