

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
May 14, 2012

The Supplemental Budget Hearing was called to order by Vice Chair Burnett at 6:45 P.M.

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

Late: Mylrea Estell arrived at 6:50 P.M., Tony Stroda arrived at 6:55 P.M.

Absent: Student Council Representative Alex Baker.

Also present: Principal Brenda Goracke, and patron Betsy Pitcher.

There was general discussion regarding the Boiler Replacement Project.

The budget hearing was closed at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Stroda.

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

Absent: Student Council Representative Alex Baker.

Also present: Employees Brenda Goracke, Lauren James, and patron Betsy Pitcher.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of Board meetings April 9, 2012, April 16, 2012, April 30, 2012 and the Budget Committee meeting May 9, 2012 as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed. One correction to make: Change "Open Session" to "Regular Session" on the agenda.

There were no questions on the bills.

Chair Stroda read the letter of resignation from Christina Walker, Counselor. Mylrea Estell read the email from Christina Walker, resigning her positions as Head Track Coach and Assistant Volleyball Coach. Ms. Walker will really be missed.

Lauren James, 3rd & 4th grade teacher, read his letter of resignation to the Administration and the Board. The Board thanked Mr. James for his service to the district for the past 16 years. Mr. Crowson commented that Mr. James is a quality person who took leadership of his team.

Robert Warden read the letter of resignation from Marcus Campbell, Head Boys Basketball Coach.

The list of 2012-13 Winter Sports Coaches was reviewed. The Board asked if it was typical to hire the Assistant Coach before the Head Coach was hired. Mylrea Estell moved to remove item 5.D.5. Assistant Boys Basketball Coach and discuss it separately. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Letters of Intent for the Classified Staff for 2012-13. Hilary Irwin was inadvertently left of the list; please add her name.

The Extended Leave of Absence for Sue Benninghoven was reviewed. There were no objections. The Board hopes all is well for the Benninghovens.

The list of surplus books was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Crowson explained that no book buyer will purchase the used books because the library markings decrease the value. He contacted the Friends of the Library and has been donating the surplus books to that organization. The Friends of the Library will use the books in their book sale. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Benton County Library system, which in turn supports our Monroe public library.

Robert Warden moved to approve the Consent Agenda with one exception: remove item 5.D.5. and table the hiring of the Assistant Boys Basketball Coach until the Head Boys Basketball Coach is hired. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/1, nay-Mylrea Estell.

Board members read the thank you letters to George and Liz VanLeeuwen, Kelly Stroda, and Susan and Charley Fisher.

The OSBA Listening Session will be held May 30, 2012, 6:00 P.M. at Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD for any Board member interested in attending.

Public Input: Betsy Pitcher asked if the electronic reader board can be slowed down. There was much discussion of the length of time it takes to read the messages, the number of messages, and the graphics that go with the messages. Mr. Crowson will check to see if one entire message could be put on the screen instead of breaking the message into two screens or having the messages scroll.

Enrollment is dropping: 465 K-12 as of the end of April.

Mr. Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- He, the administrators, and Ms. Walker interviewed nine counselor applicants today. They will check references on their top three picks.
- He and Ms. Goracke have 17 applicants scheduled for interviews for the 3rd & 4th grade teaching position this Thursday and Friday.
- He has contacted the owner of the fruit stand in Monroe. He believes they will be able to supply fresh fruit and vegetables for the food programs this summer and next fall.

There were no additional changes to the revised policies, administrative regulations and forms. Robert Warden moved to approve as modified in April. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the Resolutions to adopt the 2011-12 Supplemental Budget as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

A Facility Use Request and Lane Shetterly's legal opinion were reviewed.

Mr. Crowson explained that Nancy Burnett has applied for the Volleyball Coaching position. It has been explained to Nancy that she will receive no preferential treatment because she is a board member. Ms. Burnett has agreed that, if "hired", she will volunteer her time and not accept payment.

The 2012-13 academic calendar and staff recommendations were reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the calendar framework and grant permission to add furlough days as negotiated with the unions. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The increase in meal prices for 2012-13 are due to Federal mandates. Robert Warden moved to approve the increases as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 5/0.

The interdistrict transfer request for the Becker children to Junction City was reviewed. The Board is unable to act on this request since the children have not moved into our district. The Board would like the parents and the children to visit our schools. The Board would also like to invite the parent(s) to visit them at the June meeting.

Mr. Crowson asked the Board if they would like to leave their transfer policy as it is. Or, with open enrollment laws, would they like to revise their procedures?

Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary