

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
October 8, 2012

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

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

Members late: Jennifer Gamache, Mylrea Estell, and Student Council Representative Veda Rose Kreth.

Also present: Employees Brenda Goracke, Bill Crowson; Monroe City Council member Paul Canter; and patrons Cindy Canter and Betsy Pitcher.

Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2012 as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

Note: Jennifer Gamache, Mylrea Estell, and Student Council Representative Veda Rose Kreth arrived at the meeting.

The consent agenda was reviewed and the following items added:

4. Communications
 - E. Thank you letter to Steven Logan
 - F. OEIB Community Forums

The bills list was reviewed and discussed. The Quill invoice was ridiculously long, taking up 10 pages of the bills list, with many of the line items showing a zero amount.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The information provided by the City of Monroe was reviewed. Councilor Canter discussed drainage ditches and the need for cleaning those ditches. Tony Stroda volunteered to help clean the high school's ditch with his equipment. Councilor Canter and Randall Crowson will meet to view the ditches and assess need.

The letter from ODE regarding the Summer Food Service Program was reviewed. ODE Child Nutrition Department found no areas out of compliance during the Administrative Review.

The OSBA Listening Session has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012.

The LBL-ESD Annual Report was reviewed and services provided by the ESD were discussed.

Chair Burnett read the thank you letter to Steven Logan.

The OEIB letter listing dates for Community Forums was reviewed.

Randall Crowson announced that the new hierarchy at the State Department of Education has rejected the District's Achievement Compact. He discussed the difficulty and frustration of writing goals that the State will accept.

Mr. Crowson updated the board on the technology project. Most of the computers are in place, and the document cameras are almost ready to be ordered. He checked on a laptop grant but we are not eligible to apply.

Brenda Goracke announced that the Lego Robotics program has started again at the grade school with three teams this year. Mr. Beatley is thinking of starting a similar program at the high school.

Mr. Crowson announced that at this Friday's homecoming game the Championship football team of 1962 will be honored. Many members of the team will be at the game.

Tony Stroda explained that he and Brenda Goracke met with Tim Nash, Tim Warden, and a representative from the National Guard. In this meeting they discussed a four year plan and applying for projects with the National Guard. Projects could include a new ball field at the grade school, a small practice gym at the grade school, a bus lane from the grade school to Orchard Street, and paving the high school parking lot. The National Guard would be doing the work.

Current student enrollment was reported as 448 K-12.

The Student Communication Devices policy and administrative regulations have been distributed to the Student Councils at both the grade school and the high school. The Councils will report back to the Board in November.

Randall Crowson explained that the PERS UAL account is an account to collect funds to make future PERS payments. He discussed with the district's auditors the correct way to with hold payments to that account and hold the funds in the general fund instead. By holding the funds in the general fund the district could use it to balance the budget if needed.

Brenda Goracke explained that the District did not meet the Title III / AMAO standards for the 2011-12 school year. AMAO 1 was met, AMAO 2 failed by .06 of a percent, and AMAO 3 was not rated due to insufficient numbers in the program.

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Randall Crowson and Bill Crowson explained that Aventa Learning is a new Virtual School K-12 for Monroe. Courses will begin second semester and will be offered to enrolled students, home school students, and other online school students in our community.

The first reading of policies, administrative regulations and forms were reviewed and discussed. The second reading will be in November.

Reminder: The November Board meeting will be held Tuesday the 13th instead of Monday due to the Veteran's Day holiday. The Board will meet at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Burnett at 9:02 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary