

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

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Burnett at 6:15 P.M.

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

Also present: Employees Brenda Goracke, Bill Crowson; and Tribune reporter Bridget Gavin.

The meeting moved immediately to executive session as per ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection; and ORS 192.660 (2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:30 P.M.

Members present: Nancy Burnett, Mylrea Estell, Robert Warden, Tony Stroda, Jennifer Gamache, Superintendent Randall Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Veda Rose Kreth.

Also present: Employees Brenda Goracke, Bill Crowson, Connie Madsen, City Councilor Paul Cantor, patron Betsy Pitcher; and Tribune reporter Bridget Gavin.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of October 9, 2012 as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and amended as follows:

4. C. Approval of volunteer coaches:
 4. Sara Ballard, High School Girls Basketball (not 7/8)

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

There was no new information from the City of Monroe.

The letter from OSEA Chapter 83 regarding their intent to negotiate was reviewed. Robert Warden and Nancy Burnett again volunteered to represent the Board during negotiations. Randall Crowson will send a letter on their behalf to OSEA. The Board also requested that he sit in on at least the first few sessions.

Board members read the thank you letters.

There was no public input.

Student enrollment as of the end of October was reported as 448 K-12, remaining the same as the previous month.

Mr. Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- John Gray Gift: 23 machines are in place at the grade school. He is still researching document cameras.
- Jerry Brown Company will pump the fuel oil from the main tank at the high school and transfer it to the shop tank for a minimum charge.

Mrs. Goracke reported that basketball season is now underway. The Cross Country club finished well; the girls took first place and the boys took second in their league. Jennifer Gamache and Kristen Beckstead did a great job. Also, the Lego Robotics club is off to a good start.

Mr. Bill Crowson announced that the high school had a very good turn out at the parent-teacher conferences. Fall sports are now over, and winter sports have begun. The heat in the classrooms has been very comfortable.

The discussion of the Student Communication Devices policy and administrative regulations has been tabled until December. Mr. Crowson reported that the high school has not worked with the policies, and the grade school student council has just been elected.

After the second reading, Robert Warden moved to approve the subject policy, administrative regulations and forms as revised. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

Rosie Fuhrmann has requested a job share for four weeks to extend her maternity leave. Tony Stroda moved to approve the request. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Brooke Kilbane has requested a one year leave of absence. Mr. Crowson recommended the one year leave of absence be effective May 11, 2012 with a return to work date of May 13, 2013. (May 11, 2012 is the date of her first absence with her current condition.) Robert Warden so moved. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Crowson shared copies of the certified negotiated agreement, Article 13 Leaves. He recommends doing some housekeeping of the Article during the next bargaining session.

Mr. Crowson explained that the Kindergarten class is overcrowded with 31 students. Some parents asked for a meeting with Brenda Goracke and himself to discuss the situation. There were 12 parents in attendance. Since a second classroom is unavailable, other alternatives were discussed. Consensus in the meeting was to offer two afternoon classes with half of the students each (Monday & Wednesday, Tuesday & Thursday) with a different teacher to work on basic skills. Mr. Crowson

explained that an additional teacher was not budgeted, however he felt it is the best solution educationally. He will be able to cut out one bus run which will help to offset costs. There were no objections from the Board.

Jennifer Gamache asked questions about the grade school page on the district website. Parents have expressed concern to her that it is not up to date. Can the calendar be updated? Can the letters sent home to parents be placed on the website? Also, can parents fill out some type of evaluation form for the end of each sports season and the end of the year to use as feedback. They could possibly modify the form that the high school uses. She offered to work on it with Mr. Crowson and Ms. Goracke.

Ms. Gamache shared photos of the 7-8 cross country meets. She explained that the season went extremely well. They also had high school students who help the athletes during workouts.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Burnett at 7:45 P.M.