

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
April 8, 2013

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Burnett at 6:59 P.M.

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

Also present: Building Principals Brenda Goracke, Bill Crowson; Teacher David Beatley; and patrons Lance Horning, Carl Deaton, Anne-Marie Goracke, and Betsy Pitcher.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of March 11 & 19, 2013 as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and no items were added. The listing of bills paid in March was reviewed and discussed. Misha Klein was recommended as a volunteer softball coach. Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

Chair Burnett read the thank you letter to Jerry's Home Improvement.

Mylrea Estell read the correspondence from Brooke Kilbane. She will not be returning to her position this year. Ms. Kilbane also resigned her position from the District. Tony Stroda moved to approve Ms. Kilbane's resignation. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0. The Board wishes her the best.

Mr. David Beatley gave a PowerPoint presentation on Proficiency Grading. He explained how he investigated ways to bring students up to the same level in assessment and in class work. During this pilot program he has discovered pros and cons of this type of grading. He is working with the third and fourth grade teachers to develop their grading system. Questions and discussion about grading, common core and curriculum at the District, State and Federal levels followed this presentation. The questioning and discussion involved the Board, the audience, Mr. Beatley and the administration. The board would like to see another presentation on similar subjects. They suggested a flyer be sent to parents explaining changes in the schools and curriculum.

There was no public input.

Student enrollment as of the end of March was reported as one additional student from the prior month. The Board would like to see a presentation on K-12 Monroe (the district's online program). The Board also requested that flyers be sent to home school students to invite them to enroll in the classes.

There was general discussion revolving around enrollment, vocational charter schools, and budgeting vs. enrollment.

Mr. Crowson explained that he sent out a survey to parents regarding board zoning as requested at the last board meeting. In the survey he explained the district board zoning and asked if an election should be held to change the current zoning. Of the 440 surveys sent out, 95 were returned with the following results:

29 - Yes, I would like an election held on this issue.

45 - No, I don't want the District to hold an election on this issue.

21 - I don't care either way.

Only one survey was returned with a comment "...very fair system that is not broken..." There will be no further pursuit by the board at this time.

The Kindergarten position will be posted in district and out of district this month.

Of the dates the Classified union presented, the board chose April 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM to reschedule the Classified First Negotiations meeting.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve Teacher Appreciation Week as May 5-11, 2013. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0. Mr. Crowson will provide treats on behalf of the Board.

Open enrollment figures for 2013-14 were reviewed and discussed. The Board requested an exit survey from the parents. Mr. Crowson will draft a survey for the Board's review.

The meeting moved to executive session at 8:55 P.M. as per 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 and adjourned at 9:10 P.M.