

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
May 13, 2013

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Burnett at 7:00 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; patrons Carl Deaton, Betsy Pitcher; and students Dani King, Aaron Park, Zach Gwillim, Tela Snyder, Emily Mills, and Shay Wiard.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2013 as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed and no items were added. The listing of bills paid in April was reviewed and discussed. The 2013-14 new hires Twyla Baggarley and Susan Kolar were recommended by Mr. Crowson. The listing of the letters of intent for Classified Staff for 2013-14 were reviewed. The letter of resignation from Leona Deckard was read. The Board commented that Leona will be missed. The changes to the budget committee calendar were reviewed.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the revised Budget Committee Calendar as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

Board members read thank you letters from Susan Benninghoven, and to Treehouse Signs. Other correspondence reviewed included letters from Oregon Department of Education confirming Special Education compliance, and notice of a 2013-14 Title III desk audit for the ESL program.

Board members reviewed a letter written by Brooke Kilbane and sent by Brooke Kilbane to parents in the district. Lane Shetterly, attorney for the District, felt it important that the Board be aware of this letter. He feels it important to note that the District did not break HIPPA laws as the letter was mailed out by a former employee.

There was no public input.

Students representing Mr. Wald's Leadership class explained that they were at the Board meeting to observe, take notes, and report on the meeting at the next class. They are learning how to become better leaders through community involvement. They are also involved in working on a theoretical playground for the City of Monroe and learning about grants, zoning laws, etc.

Student enrollment as of the end of April was reported as one less student from the prior month.

Mr. Crowson explained that, for health reasons, he has been working mornings, and then attending evening meetings. He can access his email from home in the afternoons as needed. His doctor has told him to take only one trip up and down the stairs daily.

Bill Crowson announced that the baseball team finished first in the league. Playoffs start next week. District track is also scheduled for next week. The Drama Club will be performing "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" three nights this week. All seniors, except one, have passed their mandated testing.

Brenda Goracke reported that the grade school finished the OAKS testing. Today the 8<sup>th</sup> grade did the Smarter Balance pilot testing. Mr. Fielder will be doing his golf unit this spring. He will be taking his students to the golf course at the end of the unit.

The Board reviewed the grade school Merit Trip information. Randall Crowson explained that Brenda Goracke did a great job working with the Parent group to organize the trips.

Mr. Crowson updated the Board on the Gray Grant. All equipment is in. There is some electrical work that still needs to be done.

Mr. Crowson reported that we have again made US News & World Report as a Bronze Medalist: 100 Best Small High Schools. This is the second time in our history, the last time was 2010 when we earned a Silver Medal.

As Bill Crowson reported earlier, all but one Senior has already passed the mandated testing. The award and the test scores are a tribute to the High School staff and students but also a tribute to the Grade School Staff who has put in the foundation for this type of result. It is also a testament to the Board for allowing the Staff inservice time for honing their work. Mr. Crowson plans on sending out a year end newsletter.

Mr. Crowson explained that the ESD Superintendent feels that November is the best time to start a new Superintendent search, with a final decision made in February or March. OSBA and Greg McKenzie do Superintendent Searches. Mr. Crowson recommended Greg McKenzie. Mylrea Estell said she also thinks highly of him. Board consensus is to invite Mr. McKenzie to the June or July Board meeting to outline the process.

The Interdistrict Transfer request from Taylor-Ann Powell to remain at Harrisburg School District was reviewed. After discussion, Tony Stroda moved to approve the transfer for the 2013-14 school year. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Interdistrict Transfer request for the four Weickum children to Philomath School District was reviewed. This request was previously granted for one year (2012-13) and the parents are asking for a second year (2013-14). The Board would like to meet with the parents before taking action on this item. Mr. Crowson will write a letter to the family and invite them to a Board meeting.

Mr. Crowson explained that due to financial concerns, there may be a need for a reduction in force, involuntary transfers, and furlough days next school year. The unions should be notified as soon as possible. Mylrea Estell moved to authorize the Superintendent to initiate Reduction in Force, Involuntary Transfers, and schedule furlough days as required by budgetary constraints. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting moved to executive session at 7:40 P.M. as per ORS 192.660(2)(d) Negotiations.

The meeting returned to open session and adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

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Nancy Burnett, Board Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary