

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
November 12, 2013

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Gamache at 6:45 P.M.

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

Member absent: Robert Warden.

The meeting moved immediately into executive session as per ORS 332.061(b) to discuss matters pertaining to, or examination of, the confidential medical records of a student, including that student's educational program; and ORS 192.660(2)(d) to discuss negotiations.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:05 P.M.

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

Member absent: Robert Warden.

Also present: Employee Bill Crowson; Gazette Times news reporter Anthony Rimel; patrons Lance Horning, Sarah Egbert, Rachelle Payne, Katie Bateman, Christina Hull, Shelby Hensley, Betsy Pitcher, Lorene Smith, Pedro Meza, Greg Klein, Lee Sutton, Scott Hicks, Kerri Hicks, Abbey Gamache, and Tim Nash.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes of October 14, 2013 as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed; there were no additions.

The letter from High School Mathematics teacher Bob Scott was read. He will be retiring December 1, 2013 and he is requesting to be rehired for the rest of the school year. Board members commented that his retirement will be a big loss for the district, but are glad to have him finish the year.

The 2012-13 Financial Audit was reviewed. Corinne Klein, Business Manager explained that there were no exceptions or issues found. The Food Service and Athletics Funds were each in the "red" last year by approximately \$3,000 each. Board members thanked Mrs. Klein for keeping the District on track.

Tony Stroda moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

There was no update from the City of Monroe.

Mr. Crowson reported that all 7th & 8th grade students use the Rosetta Stone software to learn Spanish. Mrs. Contreras, high school Spanish teacher, has reported to him that she can tell that the students who have studied with Rosetta Stone are far above those who haven't.

The SAIF dividend was reviewed. This is a refund from our worker's comp insurance premiums.

Mr. Mulanax sent a thank you letter to Sheila Wall who donated a 10 inch table saw to the shop.

Katie Deaton asked for an update on the field trips. Mr. Crowson explained that he sent teacher Dixie Floyd to the last parent meeting, and will send the other teachers to the meetings on a rotating basis. The teachers look forward to being involved. They will look at field trips on an individual basis. Rachelle Payne commented that the parent group will meet soon to vote on whether they will become a PTO. Mr. Crowson suggested that their report become a regular Board meeting agenda item.

Mr. Crowson welcomed Anthony Rimel, reporter from the Corvallis Gazette Times.

Current K-12 enrollment was reported as 452.

Mr. Crowson included the following in his administrative report:

- During the 2012-13 school year, electricity costs went up about \$4,000, but fuel costs went down \$23,000. This is due to the new heat pumps.
- The 2013 Healthy Teen Survey was distributed for Board members to review. This item will be on the December agenda.
- The District has reached a tentative agreement with the Classified bargaining group.
- There will be a football playoff game this Saturday at 1:00 in Heppner. Our team will travel and spend the night in The Dalles.
- The District lost their OSAA appeal related to re-districting. OSAA made no changes based on any districts' appeal.
- The gym will be used for Butch Benninghoven's memorial service this Saturday at 1:00.

Mr. Crowson shared a copy of the letter from the School Board to the City of Monroe supporting the City's position on the library crosswalk.

Mr. Crowson also shared a copy of the letter to OSAA appealing our classification placement.

Mr. Crowson explained that he plans to sign up for Medicare insurance coverage next January. So that he is not double-covered from January through to his retirement in June, he requested the Board drop his district paid medical coverage and allow that amount to be converted to salary. After some discussion the subject was tabled until next meeting. Mr. Crowson will bring more information

regarding his medical premiums to the December meeting.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the new and revised policies, administrative regulations (including those newly presented) and forms as modified. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson introduced Scott & Kerri Hicks who have been working with Debi Mills in starting a Backpack Program. This program packs and sends home weekend lunches for students in need. Volunteers will pack the meals, businesses will help with donations, and the school will provide the facilities to prepare the meals and packing. No school funds are required. They are hoping to begin the first of the year. This program has been successful in Central Linn and Junction City. There were no objections.

The Interdistrict Transfer Requests were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to deny the request from Hannah & Kyle DeQuillettes to Corvallis School District. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

Tony Stroda moved to grant the request from Kristian and Tiffeney Villa to Junction City School District. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

Katie Deaton asked, "why are these kids are leaving?" Mylrea Estell explained that these matters were discussed in executive session because this student information is confidential. Student information is only public if the parent waives their right.

The Superintendent Search will continue at the next board meeting. The Board will discuss superintendent qualifications, salary, survey results, and public comment. Please contact Christine Manley if you would like your name on the list to serve on the Selection Committee.

Tony Stroda began a discussion regarding enrollment, state funding, and charter schools. If enrollment and funding continues to decline, he asked if the Board should look at being a charter school? And, if so, in what focus area?

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:20 P.M.