

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
December 16, 2013

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

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

Member absent: Nancy Burnett.

The meeting moved immediately into executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(d) to discuss negotiations, and ORS 192.660(2)(a) consider the employment of an employee.

The meeting returned to open session at 7:00 P.M.

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

Member absent: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Patrons Lance Horning, Lorene Smith, Carl Deaton, and Abbey Gamache; and City Councilor Lonnie Koroush.

The minutes of November 12, 2013 were reviewed and pages 2 & 3 were corrected to read, "Katie Bateman". Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The consent agenda was reviewed; and the following items added:

- 4.D. Accept Resignation:
 - 3. Bruce Wald, High School teacher
- 7.B. Schedule Special Board Meeting for Superintendent Search duties

The 2013-15 Classified Negotiated Agreement was presented. Mr. Crowson explained that this agreement includes a 2% raise and a \$50 increase in benefits over each of the two years of the contract.

The resignations of Ann Turner, Laurie Smith, and Bruce Wald were reviewed.

Mr. Crowson explained that Amy Seitzinger will work one day a week this school year as the School Nurse, replacing the contract the District had with Benton County.

Mr. Crowson explained that Kathryn Trotter will be the Speech/Language Pathologist for the 2014-15 school year. She will be working with Ann Turner from time to time this year.

The position descriptions were reviewed and modified.

The surplus property was reviewed. These items will be offered for sale to the public.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the consent agenda as modified, including the changes to the position description. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that the Parent Group has not met this month due to the inclement weather. They will meet in January, and hopefully have a report for the Board.

There was no public input.

Mr. Crowson explained that the grade school sustained some damage over the snow days. The boiler couldn't fire in the extreme cold. Consequently, there were broken pipes and water damage in two classrooms. Our local agent, Jeff Curran, has been very helpful. The insurance adjustors have been to the school and are scheduling the contractors. Mr. Crowson is researching under-sink hot water tanks for the classrooms. He is also getting quotes to change the offices from the current steam heat system to heat pumps.

Lonnie Koroush, Monroe City Councilor, reported that the Council has been working on the complex of home sites. The new water and sewer system can now take care of those sites. The contractor plans to break ground in approximately 45 days. The City has an opening for a maintenance person for about \$60,000. This position requires certification for water and sewer systems. The City is also working at completing the cross walk by the new Library.

The Healthy Teen Survey had been reviewed previously by the Board members. There were no questions.

After short discussion, a special board meeting was scheduled for January 6, 2014, 6:30 P.M. in the high school library. Agenda items will be limited to the Superintendent Search.

The school day closures and communication of those closures was discussed. A list of TV and radio stations was sent out to parents with their students the day before the first closure day. Some parents without TV didn't get the closure message. Alternate forms of local area communication were discussed. Mr. Crowson will look into internet and/or text messages programs.

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 7:50 P.M.