

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
February 10, 2014

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Gamache at 6:30 P.M.

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

Members absent: Mylrea Estell, Nancy Burnett.

The meeting moved immediately into executive session as per 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, Robert Warden, Tony Stroda, Superintendent Randall Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Members absent: Mylrea Estell, Nancy Burnett.

Also present: LBL-ESD Deputy Superintendent Mary McKay; employees Whitney Connolly, Michelle Halstead, Leslie Perdue, Sarah Albitz, Patty Hanchett; City Councilor Lonnie Koroush; and Patrons Rex Halstead, Trever Stroda, Julie Stroda, Christina Hull, Abbey Gamache, Tim Warden, Rachelle Payne.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014 as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The propane and electricity bills were discussed. The bills were higher than usual because of the inclement weather and resulting storm damage in December. After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Mary McKay, Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD Deputy Superintendent was introduced to the Board. Ms. McKay explained that she will be the ESD Superintendent effective July 1, 2014. She is visiting the School Boards in her District. She also reviewed the 2014-15 Local Service Plan. Programs include Special Education, Technology, Payroll Services, Occupational Therapy Services. Robert Warden moved to approve the 2014-15 Local Service Plan as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

The board policy Public Complaints about School Personnel was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that the letter read during the January board meeting was read without going through the proper channels. He will not let that happen again.

Lonnie Koroush, City Councilor, explained that the City will begin developing 18 of the 92 units off Orchard Street this Spring. The city softball field is 99% complete. The City of Monroe has hired

Branch Engineering as the engineer of record. The City continues to work with ODOT regarding a crosswalk by the new library. ODOT will paint cross walks until the cross walk lights are installed.

Christina Hull gave the Parent Group Report. The Group met on February 5 and have voted to become a Parent-Teacher Organization. The following are the new officers: Rachelle Payne, President; Whitney Connolly, Vice-President; Lauren Hull, Treasurer; Christina Hull, Secretary. They scheduled Movie Night for May 16. They also discussed the merit activities with the teachers. They meet the first Wednesday each month, 6:00 PM at the grade school.

There was no public input.

Mr. Crowson disbursed and reviewed the TAG report.

Mr. Crowson explained that the poverty factor for low income students is part of our basic school support from the state. The factor was changed by the State of Oregon and will now be county-wide instead of district-wide. The new factoring will result in less money for our District.

Mr. Crowson shared a graph which shows 100% participation of our staff in reporting the Common Core and State Standards. Whitney Connolly has done a lot of work in this area. Ms. McKay commented that LBL ESD put together these graphs, and Monroe had very good data. Monroe has been a leader for a long time in working with their teachers in these areas.

Superintendent Search calendar update: Due to inclement weather, the Training for the Search Screening Committee was rescheduled for tomorrow at 6:00 PM, with open screening sessions for the committee Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Board will then meet Monday, February 17 for a debriefing session.

Mr. Crowson questioned the need for the Board to approve all volunteer coaches. Because of the timing with the sports programs, some coaches have been volunteering long before the Board approves them. The Athletic Director must approve the coach prior to their volunteering. No other volunteers are sent to the Board for approval, and there is no policy that requires Board approval for volunteers. Background checks are still completed on all volunteers. There were no objections to ending this approval process.

Mr. Crowson requested that the June Board meeting and Budget Hearing be rescheduled to Monday, June 9, 2014. Originally, these meetings had been scheduled because of the furlough day. We no longer have the furlough day, and would like to remain on schedule. Tony Stroda moved to approve as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The Board reviewed the Classified Employee Week Proclamation. Motion to approve: Tony Stroda. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

Item 8.B. Approval of Volunteer Coaches is no longer applicable.

The draft copies of interdistrict transfers and open enrollment forms, policies and procedures were reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that the Legislature is working on new laws. Until they have completed their process, Mr. Crowson asked the Board to freeze new interdistrict transfer requests, and grandfather in the current interdistrict transfers. So moved: Robert Warden. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

The Board continued to review the first reading of the draft changes of selected policy, forms and administrative regulations. The second reading will be in March.

Chair Gamache adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.