

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

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Gamache at 7:00 P.M.

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

Member absent: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Building Principal Bill Crowson; Patrons Christina Hull, Sherrie Deaton.

The minutes of February 10, 11-14, 17, 20-24, and March 5, 2014 were reviewed. One change to the minutes of February 10 was made as follows: Page 2, third paragraph: Mr. Crowson *distributed* and reviewed the TAG report. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0. Tony Stroda gave a verbal “pat on the back” to Christine Manley for keeping track of all the minutes.

The agenda and bills were reviewed. There were no additions or changes.

The licensed and administrative staff notifications and contracts for 2014-15 were reviewed. Motion to approve as presented: Mylrea Estell. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

PTO Secretary, Christina Hull reported on the following activities:

- Movie Night will be May 16 and the movie equipment has been rented.
- After paying for the Merit awards the PTO balance is approximately \$10,000.
- They will have class activities after Spring Break.
- The parent group will be filing their own forms to organize the PTO.
- The Box Tops program has been turned over to the grade school.
- Each grade level will plan their own activity for the End of Year Merit Field Trip.
- They are working on new recruits and new fund raisers.
- There has been a good showing by the teachers.
- They will help fund Forest Camp Scholarships.

Randall Crowson commented that he has gone to several of the merit parties and the kids love them. The parties are held each month for the merit kids.

There was no public input.

Enrollment was reported at 452, up 11 from this time last year.

Mr. Crowson reported that the property insurance claim should be finalized this week. He also has found damage created by the last storm. The electrical line by the river came down. The adjuster has been out and will add this damage to the claim.

Mr. Crowson reported that he has sponsored a table at the Dragon Pride Dinner & Auction for board members this Saturday.

Bill Crowson explained that there is not enough interest in softball this year to fill a team. The track team has about 30 athletes.

Jennifer Gamache gave an update on the Superintendent Search. The top three candidates are invited to the district this Wednesday. The Board will be interviewing the top three candidates that evening.

The revised 2013-14 calendar was reviewed. For the second time, the school day has been extended to make up for the February snow closure days. By extending the school day, the seniors remain on course for graduation and the district remains within the state standards. Mr. Crowson explained that this calendar only works because the staff is willing to work extended days. Tony Stroda moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

A discussion revolved around “foul weather routes”. Tony Stroda asked why our district doesn’t have those kinds of routes. Mr. Crowson explained that several main roads are used to access the rural bus routes. If those main roads are impassable, it cuts off too many of the bus routes. However, snow conditions are different than flood conditions. If flooding conditions occur, some of the main roads are not affected, only some of the bus routes. The district may be able to announce through Flash Alert that buses will not run on certain roads.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the revised policy, administrative regulations, and forms as modified, including: Admission of Nonresident Students, Graduation Requirements. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The meal prices for 2014-15 were reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the price list. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Job evaluations GCN/GDN-Form-80, 89, and 90 were reviewed. The evaluations match the three new job descriptions. Tony Stroda moved to approve the evaluations. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

Bill Crowson explained the new Evaluation Handbook for Teachers. Senate Bill 290 has changed the evaluation system for teachers and administrators to a standardized evaluation system. Bill Crowson worked on this project along with Whitney Connolley, Beau Sisneros, and Brenda Goracke. This will replace some policy and administrative regulations. The second reading will be held next month.

Chair Gamache adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.