

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
April 14, 2014

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 late: Nancy Burnett.

The meeting moved immediately to executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

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

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

Member late: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Employees Whitney Connolly, Michelle Halstead; Patrons Melissa Toups, Christina Hinton, Courtney Boyd, Rachele Payne, Christina Hull, Bill Woodke, Abbey Gamache; Youth Transition Program Specialist Brenda Maynard and Learning Consultant Cindy Madden.

The minutes of March 10, March 12, March 31, April 2, and April 11 were reviewed. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following items added: 7.E. Tuition Reimbursement Request.

The bills were reviewed and discussed.

The letter of resignation from Jim McLaughlin was read. Mr. Crowson explained that Mr. McLaughlin has always been flexible in his schedule and has taught a variety of classes when he was asked. He will be missed.

Mr. Crowson explained that twelve applicants were interviewed before they found Cheryl Young. She will be teaching the high school Advanced Mathematics classes.

Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull, PTO Secretary, reported on the their last meeting:

- Details of Movie Night were reviewed.

- Details of the Merit Activities were reviewed.
- The PTO Incorporation application has been submitted to the State.
- The Junior Dragons will start a donation box for athletic shoes and equipment.
- All teachers have booked their end of year Field Trips.
- They discussed a participation survey which the teachers handed out at Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- The PTO has pledged \$500 to help fund Forest Camp Scholarships.

The information for the webinar on Smarter Balanced Assessments was reviewed. This webinar is for Board members.

The thank you letter to Beta Seed was read.

ODE's Site Review Commendations and Recommendations were discussed. Kudos to Denise Wall for doing an excellent job. Thanks also to Becky Crowson and Corinne Klein.

Note: Nancy Burnett arrived at 7:10 P.M.

Brenda Maynard, Youth Transition Specialist explained the Youth Transition Program. She works with at-risk students three days a week at the high school. She helps them to transition out of high school into a vocational school or the job market. She helps them with career planning, financial aid applications, employment opportunities, and connects students with youth services as needed. This program started this year and she currently works with eight students.

Melissa Toups requested an Interdistrict Transfer to Harrisburg for her Kindergarten student. Christina Hinton requested an Interdistrict Transfer for her son to Philomath (currently enrolled at Muddy Creek Charter School). Mr. Crowson explained that the State has changed the interdistrict transfer process. He reminded the audience that in February the Board froze any new transfers and grand-fathered in all prior transfers. Mrs. Hinton asked for this information in writing. Mr. Crowson explained that the information can be found in Board meeting minutes which are posted on the district's website.

Enrollment was reported at 452.

Mr. Crowson reported the following:

- The property insurance claim is about two-thirds complete. The electrical line by the river might not be covered.
- In 2015-16, the State will require all day Kindergarten. The Board will need to add a classroom. ODE may offer help with facilities.
- The Snack Pack program has really taken off. The program has received a lot of donations.
- The new laws concerning interdistrict transfers are changing. Any new transfers which are granted will be good for the rest of the student's school career. If a child is on an IEP

and is granted a transfer to go to a school outside Monroe, then Monroe would still be liable for the educational costs for that child. Legislation has passed the law; now ODE is taking public input until May 30. There may be more changes after this time. Mr. Crowson suggested the freeze on transfers continue until all changes are clear.

Mylrea Estell commented to audience members that students receive a good education at Monroe, and the District will take care of their children's education.

Jennifer Gamache gave an update on the Superintendent Search. The Board is still working through the process.

Mr. Crowson gave the Achievement Compact Report. He stated that by May 1, it is required that he report, although he has not received feedback on the Achievement Compact since it was filed last Fall. The next Achievement Compact is to be written next Fall. We are making progress on the current compact.

The amended meal prices for 2014-15 were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the price list. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Professional Growth and Evaluation Handbook for Teachers was reviewed for the second time. Whitney Connolly, who worked with the committee to develop the evaluation process, explained that the OEA has helped with training the teachers. The OEA will revisit toward the end of the school year to work with the teachers, then again next fall for a refresher. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the Evaluation Handbook as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Tuition Reimbursement Request for Whitney Connolly was discussed. Mylrea Estell requested Randy Crowson to negotiate an agreement with Ms. Connolly and bring it back to the Board in May. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2014-15 draft academic calendar was reviewed and revised. Mr. Crowson explained that a copy has also been sent to all staff members. He will bring the calendar back in May.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Teacher and Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week Proclamation. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting returned to executive session at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting returned to open session and adjourned by consensus at 8:25 P.M.