

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
May 12, 2014

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

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

Also present: Employee Whitney Connolly; Patrons Rachelle Payne, Bill Woodke.

The minutes of April 14 were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no additions to the agenda.

The bills were reviewed and discussed. There has been another repair to the grade school roof. It will need to be replaced.

Whitney Connolly's tuition reimbursement agreement was reviewed and discussed. Mylrea Estell requested rewording paragraph 5 and to table the item until the June meeting.

Eddie Carter has resigned her position as Special Education aide.

The contracts for administrative and confidential staff show the same increase in wage as was given to the classified staff but no increase in benefits. There is one exception: the Business Manager's position was increased an additional \$1,800 per year with an additional \$59 per month in benefits.

The contract for Russell Pickett, Superintendent 2014-17 was reviewed. This three year contract is for \$112,500 for the first year and a one percent increase each of the next two years. The contract includes up to \$2,000 moving costs.

It was clarified that the contract for Angela Thompson was for Head *Volleyball* Coach.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the consent agenda as amended and to table item H. Approval of Administrative Program tuition reimbursement. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

Whitney Connolly reported on the last PTO meeting:

- They are wrapping up the Merit trips.
- Movie Night is schedule for May 16.
- Still working on the PTO Incorporation.
- They will continue to update the Board during the summer months.
- The Junior Dragons are working on a donation box for athletic shoes and equipment.
- They are drumming up interest in the PTO.

- Their last meeting for this year will be June 4 at 4:00.

The SPR&I is in complete compliance. A great job by Nancy Williams.

The Title III program is in complete compliance. A great job by Brenda Goracke.

Randy Crowson reminded the board that the high school sewing machines were loaned out after the Home Ec program ended several years ago. The machines have been used by a 4H club and also various charities (such as Veterans and homeless advocates). The machines are quite old but still in good working condition. Tony Stroda moved to put the sewing machines on permanent loan. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The thank you letter to Treehouse Signs was read. Their support is truly appreciated.

There was no public input.

Mr. Crowson's administrative report included the following:

- An article from the Eugene Register Guard dealing with Eugene School District and Lane ESD. He reminded the Board how important the ESDs are to school districts.
- The underground fuel tank at the high school is nearly empty. He has found a company who will pump and filter the oil, then transfer the oil to the Shop tank.
- Enrollment is up 4 compared to last school year.
- Open Enrollment figures were reviewed. There will be six students going out and three students coming in next year. Four of the six students leaving have no prior enrollment in Monroe.
- The insurance company has paid all the bills for the storm damage claim, including the boiler repairs. They also sent a check to the district for \$38,000 to pay for the district's expenses and lost supplies.
- The damage to the electrical line at the high school is a separate claim.
- Monroe High School received another Bronze award from U.S. News & World Report as "America's Best High Schools" for 2014. This is the third award in four years; two Bronze and one Silver.
- Russ Pickett attended the Superintendent's conference with him last week. Mr. Pickett will be in the district this week. An Open House to welcome him will be held this Wednesday, 3:00-4:30 for staff; 5:00-7:00 for students and community.
- A community Open House has also been scheduled for the five retirees (Randy Crowson, Ann Turner, Bob Scott, Jim McLaughlin, Bruce Wald) on June 10, 5:00-7:00.

The 2014-15 academic calendar draft was reviewed. Mr. Crowson explained that he asked for input from staff but none was received. Tony Stroda moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second: Mylrea Estell 5/0.

The Transportation Contract was reviewed. The 2013-14 contract received no increase, but there is

a 5% increase in the 2014-15 contract. This will be the last contract before going out for bids. Tony Stroda moved to approve the contract. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Crowson asked the Board for clarification regarding interdistrict transfer requests. The Board previously approved to grandfather all existing interdistrict transfers. If there is a sibling of a transferred student who is not currently also on a transfer, does the Board want to include the sibling on the same transfer? Robert Warden moved to include siblings on existing transfers. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The revisions to position descriptions GAB-F21 through GAB-F109 were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board reviewed and revised the packet of mixed policies, administrative regulations and forms. The second reading will be in June.

A reminder that the Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 7:30 PM.

The public meetings law was discussed. Board members were reminded that negotiations meetings are public meetings and must be publically posted with at least 24 hours notice.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gamache at 8:05 P.M.

Jennifer Gamache, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary