

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
October 13, 2014

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Warden at 7:05 P.M.

Members present: Robert Warden, Mylrea Estell, Nancy Burnett, Tony Stroda, Superintendent Russell Pickett, and Secretary Christine Manley. Member absent: Jennifer Gamache.

Also present: Employees Whitney Connolly, Aaron Seifer, Kathi Holvey, Peter Wasak; Patrons Katie Bateman, Christina Hull, Rachelle Payne.

The minutes of the September 8, 2014 Board meeting were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

The following item was added to the agenda:

7.C. New Business: Approve Resolution 1415-002 Adopt 2014-15 Budget

The bills were reviewed and discussed. The listing of new employee hires was reviewed. Kindergarten teacher Susan Kolar's position was expanded from .5 FTE to .5447 FTE to include full time on the non-student work days. The Board reviewed the letter of resignation from Tiffany Paris, Special Ed Aide.

The leave request from Lory Bechtold was reviewed. She is requesting two days paid leave and would like to pay for the substitute herself, rather than take unpaid leave. Mr. Pickett explained that this benefits both the employee and the District.

A short surplus list was reviewed.

Resolution 1415-001 Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach (ORTOP) was reviewed.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

The thank you letters were read by Board members. Chair Warden commented that we have more support for this school district than most people realize.

There was no report from the City.

Christina Hull, Parent Group Secretary reported on the October 7 meeting. They have tabled the PTO application as their needs have changed. Fund Raising projects update: Cookbook is soon to be published; the Jog-a-thon raised approximately \$17,000.00; new projects include Christmas Tree sales. The Accelerated Reader program was tabled until the teachers can discuss the program. The Parent Group will also be setting up coffee for Science Night.

There was no public input.

Russell Pickett explained that enrollment has increased and is now a little above budgeted figures for the year. However, we are still below last year's enrollment.

The following subjects were included in general discussion:

- Mr. Pickett has met with Dixie Floyd and Patty Hanchett on the TAG Program.
- He and Corinne Klein are going to a Bond & Levy Workshop later in the month.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes are large, but each teacher has instructional aides to help them.
- He has met with the Monroe City Manager. The permits for the Orchard Tract housing development are being updated. The City plans on breaking ground soon for the infrastructure. The “brick yard” housing development is on hold.
- He has not been able to meet with Tim Nash regarding the grade school field project.
- Robert Warden commented that the cougar which was sited in the area of the grade school was recently trapped by the State. The trapper released the cougar in another location.

Mr. Pickett included the following in his administrative update:

- The State Report Cards and Assessment data have been released. Mr. Pickett reviewed and discussed the data. The Gazette Times newspaper had positive press for Monroe. Our schools are both rated Level 4 (out of a possible 5 levels).
- The Board workshop is scheduled for Monday, November 10:  
1:00-4:00 Superintendent’s office: Goal setting for Superintendent, Board & District  
4:00-5:45 Add principals to present & talk about their building  
5:45-6:15 Dinner provided  
6:30 Regular board meeting in the high school library
- He continues to update the FaceBook page.
- Christine Manley continues to update the Website.
- Peter Wasak has finished the repairs on the bleacher seating.

Administrative Regulation ING-AR was reviewed. This regulation is optional. Please withdraw the request from last month. After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the changes to BBFA, IK, and JGAB as amended. Second: Mylrea Estell. Motion carried 4/0.

Ken Elliott requested a materials fee of \$10 per semester for the Drama class. Nancy Burnett moved to approve the fee beginning second semester. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Pickett explained that the Achievement Compact is connected to the Governor’s 40-40-20 Goal. Mr. Pickett worked closely with ODE staff and his building principals to complete the 2014-15 Compact. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the Compact as recommended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

Resolution 1415-002 to Adopt the 2014-15 Budget was reviewed. This resolution was omitted last June. Motion to approve as presented: Tony Stroda. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Warden at 8:10 P.M.

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Robert Warden, Board Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary