

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School Library
February 9, 2015

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

Members present: Robert Warden, Jennifer Gamache, Nancy Burnett, Superintendent Russell Pickett, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Members absent: Tony Stroda, Mylrea Estell.

Also present: Employees Corinne Klein, Aaron Seifer; patrons Tim Warden, Lance Horning, and Christina Hull.

The minutes from the January 13, 2015 regular board meeting were reviewed. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 3/0.

The agenda was reviewed. The bills paid in January were discussed.

The letter of resignation from Barry Nelson, grade school Custodian was reviewed. This position has been advertised.

The following resolutions were reviewed and discussed: 1415-003 Accept Educator Effectiveness Grants, 1415-004 Accept Summative Assessment Grant, 1415-005 Accept Oregon Early Literacy Grant, 1415-006 Accept OSU Science & Math Investigative Learning Experiences (SMILE) Grant. Corinne Klein explained the grants.

The Memorandum of Understanding with Oregon State University and the Come Alive Outside Design Challenge was reviewed. Students from OSU will be working with the design of the grade school playground expansion.

Nancy Burnett moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

There were no representatives present from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull reported on the Parent Group's meeting this month. They reported a balance of \$17,500. They worked on and approved the group's by-laws and will be making nominations for the executive positions on their board. They were contacted by South Benton Community Enhancement who would like to help with fund raisers for the nature play park.

There was no public input.

Enrollment was reported as 427 in grades K-12.

Mr. Pickett included the following in this administrative update:

- Last Saturday both the high school and grade school robotics teams competed at Lake

Oswego High School. The high school will compete in a consolation round. Both teams have thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

- The City of Monroe has been bequeathed a sum of money from the Margaret Hull Foundation. He has been approached by a few people to discuss different projects: a walking and bike trail, a swimming pool, and renovation of the tennis courts.
- Remember that next month's board meeting returns to the 7:00 start time.
- Maintenance projects: a new leak in the grade school roof over the library ruined 50-60 books; the regulator on the grade school propane tanks failed and was repaired by Amerigas; high school sewer lines have been leaking and crumbling (work continues); high school art room ceiling has had leaks; two tables and a basketball hoop at the grade school were spot welded by a volunteer; the basketball hoop will need to be safety inspected.
- He has compared expenditures from this current year to this time last year. We are right on target. His goal is to end with more money this June than what we started with last July.

The Educational Facility Planning & Community Outreach Services proposals were reviewed. Hiring an architect will allow for facility planning and community outreach. The architect firm will help the district present a levy to the community. After review and discussion of the proposals and recommendations, the board requested clarification on the cost estimates for phases one and two, and more input from the school districts they have worked with. Board's consensus is to table this item until the March board meeting.

Zone 2, currently held by Mylrea Estell and Zone 3, currently held by Nancy Burnett are up for election in the May election. The filing deadline is March 19, 2015.

Mr. Pickett read the School Board's Proclamation for Classified Week March 1-7, 2015. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the proclamation as read. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 3/0.

The 2015-16 school calendar was review and modified. Nancy Burnett moved to approve as amended. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

The Board reviewed a leave request from Lory Bechtold. She is requesting three days paid leave and would like to pay for the substitute herself, rather than take unpaid leave. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the request as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 3/0.

Chair Warden adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.