

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School Library  
May 11, 2015

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Warden at 7:04 P.M.

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

Member absent: Tony Stroda.

The minutes from the April 14, 2015 regular board meeting were reviewed. Nancy Burnett moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The agenda was reviewed. The following item was added:

3.H. Approve paid leave/teacher paid sub costs: Marie-Louise Vallancey-Martinson

The bills paid in April were reviewed and discussed. AEDs were purchased and installed at the high school main building, high school commons, and grade school. All staff will be trained next fall.

The Summer 2015 positions were reviewed. The Summer Food Program has been approved by Oregon Department of Education.

The Letters of Intent for Classified Staff 2015-16 were reviewed. Please remove number 27 from the list as he is still a probationary employee. There is one retirement; no lay offs for next year.

Mr. Pickett reviewed the administrative and confidential contracts for 2015-16. They will receive approximately the same percentage increase as the teachers receive.

The 2015-16 Student Fee Schedule was reviewed. The price of lunch will increase by ten cents at each level, and fifteen cents for adult lunches. It was explained that the middle school drama club is an after school program (much like the middle school sports program) and the students pay a fee to the Student Body, not the District. That fee is not included on the District fee list.

The Coaching Salary Schedule was reviewed. The coaches were frozen on the schedule in 2010. On the revised schedule, salaries were increased a little. Mr. Pickett also recommends unfreezing the steps (one step increase only next year).

Mr. Pickett explained that Marie-Louise Vallancey-Martinson is requesting three days of additional paid leave to attend an out of state family member's graduation. She would like to pay the substitute costs out of that paid leave.

Mylrea Estell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The thank you letter from The Long Tom Grange was read. Crowson Bus Company donated a driver and transportation services to the Grange during the recent Daffodil Drive. In return, the Grange donated to the district's Scholarship Fund.

There were no representatives present from the City of Monroe, Parent Group, or the Public.

Enrollment was reported as 427 in grades K-12.

Mr. Pickett included the following in this administrative update:

- He attended the LBL Superintendent's conference last Thursday and Friday. They received a Legislative update which included a discussion of Open Enrollment and Interdistrict Transfer laws. Those laws will not change much.
- He reminded board members of the Budget Committee Meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM. He has a different approach to viewing the budget which he will share at the meeting.
- He visited Forest Camp last week at Camp Tadmire, outside of Sweet Home. The camp was very science oriented. There were five or six small districts there. The students from the different districts worked together in small groups.
- He is looking at a Reading/Language Arts textbook adoption K-12 for next year. The schools are going through the adoption process. Title I funds will pay for the books.
- There are no new catastrophes at any of the facilities.
- BLRB will do their walk through of the buildings this week. They will then build a calendar for the facility update process.
- The Scholarship Committee met today. Members include himself, Corinne Klein, Lexi DeVicq, James Mulanax, Kwasi Diehl, John Scott, Richard Scott, and Keith Payne. The committee awarded approximately \$30,000 in local scholarships to our students.

There was no Old Business to discuss.

Open Enrollment figures for 2015-16 were reviewed. There are no new enrollments coming in to Monroe. Several parents who requested open enrollment to other districts have now decided not to leave Monroe. In addition, there are three families who missed open enrollment and have requested inter-district transfers from their home districts to Monroe. Next year, most primary grades will not be blended, but instead will have single grade levels per classroom. The exception is one blended 3/4 grade classroom along with one 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and one 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

The transportation contract will need to go out for bids in 2016-17. He recommends approving the 2015-16 contract with Crowson Bus Company. Mylrea Estell approved the 2015-16 contract as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The meeting moved into executive session at 7:50 PM as per ORS 192.660(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

The meeting returned to open session at 8:00 PM and adjourned by consensus.