

Monroe School District #1J
Budget Hearing
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School Library
June 8, 2015

The budget hearing was called to order by Chair Warden at 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Employees Corinne Klein and Kim Geil.

The proposed balanced budget was discussed among the board members. There was no public input.

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The minutes from the May 11, 2015 regular board meeting and May 12, 2015 budget committee meeting were reviewed. Mylrea Estell requested that the abbreviation AED be spelled out or explained in the minutes. AED is an abbreviation for Automated External Defibrillator.

The minutes of May 12, 2015 were taken by Jessica Warden. Her name was misspelled on page 2; please correct. Mylrea Estell moved to approve the minutes from both meetings as amended. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed. The following items were added:

- 4.E.3. Approve temporary summer position, Pipe Mover: Kaleb Ballard
- 7.B. OSEA negotiations, update

The bills paid in May were reviewed and discussed.

The 2015-16 coaching, athletic director, extra curricular, and summer positions were reviewed.

The Resolutions adopting the 2015-16 Budget were reviewed.

The list of interdistrict transfers to Monroe for the 2015-16 school year were reviewed. Mr. Pickett explained that he will be requesting a transfer from Corvallis School District for next year. He and Mrs. Pickett have accepted a foreign exchange student from Spain next year.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Jennifer Gamache.
Motion carried 5/0.

The letters to Brad Knapp and Treehouse Signs thanking them for donations to the industrial arts programs were read.

Mr. Pickett presented a ten year service pin to Nancy Burnett for her years of service on the Board.

Mr. Pickett presented Mylrea Estell with a retirement plaque for her fourteen years of service on the Board. Ms. Estell explained that she will remain as the area representative on the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD Board.

Mr. Pickett explained that the City of Monroe is planning a Monroe Fest on September 12. They are looking for a school group to put on a breakfast. They will be using the high school kitchen and commons for the breakfast, and the high school parking lots for other activities.

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

Enrollment was reported as 425 in grades K-12. Projected enrollment is up for next fall. The high school graduated a small class this year and the grade school expects a large Kindergarten class.

Mr. Pickett included the following in this administrative update:

- The high school graduated 18 seniors this year. There were two seniors with not enough credits. They might continue in Summer School. Over \$39,000 in local scholarships were awarded. New this year was a scholarship from the OSAA Umpire Association. It was reported that the umpires love coming to Monroe.
- 8th grade graduation was successful. Tuesday is the last day for teachers for the year. The custodians are on day shift now.
- Many maintenance projects this summer include replacing the carpet in at least one classroom and repairing or replacing one set of exterior doors at the grade school.
- Review of Superintendent Goals: BLRB will look at the facilities this summer, then schedule meetings for input from the Board, staff, and community. They will work for the passage of a Measure, probably next May. He is still waiting to see if the Legislation will award matching dollars. There was general discussion of construction time lines for a May versus November election.
- He is working with Principals Bill Crowson and Kathi Holvey to add staff with varying endorsements.
- Kathi Holvey went through the adoption process for the K-6 Language Arts / Reading textbooks. Bill Crowson is currently working through the 7-12 adoption process.
- The K-6 teachers wrote letters to the Board (included in the informational packet). They seem very happy with their school year.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the request to change the 2015-16 8th grade graduation. There was general discussion. There was no second to the motion. Mylrea Estell moved to table the request. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0. Mr. Pickett will follow up with the principals.

Robert Warden reported that the District and the classified Union have tentatively agreed to the following: 3% raise, \$35 increase in insurance, equal paychecks (10 & 11 month employees will receive 12 pro-rated pay checks), and one additional holiday (President's Day) for those employees whose FTE is below .75. During the second year of the contract, either side can request to reopen negotiations if the CPI fluctuates by 5% or more. This negotiations process was very pleasant. They hope a level of trust has been built with the employees and that it continues. The employees have through tomorrow to vote on the contract then, if accepted by the classified staff, the Board will see it at the July meeting.

After review, Mylrea Estell moved to approve the textbook adoption for Reading/Language Arts K-6. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the year end resolutions as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

Kim Geil was introduced to the Board. She has taught 3rd grade for several years. Next year, she will be the Title I teacher and concentrate on Reading and Math. She explained that she is really excited about the change and she is looking forward to next year.

Russell Pickett further explained that Nancy Williams will be strictly Special Education next year (in years past she has been special education and Title I). Some of the Aides have been funded by both Special Education and Title I. Next year, all aides will either be Special Ed or Title I, not both.

Mr. Pickett suggested setting another Board workshop next September to work on Superintendent goals. The Board seemed to like the workshop last fall and found it very valuable. Item tabled until the meeting in July.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Warden at 8:47 P.M.

Robert Warden, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary