

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

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 6:35 P.M.

Members present: Tony Stroda, Tim Warden, Jennifer Gamache, Superintendent Russell Pickett, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Maddie O'Hare.

Members absent: Nancy Burnett, Robert Warden.

Also present: Student Tanner Crane, Patron Jeanine Cuthbertson, and Employee Corinne Klein.

The minutes of the October 5, 2015 Special and Regular Board meetings were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

There were no changes or additions to the agenda. The bills were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Pickett explained that Jennifer Macauley and Jacoba Hauscholz will share the second Kindergarten position on a temporary basis for the rest of this school year. Beau Sisneros has applied for the Head Boys Basketball Coaching position. Mr. Pickett recommends hiring these applicants.

Mr. Pickett explained that Keith Payne and Randy Sherman would each like to voluntarily decrease their wrestling coaching salaries by \$400 and hire Carlos Garcia as an additional wrestling assistant coach with that amount (pending high enough participation).

Volunteer coaches include two male and one female coach for the 7-8 grade girls basketball team. There is also one additional high school wrestling coach.

The interdistrict transfer requests from Junction City School District were reviewed. These children will be moving into our district later this month but wanted to begin the new quarter at Monroe.

Resolution 1516-001 to Authorize a Supplemental Budget was reviewed.

Tim Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

The following communications were reviewed: thank you letter to Connie Pickett, thank you note from Bonanza Jr./Sr. High School, and the SAIF Corporation Dividend check.

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

Maddie O'Hare gave the Student Council Update. The Council has had one meeting and they discussed what to do with fund balances from past (graduated) classes. Chair Stroda suggested they request input from students and staff for one specific project.

There was no public input.

Enrollment reviewed: 444 students K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- Homecoming was a huge success this year. The events were entertaining and the week went well. Congratulations to the Student Council.
- BLRB Architect final reports and budget cost sheets were discussed. The Board requested costs for additional classrooms as listed in the original RFP and conceptual drawings. The Board is concerned with time lines and project delays.
- ZCS Engineering can facilitate the Seismic Grant. The grant is large enough to include replacing windows and the roof at the grade school. Board consensus is to pursue the grant. The \$8,500 cost for administrative fees will be reimbursed through the grant.
- The Board will need to prioritize the maintenance/building projects prior to going out for a bond measure.
- ODE has posted State Report Cards. This year will be used as a base line. Our district's report card will be posted on our web site. Our district needs to work on increasing math scores. Opt out information will be sent out to parents.
- There have been a lot of evening activities lately: the Health Fair and Science Night at the grade school, and the high school Drama productions.
- There has been a problem with the heat staying on in the old gym. They are working on it because wrestling will be starting soon.
- The District's phone system is on it's last leg. The current phones in the high school and district office were purchased 11 years ago as a used system. We will continue to research.
- Tim Warden voiced concern that the District's website is out dated and cumbersome. What is the cost to update or replace the site? Maybe it's time to look at a new company.
- Mr. Pickett is also researching purchase and/or rental costs for modular classrooms including time lines and set up fees.

The policies from Sections J: Students and K/L: Community Relations were reviewed. The additional changes were reviewed. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the policy changes as amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 3/0.

The history regarding the District's board zones was reviewed. The zones were originally established by election. To change from zones to at-large positions, it must be done in the same manner as originally established. Tim Warden would like to know the number of school districts in our area that still have zones (versus at-large positions).

A leave request for Nancy Williams was reviewed. She is requesting an additional three days of paid personal leave and would like to pay for her substitute out of that leave. Tim Warden moved to approve the request. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

The interdistrict transfer request for Tanner Crane as reviewed. Tanner explained that he would like to attend Junction City High School for personal reasons and that he has trouble understanding his teachers. He further explained that Junction City has several teachers per subject and he feels he'll have a better chance to make up his missed credit. Tanner answered questions from the Board and the Board voiced their concerns with his education. Chair Stroda asked for a motion on the request. There was no motion. Chair Stroda explained to Tanner that his transfer request was not approved and that the Board wants him to do well in Monroe. The Board recommended that he explore other options such as tutoring. They would like Tanner to report on his progress later this year. Mrs. Cuthbertson voiced her concern with the math curriculum and the manner in which it is taught.

Select revised policies from Sections D: Fiscal Management, E: Support Services, G: Personnel, and I: Instruction were reviewed. The second reading will be in December.

There being no further business, Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

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Tony Stroda, Chair

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Christine Manley, Secretary