

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
December 14, 2015

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

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

Also present: Employees Corinne Klein and Julie Stroda, and architect Richard Higgens.

The minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The following addition was made to the agenda: 5.A. Thank you letter to SELCO. The bills were reviewed and discussed.

Jennifer Gamache and Maddie O'Hare arrived at 6:33 P.M.

Mr. Pickett recommended hiring Chad Goracke as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach and Rosie Fuhrmann as Grade School Drama Club Advisor. Mrs. Fuhrmann has been the Advisor the past few years.

The 2014-15 Audit was reviewed. Corinne Klein explained the auditor's notes.

Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Richard Higgens, BLRB Architects, explained that his building construction budgets are inflated for future price increases. The Board stressed that they have requested conceptual plans and budget numbers for new classrooms and have not received them. Mr. Higgens assured the Board he can get them done by this Friday. There was general discussion regarding classroom space in which it was explained that, even though our enrollment has been stagnant, our classroom space is not adequate for the low class size the Board expects. A special board meeting with workshop session was scheduled for January 20, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the high school library. At that time, Mr. Higgens will present site plans and classroom models to work with. Board Chair stressed that the Board is very anxious to begin this project and frustrated that they have not seen progress.

The following communications were reviewed: Thank you letters to: Ed Landis, Corvallis Tool Company; Kendall Manthe; Hugh & Jean Wheeler; Peggy Contreras. Also reviewed was the award letter for the SELCO MiniGrant and Mr. Mulanax's thank you letter to SELCO.

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

Maddie O'Hare gave the Student Council Update. At the last two meetings, the Council had discussed entering the Light Parade. It was decided not to participate since almost all the Council Members were also basketball players and would not be available at the time of the Parade.

There was no public input.

Enrollment reviewed: 445 students K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- The Special Education caseload throughout the district is 15.2%. The State caps funding at 11%. Currently we have approximately 10 students receiving services that are unfunded by the State.
- He has spent some time researching modular classrooms and buildings. There are several options to purchase or rent new or used buildings. If one used double-classroom modular was set up at the grade school, this would relieve some overcrowding in other classrooms and free up space. This modular would be temporary for two years until new classroom space was constructed. The high school is also short on classroom space. The Health class has to meet in the cafeteria, the Spanish class is in the basement, and some math classes are held in the small Resource Room. If the district office moved out of the high school building, that space could be returned to a classroom and the staff break room. The current staff room could be a small classroom. By placing a permanent modular building at the high school that had one large classroom/community room and offices, and by moving the district offices, this would give the high school three useable classrooms. Cost options were discussed. Jennifer Gamache moved to purchase a used classroom/office space building for permanent use at the high school, and to rent or lease one wet double-classroom for temporary use at the grade school. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.
- NCLB has been repealed. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the replacement. ESSA moved control of schools out of the federal government and back to local and State control. ESSA is effective January 1, 2016.
- The new State sick time regulation was reviewed. Under this new regulation, substitutes and coaches will be eligible to accrue sick leave.
- The new phone system will be installed over Christmas Break (both schools and district office). He is also looking at a replacement for the high school intercom.
- He attended the Law Conference earlier this month with principals Bill Crowson, Kathi Holvey, and administrative intern Beau Sisneros.

The Board zone configuration survey was reviewed. Tim Warden wants to present a Measure to change the zoning to at-large positions on the next ballot. There was some discussion as to how the community would view the request. The item was tabled until January.

Revised policies from Sections D: Fiscal Management, E: Support Services, G: Personnel, and I: Instruction were reviewed. There are no further changes. Tim Warden moved to approve the policy changes as amended at the first reading in November. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The revised Facilities Use Request KG-Form was reviewed. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the revision as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Misconduct and Referral Reports were reviewed. The original forms will now be used for only grades 9-12. The grade school formed a committee to revise the forms to fit with the K-8 grade levels. These changes do not change the Student Code of Conduct. Tim Warden moved to approve the forms as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The new Event Authorization and Expense Reimbursement Request was reviewed. This form was designed to track leave requests, estimate expenses, track grant funded expenses, and reimbursement requests. Robert Warden moved to approve the form as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Tony Stroda requested Russ Pickett to research placement of the classroom/offices at the high school as well as the cost of the setup (water, sewer, electricity, etc.)

Chair Stroda also mentioned he will not be able to attend the regular meeting in January.

There being no further business, Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 9:15 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary