

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
April 11, 2016

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Richard Higgins from BLRB Architects; PTG Secretary Christina Hull; student Brianna O'Hare; Employees Whitney Connolly, Aaron Seifer; and patron Lance Horning.

The minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular board meeting were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda items were reviewed and discussed. The following change was made:

Move Richard Higgins, BLRB presentation to just after the consent agenda

The following item was added:

7. F. Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2)(b) to discuss personnel complaints.

Mr. Pickett recommended hiring Aaron Kurleychek as 7/8 grade math teacher. He has an Oregon teaching license with six endorsements. He could also teach other classes including technology and language arts.

The letter of retirement from Will Wright was reviewed. The letter of resignation from Patty Hanchett was reviewed. The Board wished them both luck in their next endeavors and thanked them for their service.

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

Richard Higgins, BLRB, reviewed the list of possible projects at both campuses. He made mention of the newly awarded 1.49 million Seismic grant funds for the grade school projects. If a bond is passed, the State will award matching funds. He reviewed the following time line: if the District requests a November bond measure, the last day to file is September 8. All the prep work and community input should be done before the end of the school year. He will check the timing on applying for the high school seismic grant and getting matching funds. The bond needs to be passed and grant funds awarded before matching funds are granted by the State.

Mr. Pickett suggested the Board decide the bond amount they want to ask for and prioritize projects. He can then build the campaign. The public and staff need to be given the opportunity to voice their opinions.

The Board scheduled a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 5:00 to prioritize

projects and decide on the amount of the bond. The community is invited to attend and voice their opinions.

The Board also scheduled a Special Board Meeting at 6:00 PM prior to the 7:00 Regular Board Meeting on May 9, 2016. Richard Higgens will attend the special board meeting to pin-point project costs.

Board members requested copies of the suggested project lists, seismic information, and grant information prior to the meeting.

Mr. Higgens left the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Chair read the thank you letters to Treehouse Signs, John & Maxine Power, Scott Bailey, South Benton County & United Way. Mr. Pickett explained that Alpine Community Center was very helpful in advocating United Way and that Whitney Connolly will spearhead the Community School Program.

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull reported that the last meeting of the Parent/Teacher Group was very short. They held elections for office and there were no changes from last year. The Spring Carnival committee have held separate meetings and scheduled the carnival for May 15.

Maddie O'Hare gave the Student Council update. They had a request in for a Spring Spirit Week but it was denied. They will be holding elections this Friday. She will probably run again for Board Representative. The Board thanked Maddie for working with the Board.

Mr. Seifer explained that he was asked by students to start a FCA Student Huddle. Board policy IGDA-AR Student Organizations, page 2, paragraph 2, states that the club not be "regularly attended by "non-school" persons." He asked if non-school persons can occasionally attend the student huddle? Mr. Pickett explained that the non-school persons would need to have current background checks. He also explained that district funds cannot support the group. There were no objections from the Board.

Enrollment was reported as 451 students K-12. We have received 11 applications for Open Enrollment for next year.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- The High School parking lot was graded and graveled.
- The District has been through some very lean years, but the economy is up and the budget is growing some. The ending fund balance is projected to be over \$600,000. However, these are not recurring funds, but one time funds. Now is the time to catch up on some

- projects around the district.
- Language Arts materials were purchased this year. Next year, Math texts need to be purchased.
  - He is working with Gerding Construction to bring in the modular classrooms. He shared the latest artist's rendering of the new high school classroom and district office. The architect working on this plan is the same architect who worked on the new city library. She is working to have all the buildings blend together visually. The restrooms in this modular can also be used during the football games and track meets. The additional parking by the modular can be used for handicapped parking at the games and meets, as well as parking for emergency services. The south wall of the gym building will be sealed and painted to match the brick buildings.
  - The current offices upstairs in the main high school building will be converted to a new math room, and staff room. The current staff room will be the resource room. The current resource room will become the vocal music and Spanish classroom. Art classes will remain in the basement.
  - The high school garbage dumpsters will be moved behind the shop on a concrete pad. There will also be a sidewalk between the dumpsters and the kitchen so that the cans can be wheeled back and forth.
  - Staffing for next year was reviewed. The Board just hired the new 7/8 grade math teacher; he and an interview committee will interview this Thursday for the Resource Room teacher 7-12; there are two new openings at the grade school; they are currently accepting applications for the music position. Mrs. Connolly will work on special projects such as a district representative at Special Education meetings and Community School Projects.
  - 300 students took the NNAT2 testing and 3% of those students qualified for TAG. The results will be sent home to parents.
  - Both Tom at Gerding Construction and Zac from ZCS Engineering recommend working with a CMGC.
  - He recommends purchasing a single dry modular classroom to be used for grade school music classes. After the remodeling project it could be used as a storage building. It would cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to purchase and set up. The Board's consensus is to purchase the modular.

Tim Warden voiced concern with the grade school kitchen. His kids (and others) have quit eating meals there. Mr. Pickett assured the Board that he is addressing the issue.

The Board reviewed the proposed revised policies and administrative regulations. The first reading was held in March. There were no further changes. Robert Warden moved to approve the policies and administrative regulations as previously amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The names of grade school volunteer track coaches were reviewed: Jennifer Gamache and Becky Parker.

After review of the Proclamation, Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the week of May 2-6, 2016 as Teacher & Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Transportation RFP was reviewed. Mr. Pickett explained that he held an open meeting for discussion of the RFP and two vendors attended. One vendor submitted an RFP: Crowson Bus Company. He recommended approving the proposal as the District has been very satisfied with their past services. Robert Warden moved to approve a five year contract (2016-2021) for transportation services to Crowson Bus Company. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The PACE Trust Agreement Joinder for Property and Casualty Coverage for Education was reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the Joinder as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The proposed meal prices for 2016-17 were reviewed as follows: K-2: \$2.25; 3-8: \$2.50; 9-12: \$3.25. Robert Warden moved to approve the increases as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting moved to executive session at 9:07 PM as per ORS 192.660(2)(b) to discuss personnel complaints.

The meeting returned to open session and adjourned by consensus at 9:20 PM.

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Tony Stroda, Chair

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Christine Manley, Secretary