

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School Library
December 12, 2016

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

Members present: Jennifer Gamache, Tim Warden, Tony Stroda, Nancy Burnett, Superintendent Russell Pickett, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Zack Esplin.

Absent: Robert Warden.

Also present: Employees including Dixie Floyd, Sue Kolar, Lindi Esplin, Whitney Connolly, Hilary Irwin, Catherine Otto, Kathi Holvey, Jill Moore, Julie Stroda, Kerri Hicks, Lory Bechtold, Jennifer Ryun, Connie Pickett; and Patrons including Orin Nusbaum, Mellissa Barnard, Darrell Barnard, Christina Hull, Lorin Hull, Kendra Roberts, Traci Frederick, Mary Beyer, Laura Lillie, Mike McPherson, Tara Hinkle, and Abbey Gamache.

The minutes of the November 14, 2016 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 4/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following items were added:

- 3. F. Approval to Hire: Aine Smith, High School Special Ed Aide/CNA
- 3. G. Approval to Transfer: Leslie Perdue, Special Ed Aide (from Grade School to High School)

The Executive Session ORS citing was corrected to read 192.660(2)(b).

The bills were reviewed.

The November 8, 2016 Election results were reviewed.

Resolution 1617-004 Authorizing the Issuance, Sale & Delivery of General Obligation Bonds; Designating an Authorized Representative, Bond Counsel & Underwriter or Placement Agent; Delegating the Negotiation & Approval of Financial Documents & Related Matters was reviewed.

New hire Aine Smith and transferred employee Leslie Perdue will work with a medically fragile student.

Tony Stroda moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The thank you letters to Kay Dykstra and Jean Wheeler were reviewed. Thank you for your continued support.

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe present.

Christina Hull gave the Parent Group Report: At their last meeting on December 7th they reported the Jog-a-thon raised \$25,000 and the Christmas Tree fundraiser raised \$380. The Dine Out Fundraiser continues with the next event at Track Town Pizza on December 19. They will schedule a Bingo Night some time in April. They have moved their supplies off the stage and into the storage shed. The School-wide Christmas Party is scheduled for December 16. They are looking at a grant from Lowe's to refurbish the stage.

Zack Esplin, Student Council Representative, explained that they are continuing their Benny's Pizza fundraiser. They are looking at scheduling a winter dance if they can get chaperones.

There was no public input.

Enrollment at the end of November was reported as 434 grades K-12.

Mrs. Holvey explained that the Response to Instruction & Intervention program (RTII) requires sharing data with the public. Last year, this program has helped with language arts studies. They are working this year to get math scores up. Elementary teachers Catherine Otto, Dixie Floyd, and Susan Kolar explained that the program looks at all student data to see who needs extra help. They speak with parents at the initial placement and at conferences. Parents have a choice whether or not their child is involved in the program.

Jennifer Ryun referred the board to the monthly fiscal update in their packets and cautioned the Board to be prudent in their spending.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- Corinne Klein's retirement party is tomorrow from 3:30-6:30 in the high school commons.
- Christmas Concert K-12 is scheduled for Thursday and will include the new high school choir.
- The Citizen's Advisory Committee have 5 applications so far. We will be accepting applications through the end of February.
- We will qualify for the seismic grant for the high school now that the bond has passed.
- Next year it is required that we meet the new standards in PE and Health. We currently meet those new standards.
- The high school is switching from the PSAT to ACT placement exams.
- When chosen, the CMGC contractor will help pick an architect for the next phase.
- Math textbook adoption will be next year or the following year.
- We need to increase Voc-Ed/CTE offerings.
- He's working to upgrade the new web site.
- The Safety Committee met and reviewed and revised policies, regulations and forms.
- The grade school boiler is still difficult to work with. The insurance money can go toward a new HVAC system; it doesn't need to be spent on a boiler replacement.
- He met with Tom Gerding and reviewed past summer projects.
- When the high needs student begins in January, the Staff Room will become the new Special

- Ed room, and they will use the conference room for therapy.
- Kipco will replace the concrete handicapped ramp at the high school over winter break.

It was explained to the audience that through the CMGC process, a contractor will be hired first. That contractor will then help pick the design team. The contractor will work with ZCS and the seismic grants to coordinate all the projects. This process was written by an attorney who is a expert in this particular field.

Kim Geil has requested to return from maternity leave in January on a part time basis (three days each week). Tony Stroda moved to approve the request. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board read through the recommended changes to policy, administrative regulations and forms from the Safety Committee. The second reading will be in January.

The RFP to solicit quotes to hire a General Manager/General Contractor was reviewed and amended. Tony Stroda moved to approve as amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

At 7:40 P.M. the board requested the audience be cleared for the executive session.

At 7:45 P.M. the board moved to executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(1) to hear complaints against an employee.

The meeting returned to open session and was adjourned by Chair Gamache at 8:30 P.M.

Jennifer Gamache, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary