

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
July 13, 2015

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

Superintendent Pickett administered the Oath of Office to new Board Member Tim Warden and re-elected Board Member Nancy Burnett.

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

Tony Stroda moved to accept the election results as prepared by Benton and Lane County Elections Divisions. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Robert Warden opened nominations for the election of officers. Nancy Burnett nominated Tony Stroda as Chair. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

Tony Stroda assumed the role as Chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Robert Warden nominated Nancy Burnett as Vice-Chair. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0 (Abstain: Burnett).

The listing of District Organization and Annual Procedural Business for 2015-16 was reviewed. Regular meeting times were changed to 6:30 PM during the months of November, December, January, and February. Robert Warden moved to approve the listing as amended. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The listing of Bank Accounts and Signatures was reviewed. Nancy Burnett moved to approve the listing as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The minutes of the June 8, 2015 Board meeting was reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no changes to the agenda.

The bills were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Pickett explained that Daniel Wolfe will be teaching Social Studies and Language Arts at the High School. Half his position will fill the vacancy left by retired teacher Peggy Contreras. (Mrs. Contreras continues to teach half-time.) The high school will also be able to add social studies classes. Hiring Lori Ford as third grade teacher will allow assigning Kim Giel as full time Title I teacher, and Twyla Baggarley as fourth grade teacher (Will Wright will continue as blended 3/4 grade teacher).

The only volunteer coach at the grade school to date is Jennifer Gamache, Track.

The 2015-17 Classified Negotiated Agreement was reviewed.

Mr. Pickett recommended the extra-duty contract for David Beatley as ELL Coordinator. He has been training in this area and has been working with the students. He also filed the ELL plan with the State.

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

The thank you letter regarding Ken Vandenberghe's donation to the High School Industrial Arts program was reviewed. Also, the following donated to last May's Fun Run: Anytime Fitness, Jerry's Home Improvement, Benton-Lane Winery, Safeway, Five Star Sports, Footwise, and Pat Mooney.

Mr. Pickett explained the 2013 Special Education System Performance Review & Improvement (SPR&I) Report. The District was found compliant in all areas. Credit goes to Nancy Williams for coordinating the program.

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

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- BLRB spent hours touring the school buildings on July 8. He will forward their report to the Board.
- The State did approve matching funds for voter approved bonds and seismic funds.
- The trial Fund Balance sheet was reviewed. The District has spent a fiscally conservative year and the ending balance is a little higher than expected.
- He picked up \$30,000 worth of Reading books for the primary grades last week.
- 119 of the Senate Bills passed affect education such as outdoor school program support, renewal of the Small High School grant through 2020, decreasing compulsory school age to age 6; modifying interdistrict transfers, applying Federal regulations in school food programs, and adding CPR to school curriculum.

Mr. Pickett explained that the request to change the 8th grade graduation date has been withdrawn. The administrators agree the currently scheduled date is the best. Since the 8th grade graduation is ceremonial, not a promotion, the students can return to the classroom for more instructional time as needed.

Board members discussed a possible board workshop with Mr. Pickett in September. The Board would like to line it up with BLRB's report. A Special Board meeting October 12, 2015 at 1:00 PM was scheduled.

Because of legislative changes, the Board will see changes to our Interdistrict Transfer policy.

The following interdistrict transfer requests were reviewed:

1. to Monroe from Corvallis: Guillem Giro, foreign exchange student
2. to Junction City from Monroe: Gard Drag-Erlandsen, foreign exchange student
3. to Harrisburg from Monroe: Nicole Pulver, grade 12

Robert Warden moved to approve the transfer requests. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The OSAA Cooperative Sponsorship Application for Monroe students to join the Junction City Cross Country team was discussed. It was clarified that Monroe students can either join the Junction City team or participate in Monroe's club sport team, but not both. Tim Warden moved to approve the application as presented. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

The revisions to the Coaches Handbook were reviewed. There was discussion to further modify the handbook to include middle school coaches, the eligibility process, and perhaps a signature page for coaches. Robert Warden moved to approve the handbook as amended by the board, and to further discuss the handbook at the meeting in September. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Pickett explained that the ELL Plan has been submitted to ODE and approved by ODE. Dave Beatley has been working with the ELL program and submitted the Plan. He is now a paid coordinator. Robert Warden moved to formally approve the ELL Plan as submitted to ODE. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Stroda at 8:15 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary