

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

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

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

Also present: Employee Aaron Seifer, and patrons Christina Hull and Sherrie Deaton.

Introductions were made between the board members and the new student council representative to the School Board. Maddie O'Hare is a sophomore this year. She reported that the school year has started well and the freshman students seem to be settling in fine. Aaron Seifer introduced himself as the Student Council Advisor. He also teaches computers and social studies at the high school.

The minutes of the July 13, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The following items were added to the agenda:

3. C. 2. Approval to hire Rosie Fuhrmann, grade School Student Council Advisor
3. D. 6. Review Volunteer Coach 9-12 Assistant Volleyball, Becky Parker
7. D. New Business: Inter-district transfer request to Alsea School District, grade 2
7. E. New Business: Change October board meeting date

The bills were reviewed and discussed. The Pacific Power bill for the high school gym seems high. There was a volleyball expense submitted in early August but not yet paid. Mr. Pickett will research.

Mr. Pickett recommended hiring Paul Dykstra as the part time High School Commons Custodian and Rosie Fuhrmann as Grade School Student Council Advisor.

The list of volunteer coaches was reviewed.

The letters of resignation were reviewed.

The interdistrict transfer requests into Monroe and those transferring out of Monroe were reviewed and discussed.

Robert Warden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no thank you letters submitted this month.

Mr. Pickett announced the OSBA Listening Session at LBL-ESD is scheduled for October 22 at 6:00 PM. Any Board members interested in attending, please RSVP to Christine Manley.

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull reported on the September 1st Parent Group meeting. Highlights included:

- The group's President has resigned. They are currently looking for nominations.
- The Jog-a-Thon was discussed at length and details worked out.
- The Parent Group will supply refreshments for Science Night and Parent Night.
- They have a new email address. They will send out information to parents via email.
- The landscaping has been updated.
- The new reader board is up, but they need to complete the final details.

There was no public input.

Enrollment is up from last spring: 455 students K-12. Mr. Pickett explained that the high school basement was updated to use as a full time classroom, and they have turned the old music room at the grade school into a second kindergarten classroom.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- The teacher/staff work days prior to the beginning of the school year was time well spent. Staff met as a district, as independent buildings, as departments and as grade level/subject teams. Much planning went into a smooth start. Staff was given time to do their "Safe Schools" tests. The grade school had an in-service on the new reading/language arts program and the District had trainings for both CPR-AED and Special Education updates and expectations.
- Summer maintenance update:
 - Carpet in room 4 at the grade school
 - Wainscoting in room 4 at the grade school
 - Unstick windows painted shut at the grade school
 - 2 toilets replaced
 - Room 1 (new Kindergarten) tightened up ceiling tile
 - New desks (mostly free from OSU surplus)
 - Cleaned out some storage
 - New (used) bookshelves in library installed
 - Removed all TV's and Brackets (now use computers and projectors)
 - Removed and re-mounted maps and screens as requested
 - Frayed carpeting repaired
 - Replaced and installed whiteboard throughout the district (still have 6 to go)
 - Remodeled and painted bathrooms in shop. It is now handicapped accessible. Replaced lights in bathrooms. Fresh coat of paint in hallway in shop.
 - Misc. electrical and plumbing

- Routine maintenance of all heating and cooling units throughout district.
- Handicapped ramp at Stadium
- Monroe Grade School is now wireless (Wi-Fi)
- Painted as needed
- Thanks to the Parent Group for the facelift at the grade school (new bark mulch and flower beds)
- A Power Point report on preliminary assessment results for 2014-15. Graduation rates and participation rates are strong.
- Tim Nash organized a donation of desks and furniture to our school district from Bethel School District.
- The November OSBA convention is open to all board members. If any would like to attend please let us know for scheduling.
- He has a meeting Tuesday with the Alpine PreSchool staff. They want the District to provide transportation for their preschool students, which the district cannot do.
- The high school Robotics Club has set up a Go Fund Me Account so they can purchase materials to build more projects.
- A budget extension will be on next month's agenda to accommodate the unexpected ending fund balance.
- Flowers were sent from the School Board to the funeral service for Amanda Wall and her son. Chair Stroda spoke for all board members in sending their condolences to the Wall family.

After review, Robert Warden moved to renew the 2015-16 Trillium services contract. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Drug and Alcohol report for 2014-15 with historical data was reviewed. Jennifer Gamache asked if there was a time when the Board is informed of discipline involving drugs and alcohol. Mr. Pickett explained that the board would be informed if a student appeals a suspension or expulsion and the appeal moves to the Board. He will keep them informed via email regarding incidents. If they would like more information, board members can call him.

The Board reviewed the position description for the Health Clerk, GAB-Form-60. This position was added last year in answer to losing the Health Nurse. Benton County Health Department's "umbrella" oversees the Health Clerk. The Health Clerk administers and tracks student medication. If there is a health concern, the Monroe Clinic is called. The Clinic is now open five days a week. Robert Warden moved to approve the position description as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

Select revised policies from Sections A: Administration and G: Personnel were reviewed and amended. The second reading will be in October.

The Interdistrict Transfer Request for a 2nd grade student was reviewed and discussed. After review, the Board agreed that the parent should go through the proper channels to resolve any issues for the student: talk with the teacher, talk with the principal, talk with the superintendent, then discuss it with the Board if not resolved.

Mr. Pickett recommended moving the October regular board meeting from the 12th to the 5th to accommodate BLRB Architects' schedule. After discussion, a preliminary agenda was developed:

- 1:00-3:00 Superintendent Goals
- 3:00-6:00 BLRB's presentation
- 6:00-6:30 Dinner
- 7:00- Regular Board Meeting

Robert Warden moved to change the October Regular Board Meeting to October 5 and to schedule a Special Board Meeting on that same day beginning at 1:00 as long as cinnamon rolls are provided. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There being no further business, Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary