

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
October 5, 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.

The minutes of the September 14, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Pickett reported that the amount paid to Pacific Power for the high school gym is typical.

The letter from Misha Klein resigning her position as Assistant Softball Coach was reviewed.

Mr. Pickett explained that Bill Crowson would like to voluntarily decrease his football coaching salary by \$500 and hire Dan Wolfe as an additional football assistant coach with that amount.

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

The many thank you letters were reviewed. The volunteers in our District are a blessing.

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

Maddie O'Hare reported that the Student Council has spent time planning Homecoming events and finalizing the details. This year's Spirit Week includes Disney Day, Twin Day, Orange & Blue Day, Celebrity Day, and Class Color Day.

There was no public input.

Enrollment reviewed: 448 students K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- At the Special Board meeting earlier today, the Board spent time on goals for the District. They also discussed Common Core and Smarter Balanced Assessments.
- Richard Higgins from BLRB Architects reviewed his list of things that need attention in our school buildings including seismic upgrades.

- A possible election time line was discussed. BLRB recommends November 2016 for a bond measure for building upgrades. They will write the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant right away. BLRB reported that the high school is 100% in need of seismic repair. The State will provide matching dollars if a bond measure is approved by the voters.
- They have received all K-8 reading material orders. They will move forward with the high school Language Arts books order.

The policies from Sections A: Administration and G: Personnel were reviewed. There were no further changes. Robert Warden moved to approve the policy changes as amended at last month's meeting. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The OSBA Listening Session will be held at LBL-ESD on October 22. Please RSVP to the District Office by this Friday, October 9.

Any Board member interested in attending the OSBA Convention needs to RSVP to Mr. Pickett by this Friday, October 9.

The Board reviewed the OSU Science & Math Investigative Learning Experiences (SMILE) program contract for the 2015-16 school year. There is no cost to the district for this program. This program is run as an after school club. Robert Warden moved to approve the contract. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Tim Warden lead a discussion regarding Board zones. Currently, board members in our district are elected by specific zones, and other area school districts are elected by position (or at-large). Is there a reason for this? Jennifer Gamache explained that the last poll of the community taken a few years ago indicated that patrons did not want to change. Tim Warden recommends that the community comprise the School Board to reflect the fact that the entire area is all one district, not separate districts any longer. Mr. Pickett will poll superintendents in the area. Mrs. Manley will search for any historical documents related to the subject. The Board will continue this discussion at the next regular board meeting.

Select revised policies from Sections J: Students and K: Community Relations were reviewed and amended. The second reading will be in November.

There being no further business, Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary