

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

The board meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Nancy Burnett at 6:34 P.M.

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

Also present: Christina Hull.

The minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

Consent Agenda items were reviewed and discussed. Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The following letters were reviewed: Thank you letters to Tammy, Gavin & Liam Bayliss; Graton's Custom Landscapes; Keith Saito, and Monroe Area Foundation

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull, representing the Monroe Parent Group addressed the Board. She reported that the Parent Group earned \$1,000 on their Christmas Tree Sale, and \$27,000 on the Jog-a-thon. Some of the grade school students attended an OSU basketball game during Christmas break and the Parent Group paid for the transportation. They would like to change the meeting time closer to the end of the school day to increase teacher attendance. They are planning a Spring Carnival instead of a Movie Night. The kids really enjoyed the Harvest Carnival last fall. Good job, Parent Group!

There was no Student Council update this month. There was no Public Input.

Enrollment was reported as 444 student K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- The new phone system was installed over Christmas Break (both schools and district office). Each phone extension has voice mail capability. Buildings can contact another campus directly. Monroe Telephone is still our service provider. They will install new lines in the weight room and the student phone in the high school hall. The high school also uses the pager system for announcements.
- He purchased 20 new tables to replace the old wooden tables. He has sent 10 tables to each school. The tables are on carts for ease of moving. The old tables may be donated to another non-profit organization.

- He has a Tech Committee this Wednesday. They have met many of their goals: wireless access throughout the district, increased the bandwidth, and security issues have been dealt with. They now need policies and an overall plan for implementation.
- The Winter Program at the Grade School was very entertaining. The classroom teachers really have stepped up to cover for the lack of a music teacher. It would be nice to add back a music teacher.
- He has talked with the principals about the modular classrooms. The next step is to hire a contractor to site the buildings. He met with Tom Gerding of Gerding Construction and Tim Warden last week. There are two sections to our projects: 1) short term project is getting the modular buildings in and set up; 2) long term project is the bond building project. There are two ways to hire a contractor: traditional bidding process or Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) which brings a construction manager in at the beginning of the project to work with the architect. Area school districts prefer to have CMGC. He is researching this process and will report more in February or March. Board members agreed that there is logic in having a construction manger. Tom Gerding will talk to Benton County; he is on board to get the modular buildings installed. Since the two double classrooms at the grade school will be temporary they will be set on a gravel foundation. The high school classroom/office building will be permanent and will be set on a concrete foundation.

Mr. Pickett read Governor Brown's Proclamation designating January as School Board Appreciation Month. He handed out Certificates of Appreciation signed by the high school and grade school Student Council Presidents. The Board members are deeply appreciated for what they do for the students of Monroe School District.

The Board zone configuration was discussed. Tim Warden commented that he feels zones are outdated. Is the Board really making the best decisions they can for the public? Mr. Pickett explained that the zones boundaries can be redrawn to equalize population. The Board asked for costs to re-zone. The item was tabled until February.

Superintendent Pickett gave the Annual Report of Compliance with Division 22 Standards. Each year the school district superintendent is require to report to the school board and community it's standings with respect to meeting all of the Standards for Public Elementary and Secondary School. Every three years all districts must report to ODE that they are compliant with all standards. In the intervening years, districts report on specifically selected standards. This year the Monroe School District must identify compliance for the following 5 standards:

- OAR 581-022-0606 – District Improvement Plan: The district meets all standards in this area.
- OAR 581-022-0711 – Reporting Child Abuse: All district policies meet this OAR and staff are trained annually in this area.

- OAR 581-022-1130 – Diploma Requirements: The Monroe School District is current in all areas for the variety of diplomas awarded by the State of Oregon.
- OAR 581-022-1210 – District Curriculum: This district is compliant in all curriculum areas.
- OAR 581-022-1620 – Required Instructional Time: The Monroe School District exceeds all required instructional times set forth by the State of Oregon, K-12.

The Monroe School District is not only compliant in these identified areas, but we meet all assurances set forth in the Division 22 Standards. Robert Warden moved to accept the Assurance as provided. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Another revision to form KG Facility Use was reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the form as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Pickett reminded the Board members of the Special Board Meeting January 20, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the high school library. They will be meeting with the architect.

There being no further business, Vice-Chair Burnett adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Vice-Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary