

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
February 8, 2016

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

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

Also present: Employees Bill Crowson, Corinne Klein, and PTG Secretary Christina Hull.

The minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular board meeting were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0. The minutes of the January 20, 2016 special board meeting were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda items were reviewed and discussed. The following items were added:

C. 3. Accept letter of retirement: Lory Bechtold

C. 4. Accept letter of resignation: Robert Kwasi Diehl

E. 4. Approval to hire: Marie-Louise Martinson & David Beatley, SMILE Club Advisors

Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 5/0.

Chair read the thank you letter to Monroe Area Foundation.

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull reported that the Parent/Teacher Group met February 2. Their bank balance is at \$26,000. They reviewed and approved purchasing some playground equipment, to pay the balance of the Nature Play Park project, and to fund a combined Certified and Classified Appreciation lunch. The Spring Carnival is scheduled for May 13. They are looking at putting up staff photos in the grade school hallway. Kathi Holvey has asked for their input into student schedules.

Maddie O'Hare reported the Student Council voted to send flowers to the family of Gavin Higgins and a fruit basket to Chris Ralston.

There was no Public Input.

Enrollment was reported as 440 students K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- Modern Buildings has sent building and site plans. Tom Gerding is reviewing the plans and proposed sites. Modern Buildings is working on the remodeling of the high school

modular building. The grade school modular should be on site this July as it is coming from another District.

- He reviewed the estimated bond cost per thousand.
- The Every Child Shall Succeed Act (ECSSA) laws and guidelines were reviewed at the recent COSA conference. He has shared that information with the administrators. The new Act requires students to be tested each year in grades 3-8 and once in high school.
- Also at the COSA Conference, Hungerford Law firm held a session regarding Special Education.
- The Request for Proposals for copiers is now out. The Request for Proposals for transportation is nearly ready to go out. Neither contract must go to the lowest bidder.
- The Tech Committee has met. They ordered two rolling carts with 30 laptops each. These carts are also called “cows” or computers on wheels. One cow was ordered for each of the schools. The wireless laptops will each have a wireless printer on the cart. The laptops are already starting to be delivered. Tim Johnson is installing software. They have also upgraded the MicroSoft licenses.

Bill Crowson is in attendance at Tim Warden’s request. Mr. Warden engaged in a conversation with Mr. Crowson as to league requirements, placement and travel time. Concern was expressed about overnight trips and driving the pass in the winter. Mr. Crowson discussed potential changes OSAA is considering and local league options to minimize these risks. Bill Crowson was thanked for bringing the board up to speed on this issue.

The Board zone configuration was discussed. Mr. Pickett summarized past discussions. If the Board wants to change the zoning configuration, the Board needs to ask the voters. Since the last survey doesn’t seem adequate, he can put together an online survey and advertise it. Tim Warden agreed that he would like to see some participation from the public. Mr. Pickett will combine the zoning survey with school climate and bond measure questions. He will post the survey link on the website and Facebook. He did speak to someone at Portland State University (PSU) about reconfiguring zone boundaries. PSU recommended waiting until the next census to get balanced areas.

Chair Stroda read the School Board Proclamation dedicating March 7-11, 2016 as Classified Employee Appreciation Week. Tim Warden moved to approve. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2016-17 Budget Preparation calendar was reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2016-17 Academic calendar was reviewed. Mr. Pickett discussed additional suggestions by staff. Robert Warden moved to approve the calendar as presented, without further changes. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

Tony Stroda and Nancy Burnett reported that neither are able to attend the March 14th meeting. After discussion, Tim Warden moved to reschedule the next regular board meeting on March 7, 2016. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0. Reminder that this meeting will be held at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Pickett explained that March is Open Enrollment month. He and the administrators recommend that open enrollment be limited to 5 students per grade. Robert Warden moved to accept the recommendation. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

1st Reading of mixed policy and administrative regulations was tabled until the March meeting.

Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 7:34 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary