

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
March 7, 2016

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, Superintendent Russell Pickett, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Member Absent: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: PTG Secretary Christina Hull; student Brianna O'Hare-Gamache; and Employees Tim Johnson and Kathi Holvey.

The minutes of the February 8, 2016 regular board meeting were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

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

4.A. Additional Thank you letter to Robert Zavel, Jr.

7.C. Review Request for Proposals for Copier Services

Tim Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Chair read the thank you letters to Eugene Bilson; Mr. Nystrom/Hull Oakes Lumber, and Robert Zavel, Jr. Chair Stroda sent his thanks to the many people who help our schools.

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull reported that the Parent/Teacher Group's bank balance remains at \$26,000. They received a request for plexiglass to cover the reader board. It seems that letters are being rearranged in an inappropriate way. The Spring Carnival committee will meet next week. They have the frames for the staff photos and the photos should be in soon. The previous issues with emails have been resolved. They made nominations for next year's officers and elections will be held at the next meeting. Next year, they will move their meeting time earlier in the day in order to involve more teachers.

No student council update. There was no Public Input.

Enrollment was reported as 447 students K-12. March is Open Enrollment month for next school year. We have received two application so far.

The gravel parking lot at the high school will be graded over spring break and the pot holes will be filled in. People have been dumping unusable items in the north end of the parking lot. The wrestling team has had a scrap metal fund raiser in that area but unacceptable items such as mattresses, appliances, and garbage are also being dumped. The fund raiser has ended and the

area will be cleaned up.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- He showed the board the new Computer on Wheels (COW) and demonstrated how the laptops are stored. The cart with laptops and printer can easily be wheeled to a classroom for students to use. Teachers will sign up for specific times to use the COW and it will be returned to storage at the end of each day. The grade school COW is almost up and running.
- Gerding Construction has a construction manager assigned to the District. They will bring in an architect for placement of the buildings. A survey team was here today at both campuses to check on the grading, locate wiring, plumbing, etc. There is standing water under one of the modular classrooms which we will be able to remove with a sump pump. Gerding will only charge "at cost" charges to act as construction manager. The BLRB architect will attend the April Board meeting.
- Wendy Unrein sent out an initial email to the Board Chair stating that the teachers are getting ready to open negotiations.
- Previous board representatives to the certified negotiations team included Tony Stroda and Mylrea Estell. Tim Warden volunteered to replace her. Mr. Pickett will pass along date options when he receives them. He will also meet with the administrators, Corinne Klein, and Christine Manley to review the agreement. Jennifer Gamache will work with the Administrators and Confidential employees if needed. Last year this group received the same as the certified received.
- The NNAT2 is the new TAG Assessment and will begin next week. Pearson Publishing asked our District to pilot the assessment at no cost to the district. Pearson will also give the district ten ipads for piloting the test. They wanted data and input from a district our size. All students in grades 4-11 will be tested. This will give the district a TAG baseline. In the future we will only test 4th grade students and new students who haven't been tested elsewhere. This is a non-verbal cognitive test. Results are immediate with instant feed back for the student and reports for the district.
- ZCS notified us that the seismic grant award has been postponed until April.
- The survey results were reviewed. The intent of the survey was to get a broader view on zoning issues. There were also questions about bonds and school climate. Of the 93 people who took the survey the majority said they would back a bond measure given more information. Community members are also concerned with school safety, may favor at-large zone positions versus specific zones, and would like to see music and other "club" activities in the schools.
- Chair Stroda asked how the new phone system is working. Mr. Pickett explained that, overall, it is a very nice system.

Kathi Holvey reported that the grade school is moving into "test season". They are building their master schedule for next year and are happily busy.

Mr. Pickett suggested tabling the board zone discussion until July. If they decide to put it on the November ballot they will still have time to do so. Consensus of the Board members is to table the subject until July.

The Board reviewed new and revised policy and administrative regulations. The second reading will be at the April meeting.

Mr. Pickett explained that there are two ways to hire a contractor: traditional bidding process or Construction Manager/ General Contractor (CM/GC) which brings a construction manager in at the beginning of the project to work with the architect. Area school districts prefer to have CM/GC. After discussion, the Board's consensus is to pursue the CM/GC. Jennifer Gamache asked for the costs associated with the process. Mr. Pickett will check and report back to the Board. He will also meet with attorney Lane Shetterly to work on the legal documents that need to be filed. Tim Warden explained that Tom Gerding (Gerding Construction) was an advisor to the legislators who wrote the administrative regulations.

Lory Bechtold's extended personal leave request was reviewed. She would like to take one additional day of leave with pay but pay the substitute out of her pay check. Tim Warden moved to approve the request. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board reviewed the copier services Request for Proposals. Three companies turned in RFPs: Richo, National Photocopy, and Pacific Office Automation. Pacific Office cost per copy is the lowest, and they will put in a higher capacity machine at the grade school. Robert Warden moved to approve a 5 year contract with Pacific Office Automation. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:28 P.M.

Tony Stroda, Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary