

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
May 9, 2016

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 7:05 P.M.

Members present: Tony Stroda, Tim Warden, Robert Warden, Jennifer Gamache, Superintendent Russell Pickett, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Member late: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Richard Higgins from BLRB Architects; PTG Secretary Christina Hull; Employees Whitney Connolly, Kathi Holvey, Jill Moore.

The minutes of the April 11, 2016 regular board meeting and April 26, 2016 special board meeting were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

Consent Agenda items were reviewed. There were no amendments.

The bills list was reviewed and discussed.

The 2015-16 Assistant Track Coach's contract, 2016-17 letters of intent for the Classified Staff, and the listing of Extra Curricular Contracts for 2016-17 were reviewed without comment.

Superintendent Pickett recommended hiring the following:

- Lindi Esplin, 7-12 Special Education. Mrs. Esplin is a former district employee who went back to school and earned her teaching degree. She is looking forward to working with the students.
- Jacoba Hauschulz, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Mrs. Hauschulz currently teaches Kindergarten on a temporary contract. She will be a good addition to the staff.
- Tabitha Shepherd, K-12 Music. Mrs. Shepherd graduated from the Boston Conservatory of Music and currently teaches at Forest Grove. She is excited to start her own program in Monroe.
- Kelsey Greydanus, 7-8 Language Arts. Ms. Greydanus is a graduate of Monroe High School and currently teaches in New Mexico. She is looking forward to returning to the area.

Mr. Pickett explained that the district will be awarded a grant for seismic improvements at the grade school in the amount of \$1,490,200. The high school campus is eligible for the same amount, however the needed improvements exceed the amount of the grant. Additional funding is needed from a bond measure in order to obtain that seismic grant.

Resolution 1516-003 to Authorize the Receipt and Expenditure of Additional Special Revenue Fund 200 Receipts was reviewed.

Robert Warden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The Cheer Club presentation was postponed until Martha Woodland is in attendance.

No representatives from the City of Monroe were present.

Christina Hull, Parent/Teacher Group Secretary reported that they have \$19,000 left after paying for all the class field trips. At the last meeting they approved a request to take Ms. Baggarley's class to a Knight's ball game, and Mrs. Holvey's request to purchase 20 ipads. They have asked Mrs. Holvey for more storage space as they are growing out of their area on the stage. The group also discussed fund raisers for next year such as a monthly dine-out where restaurants donate a certain percentage of their profits for a particular day to the schools. They discussed last minute details for the carnival this Friday. They have obtained a Food Handler's license to handle to food at the carnival.

There was no Student Council update.

There was no Public Input.

Enrollment was reported as 453. Final count of Open Enrollment applications for next year: 11 students coming in, 8 students going out.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- The CMGC process will need to be written by an attorney experienced with the process.
- He met with the ESD Superintendent and reviewed the Tier 2 services. These services include OT/PT, and web hosting.
- Certified negotiations are scheduled for this Thursday. Tim Warden and Tony Stroda are the Board representatives.
- The high school modular is scheduled to be in by June 25. They are ready to break ground to begin the site prep soon. The grade school modulars will be in the first part of August.
- The Budget Committee meeting will be held next Tuesday. They are now looking at a \$450,000 beginning balance.
- ZGS will write the RFP for the seismic grant projects for the grade school. The bonds are scheduled to be sold this month. The bulk of the work will be done during the summer of 2017.

Martha Woodland reviewed her Monroe Cheer Club outline. The Cheer Club would be open to boys & girls in grades 9-12 and the Junior Cheer Club would be open to boys & girls in grades 4-8. Students would be able to participate in school sports during cheer club if they choose. The Cheer Club would follow school policies. The Board had no objections to forming the club.

Nancy Burnett arrived at 7:35 PM.

There was no Old Business.

Much discussion was held at the earlier Special Board Meeting regarding the amount of the Bond request. Nancy Burnett moved to set the bond amount at six million dollars. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2016-17 academic calendar amendment was reviewed. Spring Break has been moved to the week of March 27, 2017 to stay in sync with other districts in the area. Robert Warden moved to approve the change as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The memo from the Instructional Materials Committee was reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve the purchase of Reading/Language Arts Curriculum as recommended. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Reminder: Budget Committee Meeting will be held next Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM in the high school library.

Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.

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Tony Stroda, Chair

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Christine Manley, Secretary