

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting &
Public Hearing on 2016-17 Budget
Held at Monroe High School
June 13, 2016

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Tony Stroda at 7:00 P.M.

Members present: Tony Stroda, Robert Warden, Jennifer Gamache, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Members late: Nancy Burnett, Superintendent Russell Pickett.

Absent: Tim Warden.

Also present: Employees Whitney Connolly, Dixie Floyd, Catherine Otto, Kim Geil, Wendolyn Unrein, Lory Bechtold, Kathi Holvey, and Student Briana Gamache.

Chair Stroda opened the Budget Hearing. There was no public input. The Board will continue with the regular agenda until there is public input for the 2016-17 budget.

The minutes of the May 9, 2016 Special Board Meeting, May 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting and the April 26, 2016 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the minutes as written. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

Consent Agenda items were reviewed. There were no amendments.

The bills list was reviewed and discussed.

The listing of 2016-17 recommended coaches and athletic directors was reviewed. Becky Crowson and Robin Owen were recommended to work the summer meal program.

The resolution for year end transfers was reviewed.

Tony Stroda explained that negotiations with the teachers has come to a close. They tentatively agreed on all language changes. They also agreed to a 2% increase on the salary schedule base along with a step for those eligible and a \$50 increase in insurance benefit each year (2016-17 and 2017-18). The 2016-17 individual teacher contracts can be approved according to the new salary schedule.

Robert Warden moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 3/0.

Note: Nancy Burnett arrived.

A five year service pin was awarded to Board Member Jennifer Gamache. Thank you for your dedication.

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

Kathi Holvey expressed her appreciation for all the Board's support this year. Whitney Connolly explained the PBIS program gives students incentives to promote positive behavior. Catherine Otto explained that this was her first year of teaching only 1st graders (instead of a blended 1st & 2nd grade). She felt she was able to focus on the Standards only 1st graders need. Kim Geil talked about how the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII) program looks at student needs first. The teachers have looked at how the grades are doing in the benchmarks and where they should focus their instruction. Lory Bechtold explained that the Standards are more defined and rigorous. She also that the Board schedule "Meet the Staff" time at board meetings. The teachers thanked the Board and Mr. Pickett for their service and support. Chair Stroda commented that they appreciate the staff. It is nice to see that they are learning new ways to teach.

Year end enrollment was reported with 24 more students at the end of May than one year ago.

The year end staff retirement and service pin recognition was held last week. The Board commented they are fortunate to have so many staff members with seniority.

The change to the 2016-17 academic calendar was reviewed. This changes the date of the 8th grade promotion and allows for more class time for the 8th graders. Jennifer Gamache moved to approve the change. Second: Nancy Burnett. Motion carried 4/0.

Superintendent Pickett arrived and reviewed the administrative update including:

- The high school modular building should be in on June 27, the music modular building is scheduled for August 5, and the grade school double classroom modular is scheduled for August 10.
- Extra high school kids are being hired this summer to help move classrooms.
- The maintenance requests are coming in and a lot of cleaning has been scheduled.
- The shelves in the high school library have been anchored to the wall, and one section removed which opened the center of the library.
- With all the changes, a tour could be scheduled at the September Board meeting.
- Whitney Connolly will be moving upstairs in the high school. She'll have both a classroom and an office.
- Both graduations went smoothly. There were lots of scholarships given out.
- The OSCIM grant was submitted. Piper Jaffey referred him to a Bond attorney who helped write the grant.

The Chair again called for input on the 2016-17 proposed budget. There was no input. The Board reviewed the resolutions to adopt the 2016-17 budget and impose taxes. Robert Warden moved to approve the resolutions as written. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The proposed changes to the food service position descriptions and evaluations were reviewed. Robert Warden moved to approve the changes as written. Second: Jennifer Gamache. Motion carried 4/0.

The remaining policy revisions were tabled until the July board meeting.

Chair Stroda adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Tony Stroda, Chair

Christine Manley, Secretary