

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School Library
January 9, 2017

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

Members present: Jennifer Gamache, Tim Warden, Tony Stroda, Robert Warden, Superintendent Russell Pickett, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Zack Esplin.

Absent: Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Employees Whitney Connolly, Jennifer Ryun, Lindi Esplin; and City of Monroe Mayor Paul Canter.

The minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Board meeting were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

There were no changes to the agenda.

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Board members asked for more detail on the bills listing. What is the acetylene fee to the Oregon Department of Revenue? Mr. Pickett will check. There was discussion regarding the well associated with the gym heating system. Mr. Pickett explained there is a broken or cracked pipe in the well that will need to be replaced.

The 2017-18 LBL-ESD Local Service Plan Resolution was reviewed. Mr. Pickett explained that there are no significant changes from previous years.

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

Zack Esplin, reported that the Student Council is continuing with their Benny's Pizza fundraiser, and are working on the Winter Formal dance.

Jennifer Gamache explained that she received a concern from a patron. She explained that messages on Flash Alert, Remind, and Facebook do not match. Mr. Pickett says he works on Flash Alert and Facebook but that the grade school does Remind. He will email Craig Walker and see why Flash Alert takes so long to post on some TV stations.

Enrollment at the end of December was reported as 431 student grades K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- "Snow" days: so far there is enough class time built into the calendar so the students are okay, but staff will need to make up five days.
- The bond sale is scheduled for February 13 & 14. Once sold, we can send information to ODE for the OSSUM grant application.
- There is a question & answer meeting for the CMGC RFP this Thursday at 10:00 AM.

- The Board room / classroom in the modular is almost done.
- The handicapped ramp is not poured yet due to the bad weather.
- The library conference room is now a therapy room.
- He has six applications for the CAC.

In answer to Tim Warden's question, Russ Pickett explained that we need to wait until the bonds are sold and then decide where exactly to dedicate the seismic grant funds. There was general discussion on how the CMGC could help us schedule so that the projects do not overlap.

Jennifer Ryun explained that she moved her office during the break and is behind in getting the financial statement to the Board.

Paul Cantor, City of Monroe, said that the City Council would like a Student Body representative to attend the City Council meetings. They meet the 4th Monday each month, 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. He also announced that the City is looking to fill two Council positions as well as a full time City Administrator. The Tiny Home project fell through, but another developer is looking at the property.

Whitney Connolly explained the Community School Program put on a winter paper crafting session and have scheduled other sessions in February and this spring. Other classes may include art lessons, community theater, OSU Mobile 3D printer and screen printing projects. OSU wants to work with students on planning small businesses. The Kindergarten program ended in December. Through a parent survey, there was overwhelming support for the program.

Mr. Canter explained that at a recent Parent/Teacher Conference, a 4th grade teacher told him they don't teach spelling any longer, they only use spell check on the computer. Is that correct? Mr. Pickett will check on it.

Russ Pickett read the Governor's Proclamation of School Board Recognition Month and thanked the Board for their service over the years.

After the second reading of the recommended changes to policy, administrative regulations and forms from the Safety Committee, Tony Stroda moved to approve as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The Board reviewed the Division 22 Assurances as presented by Mr. Pickett. He explained that the district is in compliance with all the standards. He will be submitting the Assurances to ODE.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gamache at 7:30 P.M.

Jennifer Gamache, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary