

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe District Conference Room
February 13, 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, Nancy Burnett, Superintendent Russell Pickett, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Zack Esplin.

Also present: Employees including Bill Crowson, Kathy Smith, Jill Moore, Kathi Holvey, Julie Stroda, Jennifer Ryun, and patrons Abbey Gamache and Christina Hull.

The minutes of the January 9, 2017 and February 8, 2017 Board meetings were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There were no changes to the agenda.

The bills were reviewed and discussed. What are the charges to the Bank of America card marked “consumable supplies and materials”? Tim Warden requested more detail to explain the Bank of America charges. Mr. Pickett explained that he is looking at getting an Umpqua Bank card to replace the Bank of America card. There was discussion regarding the Amerigas billing, and the Cintas charges that print out with zero line amounts. There was no expenditure report to review.

The contract for Ronald Vick was discussed. Mr. Vick is a local, retired, registered nurse who has been helping the high school medically fragile student.

Mr. Allen May donated a 1996 Nissan Pickup to the Industrial Arts department.

Dan Donovan’s letter of resignation was reviewed.

Bill Crowson explained that the Student Store will mainly be an on-line store for school apparel.

The Board reviewed the preliminary official statement, general obligation bonds. There were no requested changes.

Robert Warden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The following thank you letters were reviewed: Allen May; Monroe Area Foundation; Karlyne Agoff; Jose Vidrio-Palomino; Shayne Moore; Tammy, Gavin and Liam Bayliss; Keith Saito; Rob Hinton; Dean Tracer; Bellfountain Church; and Dennis Albert & Leah Minc.

Board Zones up for election this May include Zone 1 (currently held by Jennifer Gamache), Zone 4 (currently held by Robert Warden), and Zone 5 (currently held by Tony Stroda). Deadline to file by fee is March 16, 2017.

The Board asked Kathi Holvey how the Nature Play Park was coming along. She explained due to the bad weather it continues slowly, but is moving forward.

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe present.

Christina Hull reported on the last Parent Group meeting. They earned \$205 from the Benny's Dine Out night. They had a few board members resign and they are replacing them as they can. There will be a Burger Dine Out where 10% of the sales will go to the Parent Group. They are currently working on policies and procedures, the Spring Carnival, the 8th grade field trip, the April 7 Spaghetti Feed/Bingo/Raffle Night, and next year's Halloween Carnival.

Zack Esplin reported that the Student Council held the Winter Formal Dance which was attended by about 80 people. The Benny's Pizza fundraiser continues the first Wednesday of the month at lunch time. They are talking about having a student council representative at the City Council meetings.

There was no public input.

Enrollment at the end of January was reported as 432 students K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- Grad rates are up for Monroe, the only increase in Benton County. He is proud of Bill Crowson and the high school staff.
- Our Bond Rating is A+++ which is very good for a district our size in a rural setting. The State Bond Rating is A++. The bonds will be sold on Wednesday.

Jennifer Ryun explained that she's been digging into and understanding the current budget so she can get a better grasp of how the budget has been built. She intends to build next year's budget in Infinite Visions (data base) not Excel. She provides the administrators with a monthly line by line budget. This year, there have been several expensive one-time expenditures. Substitute costs have also been high. She cautioned the Board to spend carefully.

Mrs. Holvey explained the middle school dance was held last week with an open gym and ping pong. They will be sending a team to the Regional Battle of the Books at McMinnville High School on February 25. They are also sending a bus to OSU to watch the women's Stanford Basketball game on February 25. She has been busy doing classroom observations and beginning to work on next year's master schedule. She read in last month's Board meeting minutes that there was a question on whether or not they teach spelling. Yes, they do teach spelling. It is imbedded in the Language Arts program.

Mr. Crowson explained that the high school completed the 1st semester. They are winding down the basketball and wrestling seasons. The Robotics Team qualified for State which will be held at Benson High School in Portland this Saturday and Sunday.

Tony Stroda asked Russ Pickett if he had an update on the well for the gym heating system. Mr. Pickett explained that the heating system in the commons has been repaired. The repair or replacement to the broken or cracked pipe will need to be repaired when the weather is better.

The Board asked Mrs. Holvey if there have been any leaks in the grade school roof. She replied yes, and new leaks in the front office. Peter Wasak patches as quickly as he can.

The Board discussed the CM/GC proposals. Mr. Pickett explained that he toured the campuses with potential proposers and received three proposals. Two of the board members completed their scoring sheets, scoring Gerding the highest. Tim Warden declared a potential conflict of interest and will abstain from voting. Although, he believes any of the three companies would do a fine job. Tony Stroda explained that Gerding rose to the top of his list. Our district needs to be coached through the projects and he believes Gerding can do that the best. Robert Warden and Nancy Burnett agreed that Gerding is the best choice because of their familiarity with the District. Tony Stroda moved to hire Gerding Builders as the Contract Manager/General Contractor. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 4/0 (Tim Warden abstained).

The week of March 5-11, 2017 was declared as Classified Employee Week.

The draft 2017-18 Budget Calendar was reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

Changes made to GCL-Form-4 Professional Development Event Authorization and Tracking Form were reviewed. Tim Warden moved to approve as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The request for three additional personal leave days from Marie-Louise Martinson was reviewed. She is willing to pay for a substitute out of the additional personal leave. Tim Warden moved to approve the request as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the request to waive the 14 athlete requirement and hire Assistant Wrestling Coach Ben Ballard. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Board members reviewed the request to approve Tyler Sherman as Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach-2 (under 21) as part of his Community Research Project through LBCC. Tim Warden moved to approve. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gamache at 7:15 P.M.