

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
September 11, 2017

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

Members present: Nancy Burnett, Tim Warden, Tony Stroda, Superintendent Bill Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Zach Esplin.

Late: Bre Miller (7:15 PM).

Also present: Employees Marie-Louise Martinson, Hilary Irwin, Kathy Smith, Lindi Esplin; Owner's Representative Alan Rutherford; Monroe City Councilor Floyd Billings; and patrons Lorin Hull, Lauren Wolfe.

One application for the open Board position was received. After review, Tim Warden moved to appoint Lauren Wolfe to fill the vacant Zone 1 position until the next election (May 2019). Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0. Lauren Wolfe signed the Oath of Office and took her seat at the Board table.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of the August board meeting as written. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 4/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following item added:
Administrative Update: OSBA Fall Regional Meeting 9/19/17

The bills were reviewed and discussed.

The listing of new hires, volunteer coaches was reviewed.

The new PEEK grant helps schools implement the new PE minute requirement and will pay a major portion of the K-8 PE teacher's position.

Requests for Proposals for Architecture/Engineering Services for the next phase of construction were previously accepted and reviewed by Bill Crowson, Alan Rutherford, Tim Warden and Tony Smith. Pivot Architecture was chosen and the contract was reviewed.

Note: Bre Miller arrived.

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

The thank you notes from the Art in the Park Program were read. This has been a great program for the kids. Thank you, Lory Bechtold, for organizing the program.

Marie-Louise Martinson reviewed the Classrooms Take Charge Grant and activities with her students. The curriculum introduces the topic of climate change to students. The program encourages students to reach out to the community. One activity she is working on is to rake leaves

for homeowners then take the leaves to the community garden for composting. Simple things the students can do at home include turning off lights when no one is in the room. The Board thanked her for her presentation.

Alan Rutherford, Owner's Representative, reported that the roof is on at the grade school. The seismic upgrades in the attic are complete. All projects have been inspected. Only a few minor issues were found in the final walk through last Friday. The grade school heat/cooling system is nearly complete. We will need new fencing around the air ducts.

Lorin Hull spoke for the Parent Group. They are starting the year with a \$5,000 carryover. The Jog-a-thon is scheduled for October 5, they are working on the Harvest Carnival and a community mailer.

Zach Esplin spoke for the Student Council. Council members attended the new student orientation and helped students find their rooms and answer any questions they had. Their first meeting is yet to be scheduled.

Floyd Billings spoke for the Monroe City Council. The Council invited the Superintendent and Student Council Representative to attend the City Council meetings. Their meetings are the last Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. Lots of things are happening in Monroe: the Council gave \$5,000 last month to the Back Pack program, they approved planning for eight low income homes, Dollar General is getting ready to build, and the Wilbur Elis property has a new owner and business.

First week enrollment: 140 grades 9-12, 30 students enrolled in Kindergarten, grades 1-8 undetermined.

Mr. Crowson's administrative report included the following:

- He spoke with Laura Lillie regarding the music program. They officially have \$3,700 in the bank. They will not move ahead for this year, but will plan for next year. They did a great job in their fund raising efforts.
- Since the kindergarten class is at 30 students he has split the class into two classrooms. They currently have a substitute and have advertised the second teaching position.
- The heat/cooling system for the high school gym as been ordered. They hope to complete installation by October.
- The high school bleachers are installed but some of the hand rails are on back order. Tim Warden asked if they can move the winches that are above the top row of bleaches higher to allow for full seating and also to hard wire the plugs. Board members asked if the wood from the old bleachers could be used for some other purpose. One suggestion is to build a scorer's table with the old wood.
- Still looking to fill the custodial position at the grade school.
- He has ordered a new warmer for the grade school kitchen (previous warmer was damaged beyond repair moving it from the summer food program). Insurance deductible is \$1,000 and total approximate cost is \$3,000.
- Special Education Director this year is Kathleen Walker. He did not fill one aide position and

is using ESD tier money to fund the position.

- OSBA's Annual Regional Fall Meeting will be held September 19 at LBL-ESD. Are any Board members interested in attending? No one is available.

The changes to policy CBA Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent/Clerk were reviewed during the second reading. Tony Stroda moved to approve the policy as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Drug and Alcohol Report for 2016-17 was reviewed as per policy IGAEB.

The following forms and administrative regulation was reviewed and discussed: GAB position descriptions (all); additional update to GAB-F-53 position description, Technology Assistant; and GCDA/GDDA-AR Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting. After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve all changes as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

There was general discussion among board members as to general practices, email protocol, and new board member orientation.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Burnett at 8:22 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary