

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

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Burnett at 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Nancy Burnett, Tim Warden, Tony Stroda, Bre Miller, Lauren Wolfe, Superintendent Bill Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley.

The meeting moved immediately to executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(i) Superintendent Performance Review.

The meeting returned to open session at 6:35 P.M.

Members present: Nancy Burnett, Tim Warden, Tony Stroda, Bre Miller, Lauren Wolfe, Superintendent Bill Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Zack Esplin.

Also present: Employees Julie Stroda, Lindi Esplin, Beau Sisneros, Tim Johnson; Monroe City Councilor Floyd Billings; and patrons Lorin Hull, and Brian Lillie.

After review, Lauren Wolfe moved to approve the minutes of the November 13 and November 16, 2017 board meetings as written. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The Agenda was reviewed. There were no additions or changes.

The bills were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Crowson explained that the Bank of America credit card no longer exists. Since we do not yet have a new credit card the Board may see a few charges on employee personal credit cards for reimbursement. The expenditure reports were reviewed. Is there a breakdown by project or campus for the Contractors Electric bills? Board members want to see detail rather than the default "Consumable Supplies & Materials". The Board would like to see a breakdown of costs for electricity, propane, and heating fuel by campus comparing the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

The listing of volunteer coaches was reviewed. The listing of coaches to hire was reviewed.

The surplus item was reviewed and discussed.

The 2016-17 Audit was reviewed.

Tim Warden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Lauren Wolfe. Motion carried 5/0.

Board members read the thank you letter to Robert W. Wilson for his generous donation of the 1962 Chevy pickup. This will be a great project for the Shop students.

Bill Crowson reported that he met with John Stapleton, architect from Pivot. He shared preliminary drawings with the Board and audience. Pivot will bring cost estimates at a later date.

City Councilor Billings asked if there is an update on the grade school irrigation well. Mr. Crowson reported that Kevin Spence (Water Tech) will assess the well and pump.

Councilor Billings commented that the City is very interested in opening 6th Street through to the grade school. There may be grant funds available from the "Safe Routes to School" program. He would like to discuss it with Mr. Crowson and a couple of Board members.

Counselor Billings also reported that permits have been issued for Dollar General and nine houses. The Red Hill development is moving forward slowly and is slated for 44 homes.

Lorin Hull reported on Parent Group activities. The group collected a total of \$19,495 from the Jog-a-thon, and \$700 in Dine Out proceeds. Awards for Jog-a-thon participants include a Movie Day, and the top 30 earners receive a trip to Skate World. Holiday Party packages will be given to the elementary classrooms and the middle school kids will have a holiday dance with snacks.

Zack Esplin reported that the Football team won the State Championship. Winter sports have begun.

Mr. Billings also reported that Madison Ballard attended her first City Council meeting. They were glad to have her there and look forward to her input. Their next meeting will be held December 18 (off schedule due to Christmas falling on the regular day).

Brian Lillie asked about the Budget Committee meeting schedule. Generally, the calendar is adopted in the spring, with the first meeting in May.

Enrollment: 424 grades K-12. There was general discussion of discipline problems in the lower grades.

Beau Sisneros reported that things in the high school have been quiet. The football players just got sized for the championship rings. Senior Projects Proposals were done and students are in the product and practicum phase. Tomorrow, the Senior students will attend a Job Fair at LBCC targeting different career paths. The high school staff finished their fifth and final professional development day for the implementation of the EL Achieve (students first learning). Staff seems to be receptive to this long term commitment and are working on a plan for sustainability.

Bill Crowson explained the Advance Line of Credit of \$350,000 from Umpqua Bank. The purpose is to temporarily fund the Series 2017 bond payment until receipt of funds from the Property Tax levy. The interest rate is at 3%. All fees associated with the Line of Credit will be paid by the District. Tim Warden moved to approve the Advance Line of Credit. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

Tony Stroda moved to approve Bill Crowson, Superintendent to sign for the District on the Advance Line of Credit. Second: Lauren Wolfe. Motion carried 5/0.

Mr. Crowson explained that Julie Stroda has requested to extend the bus route by a half mile to pick up her two children in the mornings only. She will bring the children home with her in the afternoons. Mrs. Stroda explained that the Board approved this for several kids a few years ago. They stopped using the bus over time for various reasons. Tony Stroda moved to approve the request. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Burnett at 7:45 P.M.

Nancy Burnett, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary