

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School Library  
January 8, 2018

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

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

Members absent: Nancy Burnett, Bre Miller.

Also present: Employees Lindi Esplin, Aaron Seifer, Principal Beau Sisneros; Monroe City Councilor Floyd Billings; and patrons Lorin Hull, Brian Lillie, Christina Hull, Tonya Casarez, Jami Vroman.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2017 board meeting as written. Second: Lauren Wolfe. Motion carried 3/0.

The Agenda was reviewed. There were no additions or changes. The bills were reviewed and discussed.

Personnel issues reviewed: One new volunteer coach Brian Ellsworth, 7/8 Boys Basketball; Twyla Bofto resigned the Assistant Softball coaching position; Verna Murphy will be retiring the end of the month (18 years).

Lauren Wolfe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

Vice-Chair Warden read the thank you letters to Monroe Area Foundation and Peggy Contreras for their donations to school programs.

Mr. Crowson read the School Board Appreciation Proclamation from Governor Kate Brown and distributed certificates of appreciation from Oregon School Boards Association and Monroe Student Councils. Thank you for your service.

Mr. Crowson explained that Pivot Architecture continues to work on the plans and is working with Gerding Construction for price quotes. He will meet with them on January 18<sup>th</sup>. A representative from Pivot will attend the next CAC meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

No representative from the City at this time. Tim Warden reported that the City has good ideas on expanding 6<sup>th</sup> Street for little cost.

Christina Hull reported that the Parent Group met and revised by-laws, discussed dine out fund raisers for the year, reviewed funding requests, approved a robotics trip to State, and a rug for Catherine Otto's classroom. They are currently updating the staff photos at the grade school.

Zack Esplin reported that the Student Council has not had a meeting recently. They have been talking about organizing a Winter Formal. Winter sports are going well.

There was no public input.

Enrollment at the end of December was reported as 422 grades K-12.

Beau Sisneros reported that he is looking at replacing the Trillium counselor who recently resigned. Benton County is setting up student groups to provide a safe place for kids once a week. Students can join the counselors during lunch and talk about whatever current issues.

Mr. Sisneros also reported that the Career Technology Education (CTE) meeting will be held next week. They will start on the 3-5 year plan. Mr. Crowson clarified that the District has received the \$79,000 toward enhancing the CTE program which includes attendance and graduation rates.

Bill Crowson explain that he will be meeting with Special Ed Director Kathleen Walker and a representative from the ESD to discuss the student discipline issues at the grade school. He has talked with other Superintendents in the area who report they have similar situations.

All paperwork has been signed for the Bond Debt line of credit. The fees associated with the line of credit are \$1,750. Fees cannot be paid for with Bond funds.

Water Tech will test the grade school irrigation well. The pump needs to be pulled before they can test and there may be a hole in the casing. Tim Warden voiced concern about turning the well over to the City; the District may still need to use the well. Mr. Crowson will get repair costs.

City Councilor Billings encouraged board members and administration to attend the final public hearing on the Red Hill housing development on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. The City is very open to discussing the 6<sup>th</sup> Street expansion. The expansion could include sidewalks and a traffic light on Orchard Street.

Superintendent Crowson reported to the Board and Community that the District has policies and procedures in place to comply with all Standards as determined by Division 22. The Board reviewed the list of Standards.

Mr. Crowson explained the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD Local Service Plan for 2018-19, the Resolution approving the Plan, and services provided by the ESD. Tony Stroda moved to approve the Plan as presented. Second: Lauren Wolfe. Motion carried 3/0.

The Special Board Meeting was rescheduled to January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM to accommodate the next CAC meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. Board members would like a representative from Pivot Architecture to attend the CAC meeting.

Councilor Billings reported that the ground breaking for the Dollar General Store is scheduled for April. They are currently reviewing the old gas station property and possible usage.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Warden at 7:15 P.M.

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Tim Warden, Board Vice-Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary