

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
July 9, 2018

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

Members present: Tim Warden, Tony Stroda, Tyler Sherman, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Members absent: Bre Miller, Nancy Burnett.

Also present: Employees Corinne Klein, Tim Johnson; and patron Brian Lillie.

Tim Warden opened nominations for the election of officers. Tony Stroda nominated Tim Warden as Chair. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 3/0.

Tony Stroda nominated Bre Miller as Vice-Chair. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 3/0.

The listing of District Organization and Annual Procedural Business for 2018-19 was reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the listing as presented. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 3/0.

The listing of Bank Accounts and Signatures was reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the listing as presented. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 3/0.

After review, Tony Stroda moved to approve the corrected minutes of the June 11, 2018 Board meeting as presented. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 3/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following items added:

- 3. C. 3. Approval to hire: Brian Miller, Middle School Language Arts/Social Studies teacher
- 3. C. 4. Approval to hire: Caleb Greydanus, Middle School Math teacher
- 7. A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policies, etc. Move to 7. B.
- 7. A. Request for additional professional development leave & tuition reimbursement, Jennifer Gamache

The bills were reviewed and discussed. In order to save costs, the district will be changing propane vendors to CoEnergy. The propane we have in the tanks will be transferred to the new tanks and the tanks at the grade school will be moved. Tony Stroda suggested price shopping every 3-5 years. It was requested that the thermostats, air flow, and/or times in the grade school gym be checked. Lauren Wolfe is currently working on electricity and propane usage history.

The new hires Jennifer Gamache and Janelle Chambers are probationary teachers at the grade school. Last year they were both on temporary contracts. Ms. Gamache will continue to teach PE and Ms. Chambers will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. New hires Brian Miller and Caleb Greydanus will fill vacancies at the grade school in Language Arts/Social Studies and Math respectively.

Angie Lynn will be transferred to the high school Office Assistant position.

The 2018-19 student fees list was reviewed. One addition was made to the grade school: a \$10.00 non-refundable locker fee for those students using lockers. No changes made this year to the meal program prices.

Resolution 1718-005 was reviewed. Mrs. Klein explained that the transfers to balance the Athletic Fund, Food Service Fund, and the SELP (energy loan) Fund will come from the General Fund and Construction Excise Tax Fund.

Tyler Sherman moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 3/0.

The letter from Jeff Curran, Hagan Hamilton Insurance was reviewed. The district's property and liability premiums have decreased due to low claims and staff training.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

Mr. Crowson reported that he met with representatives from Gerding and Pivot last week to review the scope of the work over this summer. The bids came in higher than hoped. He will meet with them again tomorrow to look at options. Some new furniture has been purchased and some of the existing furniture will be used.

Mr. Crowson reminded the school board that the high school is now eligible for the 2.5 million dollar seismic grant. The projects and construction costs must be analyzed before the grant is accepted.

Mr. Crowson also had a meeting regarding the low voltage project (clocks, bells, etc.) at the grade school. The high school irrigation is now up and running. Although he will be out of town, he will schedule a meeting for the CAC on July 23 and invite John Stapleton from Pivot Architecture and Erik Triebes from Gerding Construction.

There was no public input.

Historical data for enrollment was reviewed and discussed. Decreasing enrollment over the past several years can be attributed to the wider options students have such as enrolling in charter schools or online schools, open enrollment, and inter-district transfers.

Lauren Wolfe has started work and is being trained by Corinne Klein. Because of her time spent on the School Board and in the community, Mrs. Wolfe has a foundational understanding of the District. Board members thanked Mrs. Klein for her efforts.

Mr. Crowson reported that the summer food program, reading program, and Art in the Park are well underway. Each program meets four days a week and all are going well.

There was no old business to discuss.

The request from Jennifer Gamache was read and discussed. Ms. Gamache is currently teaching on a Restricted certificate issued by TSPC. "Restricted" means she can teach in Monroe School District only. She is pursuing finishing her program in order to apply for her Initial teaching license. Part of the program requires her to spend time on campus. She is requesting additional professional leave in order to fulfill the requirements. She is also requesting tuition reimbursement. Mr. Crowson explained that because Ms. Gamache missed the window to apply for tuition reimbursement, she is applying now. He feels the request is reasonable. After discussion, Tony Stroda moved to approve the tuition reimbursement as outlined in the MTA negotiated agreement, the additional paid professional leave days, but no travel or meal reimbursement. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 3/0.

The draft of revised policy, administrative regulations, and forms were reviewed and discussed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will take place in August.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Warden at 7:55 P.M.

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Tim Warden, Board Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary