

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe High School  
September 10, 2018

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

Members present: Tim Warden, Bre Miller, Riley Holman, Tyler Sherman, Tony Stroda, Superintendent Bill Crowson, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Bryce Warden.

Also present: Employees Tim Johnson, Marie-Louise Martinson, Kathi Holvey, Steve Martinson, Angie Thompson, Jennfier Gamache, Lindi Esplin, Kerri Hicks, Jami Vroman; Owner's Representative Alan Rutherford; Erik Triebes, project manager Gerding Construction; John Stapleton, Pivot Architecture; patrons Christina Hull, Don Vroman, Brian Lillie, Laura Lillie, Miranda Richardson, Luther Thompson, Mike Beyer, Mary Beyer, Nathan Koroush, Katrina Koroush, Dan Roberts, Kendra Roberts, Marissa Smith, Abbey Gamache, Teresa Crook, Orin Nusbaum, Mandy Nusbaum, Brian Young, Mandy Hull; and student Makayla Lillie.

After review, Tony Stroda corrected the minutes of August 13, 2018 to read "Rob Hess" instead of "Ron Hess". With that correction, Mr. Stroda moved to approve the minutes. Second: Bre Miller. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed and no items amended.

The bill list was reviewed and items discussed. Regarding the Pacific Power invoices, please label which invoice goes to which power meter.

Sara Ballard's letter of resignation for the Assistant Girls Basketball Coach was read. She would like to return on a volunteer basis to help out.

Roxanne Kelley and Jacqueline Cox are recommended to be hired to fill high school special ed aide and media aide positions.

The board reviewed the list of volunteer coaches.

Bre Miller moved to approve the Consent agenda as amended. Second: Riley Holman. Motion carried 5/0.

Construction Update: Mr. Crowson reported that the teachers have moved back into their classrooms and are unpacking. Criminal history background are being run on all construction workers and sub-contractors. Eric Triebes explained that once a worker has been cleared, the worker will wear a sticker on their hard hat showing that they have been cleared. Because of the high volume of construction across the country they are having difficulty receiving the exterior doors on time. It may be another week or two before they are received, but all classroom doors should be installed by the end of this week. John Stapleton commented that there is no reason not

to open school as scheduled. The Fire Marshall has cleared the building if security is provided, and OSHA is satisfied. All remodeled classrooms will be occupied. Construction on the new classrooms will continue through the school year.

Parent concerns included student safety, construction noise, construction fencing, adequate time for teachers to plan, bus loading and unloading, communications with parents, concern about kids who are considered “runners”.

After lengthy discussion, Bre Miller moved to change the start of school until Monday, September 17, 2018 and hire trained security until the exterior doors are in place.

Tony Stroda cautioned that if classes are delayed again until next Monday, construction will still continue during the school day. Parents voiced understanding of the situation and approval that this would be a good compromise. They would like an open house with a tour provided prior to school opening, and requested the teachers call their student’s parents to tell them about the change in start date. With that understanding, Mr. Stroda seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

The Meet the Teacher night will remain as scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 from 3-7:00 PM. Students are welcome. A flyer will be printed with what to expect (areas off limits, safety, etc.) Mrs. Holvey will notify parents via Remind text messages, and teachers will call parents to notify them of the new start date. The date will also be posted on the district website and reader board. The Board would like RoBo call service researched. Erik Treibes offered to have all contractors park south of the baseball field, away from the school parking and bus areas. If the exterior doors are not in place by September 17 security will be hired. Evacuation plans will be posted in all classrooms. Construction fencing will be secure and all the way to the ground.

There was no report from the City of Monroe.

Christina Hull spoke for the Parent Group. They have a starting balance of \$10,800.00, and have scheduled the Jog-a-thon for October 10. As requested by the District, they are looking at starting the process for a non-profit status. This year they will hold the Spring Carnival (alternates with the Halloween Carnival). Their next meeting will be held October 2 at 5:30 in the grade school library. They always need volunteers and new members.

Bryce Warden introduced himself as the new Student Council Representative to the School Board. He is a Junior this year and is happy to be the representative. The Student Council’s first meeting will be later this week.

Marie-Louise Martinson presented the English Language Learners Annual Report for 2017-18. The full report is posted on our website.

Luther Thompson suggested board members spend a certain amount of time in the building. He

believes this opens the line of communication. The Board thanked him for the suggestion and will take it into consideration while they are setting their goals.

Mr. Crowson reported enrollment for grade 9-12 is 120 today. Grades K-8 is estimated at 300. We ended the year with a total of 408.

Mr. Crowson commented that the high school is off to a good start.

The Board reviewed the draft goals from the August 30 meeting as follows:

Priority 1: Improve District Facilities

- ▶ Complete bond projects on time and on budget
  - ▶ Regular meetings to discuss progress toward completing determined projects.
  - ▶ Regular reports are received from the construction firm.
- ▶ Communicate with the community project progress.
  - ▶ A bond project update topic will be on every board meeting agenda. The update will include work completed, the cost of completion, and upcoming concerns.
  - ▶ District newsletter; website; staff email.

Priority 2: Increase Student Enrollment

- ▶ CTE Expansion and Exposure
- ▶ Community Communication, Involvement, and PR
  - ▶ Meet the Teacher Feature at Board meetings
- ▶ Increase Student Voice

The Board's consensus is to work with the above goals. They will schedule a workshop to review the progress with Mr. Crowson in a few months.

The 2017-18 Drug & Alcohol incidents report was reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Warden at 8:45 P.M.

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Tim Warden, Board Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary