

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
October 8, 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 Lauren Wolfe, Kathi Holvey, Scott Boyer; Owner's Representative Alan Rutherford; City Councilor Floyd Billings; patrons Donnie Vroman, Jami Vroman, Brian Lillie, Krissy Horning, Steve Horning, and Lorin Hull.

The minutes from the September 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Bre Miller moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following items added:

3. G. Unpaid leave request, Jacoba Booth
5. F. Update to enrollment figures
6. A. Board Goals

The bills list and expenditure reports were reviewed and items discussed. The following agenda items were reviewed and discussed: letters of resignation from Beau Thornburg and Jami Vroman, ELL Coordinator contract for Marie-Louise Martinson, 7-8 girls basketball volunteer coach Angie Thompson, Oregon Forest Research Institute transportation reimbursement grant request, unpaid leave request for Jacoba Booth.

Prior years "Meet the Staff" presentations were discussed. The Board would like to start this up again.

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

Chair Warden reviewed the letter from Corinne Klein, Grant Coordinator. This year there are five 2018 graduates accepted to prestigious colleges: Boston University, Corban University, Pacific University, Willamette University, George Fox University.

Construction Update: Mr. Crowson reported that new construction is still underway. The cleanup projects (trim, etc.) are taking place on weekends and after school so as it not interfere with classes. The exterior doors came in early, but the siding is still on order.

Tony Stroda asked about the leased modular. This should be the last year of the lease. The lease has no clause to get out of it early and we pay for removal of the building.

Monroe City Councilor Floyd Billings reported that construction of new homes has been approved. They would like a new student representative at the City Council meetings. They meet the 4th Monday most months (December is early) at 6:00 PM. Their next meeting is October 22, 2018. Bryce Warden will bring the request to the next Student Council meeting.

Lorin Hull reported for the Parent Group. Their public relations person has sent out a newsletter. The Jog-a-thon will be held this Wednesday. They are not pursuing Dine Out fund raisers this year. They discussed developing their non-profit status at their last meeting. They will be providing pizza for the Science Night, transportation for the Kindergarten field trip to the Pumpkin Patch, transportation to an OSU women's basketball game, and sponsoring an interactive assembly with the Oregon Coast Aquarium. They meet the 1st Tuesday each month at 5:30 PM.

Bryce Warden reported that the Student Council held three meetings regarding Homecoming Week, decorations, assembly materials, and the dance. All in all, the week of Homecoming went well, the football team won their game, and the Dance went well. There was one incident where a student from another school snuck into the dance, but it was dealt with quickly. Lots of students participated during the week for celebrity character day, twin day, class color day, hero day, and blue & orange day.

Public input: Brian Lillie asked for clarification regarding the custodial posting on the website.

Mr. Crowson explained that he has checked the math on the academic calendar and double-checked with ODE. There is no more slack in the scheduled hours. The hours for 8th grade students need to be amended (move end date and/or graduation date to later in the year). Board requested this be on the next agenda.

Bre Miller asked if the preschool was ready to start. Mr. Crowson explained that the Relief Nursery is ready, but with construction at the grade school, it is not feasible to have them begin yet. A rest room needs to be added to the modular, and fencing needs to be installed.

Audience members voiced concern regarding the Kindergarten students who act out violently, their out of control behavior, students swearing, lack of preparedness when dealing with the students, lack of communication with the other students, and lack of communication with parents regarding the general situation. Mrs. Holvey explained that she has met with parents, a behavior specialist, and appropriate agencies. Mr. Crowson explained that this is a complex issue and that all area districts are struggling with the same issue. After lengthy discussion, the Board requested improved communication between the grade school, students, and parents.

Mr. Crowson reported enrollment for grades K-12 is 373.

Bre Miller explained she requested the Board Goals be placed back on the agenda and requested they be formally adopted with a vote, rather than a consensus. After discussion, Tony Stroda moved

to formally adopt the board goals presented at the September meeting. Second: Riley Holman.
Motion carried 5/0.

Kathi Holvey handed out information on the AVID program. They are able to use Title funds for this program.

The 2017-18 Assessment Data was reviewed and discussed. Scores showed very low results. Mr. Crowson and staff will be analyzing why scores are low. Currently, the district is using Smarter Balanced Assessment. Bryce Warden commented that there is a higher level of seriousness with students when they test with paper and pencil rather than on a computer screen. Students tend to put more thought into writing by hand rather than using a keyboard.

The transportation contract with Crowson Bus Co. was reviewed and discussed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the contract. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 5/0.

The OSBA Fall Regional Meeting will be held October 22, 2018 at Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD. Riley Holman voiced interest in attending. Bre Miller will make final decision tomorrow.

Chair Warden reminded board members that the next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 PM. Please note the different day and time.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Warden at 8:55 P.M.

Tim Warden, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary