

Monroe School District #1J
Regular Board Meeting
Held at Monroe High School
November 13, 2018

The board meeting was called to order by Chair Warden at 6:30 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, Sue Kolar, Catherine Otto, Dixie Floyd, Wendy Unrein, Lori Ford, Aaron Seifer, Kerri Hicks, Scott Boyer; City Councilor Floyd Billings; patrons Donnie Vroman, Jami Vroman, Brian Lillie, Amy Piper, Sara Ballard, Marissa Smith.

The minutes from the October 13, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Riley Holman. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following amendments made:

- 3.G. Revised 1819-001 & 1819-002 Resolutions
- 6.D. Add Interdistrict Transfer Request Appeal
- 6.E. Discuss replacement to CAC
- 7.B. Add Resolution 1819-003 Authorize Contribution to Monroe Area Dolly Parton Imagination Library

The bills list and expenditure reports were reviewed and items discussed.

Recommended to hire: Danielle Reesman as Grade School Custodian. Ms. Reesman is a Monroe graduate. Josh Crawford, Head Boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Crawford is currently living in Dallas but hopes to move to the district. Keith Payne, Assistant Wrestling Coach (if more than 14 athletes).

The list of volunteer coaches was reviewed: Dustin Ballard, Ben Ballard, Tyler Sherman, Bill Smith, Todd Monroe, Linda Crocker, Jennifer Gamache, Micajah Nordyke. The Board applauds these people for volunteering.

Extra Curricular Contracts were reviewed: James Mulanax, High School Robotics Team; Scott Boyer, Middle School Robotics Team; Rosie Fuhrmann, Middle School Drama Club; Rosie Fuhrmann, Middle School Student Council.

Business Manager Lauren Wolfe explained that Resolution 1819-001 will authorize the transfer of funds from the grade school checking, high school checking, and student body checking accounts to the district bank account. Resolution 1819-002 will authorize the closure of the grade school, high school, and student body checking bank accounts. The district's auditor and the ESD recommended that this change be made. By working out of one bank account funds will be more thoroughly audited. The transfers should be completed by January or February. Once the change is made, the

Board will see all activity from both schools and the district on the bills listing.

Tony Stroda explained he and other members of the board received an anonymous letter referring to a “secret consent agenda”. He further explained to the audience that all the items the board just reviewed make up the consent agenda. All items take only one motion and one vote to approve. There are no items being kept secret.

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

Board members read thank you letters from Jennifer Gamache and to John Speasl, Benton County Sheriff’s Department, Grace Davis, Linda Jones, Kay Coder.

The Board welcomed everyone to the “Meet the Teacher” portion of the meeting. The following teachers introduced themselves:

- Susan Kolar, Kindergarten teacher. She has been in the District for 6 years. This year she has 19 students (16 boys and 3 girls).
- Wendy Unrein, 1st grade. This is her 20th year at Monroe.
- Catherine Otto, 1st grade. She’s been in Monroe for 27 years.
- Dixie Floyd, 2nd grade. This is her 29th year.
- Lori Ford, 2nd / 3rd grade blend teacher. This is her fourth year in the District.

Teachers shared writing samples and discussed the new math curriculum. Mrs. Floyd shared hand written thank you letters to the Board from her students. She recently taught a civics lesson to her students and explained what the Board does.

The Board thanked the teachers for taking their time to come in and the opportunity to get to know them. Mrs. Otto invited all board members to visit their classrooms when they can.

Construction Update: Mr. Crowson reported that new construction is progressing. The new classrooms and hallway should be completed in December. They are using the days in November when students are not in class to complete the punch lists. He and Tony Stroda met with Pivot and ZCS Engineering to discuss the high school project. The seismic work will focus on the two story section and the old gym. ADA accommodations will be added to the main building.

Monroe City Councilor Floyd Billings reported that something needs to be done to slow down traffic on Orchard Street. The school crossing light is not working and people speed through the area. He would like a joint meeting with the City, School Board, County, and/or ODOT to meet. The City is willing to help in any way they can. Also, they still need a new student representative at the City Council meetings.

Amy Piper explained she is filling in to report for the Parent Group but did not receive the minutes and is unable to report fully. As of today they have received \$11,000 from the Jog-a-thon.

Bryce Warden reported that the Senior class is working on Senior Project proposals and Christmas wreaths. Student Council has not had a meeting recently but they will add the City's request to their next agenda.

Chair Warden invited Sara Ballard to speak. Mrs. Ballard explained that she has a serious concern regarding test scores which have declined steadily for past four years. She wants to make sure the Board is fully aware of the State test results. Chair assured Mrs. Ballard that the Board is aware and have made this a major area of concern. They have seen the results, they don't like it either, and are on the path to make sure scores increase.

Marissa Smith explained that she has three children at Monroe Grade school in grades kindergarten, 3 and 7. She and others have concerns about issues happening at the grade school. She questioned seat time because of the late start. Mr. Crowson explained that instructional minutes are still above minimum standards with the exception of the 8th grade. Later in the agenda the Board will discuss moving back the last day of school for that grade. Any snow days this year will limit any lead. Mrs. Smith also voiced concern with the leadership at the grade school.

There was discussion among the audience and Board regarding adding back class days. There are many reasons why this may not be possible, including cost of transportation and teacher contracted days. Mr. Crowson will continue to review it.

Mr. Crowson reported enrollment for grades K-12 is 370.

Mr. Crowson handed out copies of the math goals. He and staff have been trained on the implementation of RTI and EL Achieve programs. New K-8 Math Curriculum has been adopted, purchased and is in the classrooms now.

The revision to the 2018-19 Academic Calendar was reviewed. By approving this change, the last day of school for 8th grade students will be moved from June 5 to June 7, and 8th grade graduation moved from June 5 to June 10. Tony Stroda moved to approve this change. Second: Riley Holman. Motion carried 5/0.

Riley Holman reported that he attended OSBA's Fall Regional meeting last month. It was a very informative meeting as they discussed State projected budget and the needs of the school districts. There was also discussion on what other school districts see as problem. Many have the same issues that we do regarding mental health, counselors, special classrooms.

Bill Crowson reported that he met with representatives from Old Mill and Strengthening Rural Families. He is working on setting up Old Mill's preschool program on the grade school campus.

This is a target program, not a traditional program. They also talked about holding a traditional preschool in the District. He requested a Board member to spearhead the initial stages.

Mr. Crowson lead a discussion of interdistrict transfer requests in general. The Board needs to set up parameters. After much discussion regarding releasing or holding students, Board consensus is for Mr. Crowson to deny all interdistrict transfer requests to other schools. If the parent wants, they can appeal in writing to the school board.

The letter of appeal from Shirley Blake regarding the denial of her interdistrict transfer request to Philomath School District was reviewed. After discussion, Bre Miller moved to overturn the denial and allow the transfer. Second: Riley Holman. Motion failed 2/3 (voting nay were Stroda, Sherman, Warden).

Tim Warden explained that he will be retiring from the School Board in June 2019. With the new construction projects at the high school, a replacement to his seat on the CAC should be appointed now. The new member will be able to work with the new projects from the beginning. Bre Miller nominated Riley Holman for the position. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 5/0.

The May Board zone election was discussed. Riley Holman and Tyler Sherman's appointed terms end in 2019. Tim Warden's zone will be vacant.

The Wrestling Cooperative Sponsorship application with Triangle Lake High School was reviewed and discussed. This request is for the next three years. Riley Holman moved to approve the request. Second: Tyler Sherman. Motion carried 5/0.

Lauren Wolfe explained Resolution 1819-003 Participation in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, United Way. With approval, the District will be able to contribute up to \$1,000 each year for five years to the program. Tony Stroda moved to amend the resolution to \$2,000 each year. Second: Bre Miller. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Warden at 9:25 P.M.

Tim Warden, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary