

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending via Zoom: Riley Holman, Sherrie Deaton, Bre Miller, Sarah Fay, Tony Stroda, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Also attending via Zoom: Employees Lauren Wolfe, Kathi Holvey, and Richard Fielder.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular meeting were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Sherrie Deaton. Motion carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda:

- There were no additions or changes to the agenda.
- The Approval of Bills report was reviewed and discussed. Student transportation was discussed. The home to school transportation costs are reimbursed at 80% from the State. We are currently using a van to deliver meals and instructional packets to students.

Sherrie Deaton moved to approve the consent agenda. Second: Bre Miller. Motion carried 5/0.

Construction Update by Mr. Crowson included the following:

- We are close to making the last payment on the grade school project.
- Architect John Stapleton estimates the District will have approximately \$900,000 remaining of the bond funds.
- The high school seismic project has begun although the asbestos abatement has been delayed.
- Construction "menu" items include approximately \$217,000 for the handicap ramp, office HVAC systems \$80,000-\$90,000. Quotes have come in for a communication system at approximately \$40,000 and a basic security system for approximately \$80,000-\$90,000.

Enrollment was reported as 355 in grades K-12 on March 13, 2020 (last school day prior to the COVID-19 statewide closure). The State has frozen enrollment numbers on this date and will use it to compute basic school support.

Administration Update: Mr. Crowson reported on the mandates given from Governor Brown and Oregon Department of Education:

- Continue to provide education: The District began earlier than mandated with online classes and paper packets. Monroe Telephone is providing free WiFi to students. Teachers are using Google Classroom and Zoom. If seniors were on target to graduate as of March 13, 2020, then they have essentially completed their courses. For grades 9-11, classes will be graded on a Pass or Incomplete basis. If a class is incomplete, we will work through Summer School to help the student pass. The grade school primary grades are using paper packets, and the middle school students are on line.
- Providing meals: Free Grab & Go lunches are available and we started before spring break for all students. After spring break we started providing breakfast and lunch. Last week we started deliveries at Alpine and Bellfountain.
- Providing day care for health providers and first responders: Only one family has responded to the survey. Classified staff is ready to provide day care when needed.

- Continue to pay employees as if we are open: About half of the certified staff are working from home. The classified staff are working varied shifts. Some are not working because of health concerns. Others are helping teachers, secretaries work every other day, kitchen staff is working about half time. We are working to keep employees busy.
- He's not made a decision on graduation yet. Since guidelines keep changing from the State, he is still hoping to hold a ceremony in June or maybe later this summer.
- We are able to maintain social distancing at the schools.

Kathi Holvey commented that she is really proud of the District. Everyone has really stepped up and we are much further ahead of many other school districts in the state.

Marketing Committee Report: Sherrie Deaton reported that they have not had a chance to meet.

Mr. Crowson commented that the certified negotiations are supposed to begin this spring. He has not heard from our certified staff yet. The general feeling of the superintendents is that the 2020-21 school year will be flat funded from the State, and there is no good news for the 2021-22 funding.

The SSA grant application is still due by April 15 but it is not mandatory to be complete. Our application is not complete but the basic structure is there.

The drafts of revised and new policy, administrative regulations and forms were reviewed. There were no further changes. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve the drafts as amended. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

New Business:

Tony Stroda moved to approve Teacher & Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2020. Second: Sarah Fay. Motion carried 5/0.

Richard Fielder's tuition reimbursement request was reviewed. Mr. Fielder joined the meeting (via Zoom) and explained that this request would help him to obtain his administrative certification. He feels this would be a great professional opportunity to broaden his education role. He has no desire to leave Monroe in the future. Board members appreciate his sentiment and his ability to adapt to the schedule changes. Bre Miller moved to approve the request on the same contract basis as in the past. Second: Tony Stroda. Motion carried 5/0.

Public Comment: None.

Board members commented that Mr. Crowson has worked hard and done a great job guiding the District through this mandated closure.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.