

Monroe School District #1J  
Regular Board Meeting  
Held at Monroe District Office  
September 12, 2016

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

Members present: Jennifer Gamache, Robert Warden, Tim Warden, Tony Stroda, Nancy Burnett, Superintendent Russell Pickett, Secretary Christine Manley, and Student Council Representative Zack Esplin.

Also present: Employees Connie Pickett, Kathi Holvey, Jennifer Ryun, Corinne Klein; patron Christina Hull.

The minutes of the July 11, 2016 Board meetings were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The agenda was reviewed and the following changes were made:

add item 3.E. Review of Volunteer Coaches:

4) Lisa Young, 7/8 Volleyball

5) Bill Wellette, 7/8 Football

delete item 7.B. Interdistrict Transfer Request

2) Tyler Brown (moved)

The bills were reviewed and discussed. The letters of resignation were reviewed: Denise Wall and Roxanne Tacy. Best wishes to them both.

The Board reviewed the lists of new hires, employee transfers, and volunteer coaches. There were no objections.

Robert Warden moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The following thank you letters were read: Lee McCormick, and Sonjya Luke from CKC Embroidery. Very generous donations, thank you.

There were no representatives from the City of Monroe present. There was no public input.

Christina Hull presented the Parent Group Report. They are now meeting at their new time, 3:00 PM. They reported a beginning balance of \$3,800. The Jog-a-thon was schedule for October 6-7, the Christmas Tree fundraiser set for December 3, and a new fundraiser called Dine-Out Night will be held each month at different restaurants. They worked with Junior Dragons to use part of their shed so additional storage is no longer an issue. Their Budget meeting was set for November 12. They will hold Science Night again but no date has been set. They will also be opening a "Merit Student Store" for students to purchase prizes with their merits. The Nature Play Park is still in progress. A big thank you to Heresco Chiropractic for donating school supplies this year. PBIS activities will start up again. The Spring Carnival was scheduled for May 2. Mrs. Shepherd has

requested funds for music curriculum.

Zack Esplin, Student Council Representative, explained that the Council has met once this year. They scheduled Homecoming for the next to last home game. He told the Board that he is a Junior this year and is involved with football, wrestling, and track.

There was no public input.

Enrollment on the first day of school was 446 K-12. Last May ended with 449 K-12.

Mr. Pickett's administrative report included the following:

- Welcome to Zack Esplin, new Student Council Rep; and Jennifer Ryun, Business Manager in training.
- We have received a public notice for an application for Permit for a residential development on the South side of Orchard Street. It will eventually allow construction of a 55 lot residential subdivision.
- The Bond measure is filed in both Benton County and Lane County. It will be on the November ballot. The district-wide mailing was delivered to the post office on Friday, September 9. He will prepare another one to be mailed out in October. They can provide facts, but cannot tell people how to vote. He will be happy to schedule a Q & A to share information with any community group. The mailer was proofed by not only Christine Manley and Corinne Klein, but by Piper Jaffray, Carol Samuels for number accuracy and Ann Sherman, a lawyer recommended by Piper Jaffray, to make sure it is neutral.
- Richard Higgins, BLRB, stopped by with some drawings of 4 new proposed classrooms at MGS.
- Request for Proposals went out for an engineering firm for the Seismic Grant, (\$1,490,000.00) and we received two responses. He had them on public display and will be offering the contract for the engineering portion of the work (the first step) to ZCS. It totals \$180,200 in engineering costs.
- We are in the process of following through with the CM/GC proposal. In speaking to Lane Shetterly, our attorney, he recommended we use Carolyn (Carrie) Connolly for the legal work. She works for Speer Hoyt Law firm in Eugene. She is the best in the state, according to Lane. She has taken on our process and will have the resolution written if the bond passes.
- Projects that were accomplished this summer include: two new third grade classrooms at MGS (rentals), one new music building (purchase), one new office/classroom/public room at MHS (purchase), all buildings had Certificate of Occupancy before school started, all cement has been poured, grass will be planted in October when the weather changes, new classroom for Whitney at MHS, new classroom for SpEd at MHS, many classrooms moved at MGS, new music teacher hired, new 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade staff hired, transitional grant written and approved, seismic RFP, new Business Manager hired, new English Language Arts materials purchased and delivered for 7-12, gym floor in Commons refinished, lots of cleaning was done by custodial, and lots of maintenance was done by Peter.

- Lindi Esplin is interested in expanding the Life Skills program and may move into the vacant room upstairs. There are restrooms and a kitchenette available.

Tony Stroda commented that he will prepare the areas that need to be seeded and Stroda Brothers will provide seed and fertilizer. Thank you, Tony.

The Board reviewed the amended policies, administrative regulations, and forms. There were no further changes. Tony Stroda moved to approve the changes as proposed in July. Second: Robert Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

The Annual Drug & Alcohol report was reviewed and discussed.

Tim Warden voiced a concern over a confiscated student cell phone. He agreed with the confiscation for inappropriate use, but objected to the phone being held overnight. Mr. Pickett will address the issue with the Administrators and report back to the Board.

The amended list of interdistrict transfers were reviewed. Tony Stroda moved to approve as presented. Second: Tim Warden. Motion carried 5/0.

Reminder of the Special Board Meeting on October 10, 2016 prior to the regular meeting. The board is scheduled to evaluate the Superintendent and set Board Goals.

The OSBA Regional Meeting is scheduled at Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD on September 20. No Board members are available to attend.

Kathi Holvey reminded the Board that Parent Night is scheduled for September 21, 2016 at 6:00.

Russ Pickett explained that the TV monitors have been installed in all buildings and will be used as a communication tool.

The newsletter will be added to the website. Richard Higgins will meet with the community.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Gamache at 8:03 P.M.