

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending: Riley Holman, Sherrie Deaton, Sarah Fay, Chris Irwin, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Member absent: Sarah Wadsack.

Also present: Patrons Melissa Toups, Kari Bennett, Kendra Roberts, and Dan Roberts; staff members Hilary Irwin, and Kelsey Greydanus.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 13, 2021 were reviewed. Sarah Fay moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 4/0.

Consent Agenda: The following item was added to the Consent Agenda:

3. H. Approve SPARK grant application

All items on the consent agenda were reviewed. The 2020-21 Financial Audit was reviewed and discussed. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve all items as amended on the consent agenda.

Second: Sarah Fay. Motion carried 4/0.

School Board Appreciation Month: Mr. Crowson expressed appreciation for the board member's dedication. He handed out certificates signed by Monroe High School Student Body President.

Construction Update by Mr. Crowson explained that there are ESSR (COVID relief) funds available. The full plan is posted on our website. He is looking to create outdoor learning areas and upgrades to HVAC systems. He has met with Pivot Architecture regarding these projects and expects a cost estimate soon. He asked board members for other ideas. Sarah Fay suggested a greenhouse or other structures for a Vo-Ag program at the high school.

Riley Holman reported that the grade school parking lot seems to be draining well.

Enrollment was reported as 363 grades K-12.

Administrative Update: Mr. Crowson reported that while the coronavirus is a concern, our district is doing well. He continues to rely on Benton County Health Department for guidance.

The second reading of selected policies, administrative regulations, and forms were reviewed. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve Sections A-G as amended. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 4/0.

OSBA Listening Session: Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD will be hosting this year's OSBA Listening Session on March 2, 2022. Riley Holman and Chris Irwin will attend. Mrs. Manley will RSVP for them.

The 2021-23 Local Service Plan with Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD was reviewed and discussed. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve as presented. Second: Sarah Fay. Motion carried 4/0.

Public Comment: Melissa Toups introduced herself as a parent of a Monroe grade school student and a longtime patron. Her son was recently misidentified by the principal and wrongly accused of being in possession of drug paraphernalia. She was not notified by the principal before or after her son's locker was searched. She was not notified by the principal about the accusation or the incident at any time. After receiving a call from her son, Ms. Toups reached out to the principal. She is angry that the principal jumped to conclusions before she investigated the situation. Ms. Toups questioned the policy on how these types of situations are handled. She also questioned the lack of communication with the principal. Chair Holman explained that the Board will gather information, research policy, and get back to Ms. Toups.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Riley Holman, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary