

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

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

Also present: Patrons Sarah Egbert, Shane Egbert, Mat Richardson, Miranda Richardson, Audra Terry, Michael Terry, Kari Bennett, Matt Bennett; and employee Kelsey Greydanus.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting and February 8, 2022 Special Board Meeting were reviewed. Sarah Fay moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda: The following items were added to the Consent Agenda:

5. D. Special Board Meeting 2/8/22 review and discussion

7. C. Schedule Special Board Meeting: Superintendent Review

All items on the consent agenda were reviewed. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve all items as amended on the consent agenda. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

Construction Update: Mr. Crowson commented that he is still working with Pivot Architecture regarding ESSR projects. The main electrical panel in the high school will need to be upgraded or replaced.

Enrollment was reported as 361 grades K-12.

Administrative Update: Mr. Crowson reported that the principals are working on teacher evaluations, the high school sent out a Blackboard update, and they are transitioning from winter to spring sports.

He spent several hours in a video conference with Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) today. Many school districts voiced frustration with the implementation and liability associated with the March 31 mask ruling change. There are no concrete rules or help with implementation of any rules from ODE. There are lots of questions but not a lot of action to be taken at this time. He has sent a survey to parents, staff, and students asking if they favored keeping mask requirements or making masks optional. Of those who answered the survey, 94% of staff were in favor of making masks optional, 83% of parents supported optional masks, and 78% of students supported optional masks.

Chair Holman led a review of the February 8, 2022 special board meeting. Board members voiced strong concern over clinic staff stopping our students as they enter the building, instructed them on mask use, and trying to entice them with gifts if they got the vaccine. These are family issues to be decided, not clinic issues. Mr. Crowson will make certain that the

next clinic will begin well after school ends for the day and there are no events scheduled the same day.

The School Board Proclamation making the week of March 7-11, 2022 Classified Appreciation Week was reviewed. Sarah Fay moved to approve the proclamation. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2022-23 academic calendar draft was reviewed and discussed. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

The following special meetings were scheduled:

February 28, 2022 6:00 PM: planning session for superintendent's review

March 7, 2022 6:00 PM: analyze new information for mask guidance

Reminder: Chris Irwin and Riley Holman are scheduled to attend the OSBA Listening Session at Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD on March 2, 2022 at 5:45 PM.

Public Comment:

Michael Terry introduced himself. He has two students in the Monroe schools. Many of his questions were answered earlier in the meeting. He wanted the Board to know that their efforts have been appreciated by the community and there is huge support from the community. The results of the survey are fantastic. He would love to see the district get to a place where masks are optional.

Mathew Richardson introduced himself. He has three daughters. Their three girls are the fourth generation to attend Monroe schools. He feels that the mask mandates took away their right to make their own decisions as a family. He thanked the Board members and urged them to continue working with the community and keep the communicating.

Kari Bennett introduced herself. She and her husband have two students in school. They transferred their children from Junction City and are very glad that they did. She understands liability is a concern, but they recommend the board make the masks optional. They are happy with the board members and administration in the district.

Chair Holman explained that the Board is trying to move forward with the masking mandate changes as quickly as they can. Sarah Fay and Chris Irwin thanked the audience members for taking their time to come in. The Board appreciates their support.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Riley Holman, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary