

Meeting Called to Order at 5:46 P.M. by Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending: Riley Holman, Sarah Fay, Sarah Wadsack, Chris Irwin, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley. Late: Nicole Blanks.

The meeting moved immediately to executive session as per ORS 192.660(2)(a) to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

The meeting returned to open session at 5:55 P.M. and recessed until 6:04 P.M.

Also present: Employees including Hilary Irwin, Carrie Holman, Tonya Casarez, Kim Geil; and patrons including Kristen Rutherford, Jen McClaughry, Miranda Roberts, Scott Lager, and Isaac Grant.

Chair Holman read the following statement as a reminder, "The School Board encourages the attendance of citizens at its meetings. When a person wishes to bring a matter to the attention of the Board, it is recommended that the matter first be discussed with the Building Principal and District Superintendent in order that it may be given time on the meeting agenda. This will allow the Superintendent time to gather relative information for the Board so the matter may be given adequate consideration. Those who would like to speak may complete an Intent to Speak form and turn it in by noon the day of the Board meeting to the Board Secretary."

Minutes: Sarah Fay moved to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting December 11, 2023 and Special Board Meeting December 12, 2023 as presented. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda: The proposed Budget Development Calendar was reviewed and discussed. Chris Irwin moved to approve the calendar as presented. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

The remaining items on the consent agenda were reviewed and discussed. The following items were added to the agenda:

- 5. D. 3) New hire: Dorothy McGee, 4th Grade Teacher
- 9. B. Early Literacy Application:
 - Public Comment on Application
 - Approval of Application

Sarah Wadsack moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Nicole Blanks. Motion carried 5/0.

January is School Board Appreciation Month! Mr. Crowson handed out Certificates of Appreciation signed by the Student Council Presidents from Monroe Grade School and Monroe High School. Thank you for your service!

There were no teachers in attendance for Meet the Teacher.

Nancy Griffith was not in attendance at this time.

Jr. Dragon Presentation: Kristen Rutherford introduced herself as President and shared program overview and philosophy. Scott Lager introduced himself as Vice-President and spoke about aligning their spectator policies with the school district's and OSAA's sportsmanship code of conduct. There was some discussion with the Board regarding parking during events and the development of a t-ball field.

Nancy Griffith introduced herself as Assistant Superintendent from Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD. She shared a listing of services provided by the ESD to Monroe School District.

Construction Update: Mr. Crowson reported that the duct detector issue at the grade school has been resolved. The landscaping contract is up and will be put out for bid.

Enrollment was reported at 374 grades K-12.

Administrative Update: Kim Geil explained that the Winter Concert at the Grade School last month went well, the custodial staff did a lot of work over the break, benchmark testing started this week, and PTG will be hosting a Family Bingo Night January 25th.

2022-34 Financial Audit: Hilary Irwin explained that Board Members received the governing body letter that contains the results of the audit as well as the full 2022-23 Audit Report. We received an unmodified opinion. This means we have a "clean" opinion with no reservations. There was one instance where actual expenditures exceeded appropriations (pg. 16 & 46). It is a state minimum standard for Oregon auditors to note. No corrective action is needed. After discussion, Sarah Fay moved to accept the Audit as presented. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

Early Literacy Grant: The application for the Early Literacy Grant was submitted today. Mr. Crowson and Board members reviewed the listing of proposed activities. The Program is geared towards grades K-3 and 4-5 students. We will be investing in our teachers through professional development. There were no questions or comments during the public comment section. Chris Irwin moved to accept the grant proposal. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

Public Comment: Isaac Grant addressed the Board of Directors with concerns regarding communication during the complaint process.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Riley Holman, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary