

**Meeting Called to Order** at 5:50 P.M. by Chair Riley Holman.

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

Late: Sarah Fay; absent: Chris Irwin.

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 6:00 P.M.

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

Also present: Employees including Kim Geil, Hilary Irwin, Carrie Holman, Jim Mulanax, and Armando Martinez.

**Minutes:** Sarah Fay moved to approve the minutes from the regular Board Meeting April 8, 2024 as presented. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 4/0.

**Consent Agenda:** Riley Holman declared a conflict of interest in approving the Letters of Intent for Classified Staff. All other items were reviewed. Sarah Wadsack moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second: Sarah Fay. Motion carried 3/0 (Holman abstained).

**Meet the Teachers:** Jim Mulanax introduced himself as the high school Shop teacher. This year, he has introduced a new project for an advanced nightstand design. He has specific patterns, instructions, and materials. This allows all students to work on the same project at the same time as well as cut down on waste. He has also brought back wood stains and finishes into the curriculum. He is implementing sheet metal work this year, and continues to work with the welding stations.

Armando Martinez introduced himself as the high school Algebra I and Personal Finance teacher. He would like to be able to post some videos on Google Classroom for those students who need to hear the lesson again, or perhaps for those who were absent. Personal Finance has been a required class at Monroe for years but recently ODE has made it a requirement throughout the State. His students are learning about banking, percentages, and credit cards. They research jobs they are interested in, figure the salaries, and learn to budget. They research new and used cars and interest rates on loans. The students are learning about payroll taxes and other deductions. They have also looked a little at retirement funds.

**Construction Update:** Mr. Crowson reported that he will schedule a time this summer for the Building Inspection Committee to meet with the architect from Pivot.

**Enrollment** was reported at 369 grades K-12.

**Administrative Update:** Kim Geil reported that last week was Teacher Appreciation Week, the Jog-a-thon was also last week, and state testing continues. A lot of end of year field trips have been taken or are scheduled.

Bill Crowson reported that High School State Track meet is coming up, the drama production is this week, and state testing continues at the high school. He just signed off on \$23,000 worth of local scholarships for our graduating seniors.

Mr. Crowson explained that our food service program is a Federal program run through the State of Oregon. Currently, reimbursement for meals through the State is calculated at 40% poverty rate. The Community Eligibility Program (CEP) is a free and reduced reimbursable program. For several years, our program has operated continually in the red. At a 25% free & reduced level, the CEP can be offered in our district to feed all students breakfast and lunch free of charge to the students (adults are still required to pay). If only 20 more meals were served per day, the district's cost would remain approximately the same as this year. The CEP Program requires a 4-year commitment from the District. He spoke with Central Linn School District who has worked with this program for a few years. They feel additional costs are minimal for the added benefit for all students. Board consensus is for Mr. Crowson to pursue the program.

**Monroe Health Center:** Bill Crowson reported that he and the Health Center Committee met with representatives from the Monroe Health Center. Current plans are for the new Health Center to be located on the north end of the high school campus between the highway and baseball field. A modular building would allow the Health Center to add to the structure in the future. The old Clinic site will be handed back to the district to use as needed. After discussion, Sarah Fay moved to approve the use of the north quadrant of the high school campus for placement of the new Health Center and parking. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 4/0.

**Policy:** The second reading of revised policy, administrative regulations, and forms was reviewed. Sarah Fay moved to approve the revisions as discussed at the April meeting. Second: Nicole Blanks. Motion carried 4/0.

**Early Literacy Grant:** Mr. Crowson explained that this grant over the 2-year biennium would add \$85,083 to our literacy program. Ms. Geil further explained that this grant would be targeted at Kindergarten through grade 3 students which would bolster their literacy skills. We would also spend some on professional development for teachers this summer, and towards a dedicated Highly Qualified Tutor in Kindergarten to support early literacy skills. We could work with new curriculum to help build skills and enhance what we are doing now. The District would provide matching funds of approximately \$21,271. Sarah Wadsack moved to approve the Early Literacy Grant application. Second: Nicole Blanks. Motion carried 4/0.

**Reminder:** The next Board meeting will be held the third Monday in June. High School Graduation is May 7 and Chair Holman will preside. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion will be held May 10. Vice-Chair Sarah Fay will preside.

There were no public comments.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:47 P.M.

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Riley Holman, Board Chair

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Christine Manley, Board Secretary