

**Meeting Called to Order** at 5:30 pm by Chair Riley Holman. Recording started.

Members attending: Board members Riley Holman, Chris Irwin, Sarah Wadsack, Nicole Blanks; Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Tonya Casarez.

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 6:02 P.M. In addition to those listed above, present at this time were staff members Richard Fielder, Beau Sisneros, and Jenna Rank, Hilary Irwin, Karen Humphreys, Mary Palmer and Carrie Holman and members of the community.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Sarah Wadsack motioned to approve the minutes. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 4/0.

The following items were added to the consent agenda:

G: Appoint designated bargaining team for the 26-28 Classified Bargaining Agreement.

The financials and bills for the month were reviewed with no questions. The board accepted the resignation of board member Sarah Fay and showed appreciation for her years of dedication to the district. The list of notifications to licensed and administrative staff were reviewed along with the volunteer track coaches and softball coaching staff. The board designated Sarah Wadsack and Nicole Blanks to be the board's representation during the upcoming classified bargaining. Chris Irwin motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 4/0.

**Communications:** The latest edition of the Smile Newsletter was reviewed and appreciated the update regarding the program

**Delegations and Presentations:**

Meet the Teacher: Karen Humphreys introduced herself as the first grade teacher and reported that her class is having both a productive and fun year. Jenna Rank reported that Title efforts are going well. Mary Palmer reported that this year's Salmon Bowl team placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams; competing against much larger schools. In addition, the Marine Science class is designing ships and seaweed-based products and that Astronomy and Biology classes are going well. She offered a newsletter regarding updates on all the current science classes at Monroe High School.

**Construction Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Enrollment** was reported at 347 students K-12.

**Administrative Update:**

Monroe Grade School – Principal Richard Fielder reported that the Parent Teacher Group put on a movie night that was a success. Additionally, times for upcoming conferences will be changed. A trial of having conferences starting in the afternoon Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> through Thursday evening, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Staff at the grade school have completed mid-year meetings.

Monroe High School - Principal Beau Sisneros reported that spring is a busy time for students and seniors in particular with senior projects and scholarship applications. Dragon Pride will hold their annual auction this Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The career trades class is participating in a welding competition in McMinnville and has generated a good deal of interest from students. Additionally, students will be able to attend a health sciences fair offered through LBCC.

Monroe District Office - Superintendent Bill Crowson reviewed results of a survey regarding a possible 4-day school week. Over 100 parents participated in the survey and there is support from both community and staff for considering a 4-day school week in the 2026-27 school year. The Board scheduled a special meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 to discuss the 4-day school week further.

Linn-Benton Lincoln ESD – Assistant Superintendent Nancy Griffith introduced herself to the board and meeting attendees. She offered to answer any questions regarding LBL ESD’s support of the district and be a resource for both staff and administration. Bill Crowson spoke to the wide array of services the ESD offers to support us that we wouldn’t otherwise have.

**Old Business:** Oregon Government Ethics Commission filing window opens March 15<sup>th</sup> with a deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>. A reminder e-mail to Board members will be sent with resources to facilitate filing.

**New Business:** The Board declared a Board Vacancy for zone 1, previously held by Sarah Fay. Notice for potential applicants will be published and available with a deadline of March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:25 P.M. Recording stopped.

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Riley Holman, Board Chair

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Tonya Casarez, Board Secretary