

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Ori, Mr. Roth

Absent: Mr. Franklin, Mr. Stufflebeam

Others: Mr. Sondgeroth, Ms. Johnson, Jeremy Powell

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Jeremy Powell was present to observe the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items A-E.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2011
- B. Closed Session Meeting Minutes, February 10, 2011
- C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
- D. Payment of Bills
- E. Statement of Completion for Health/Life Safety Amendment #15

Motion: Roth

Second: Ori

Roll Call: 5 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Review of 2009-10 Illinois Special Education Profile – The Board reviewed Monroe's Special Education Profile from the Illinois State Board of Education. Monroe has a higher than average percentage of students identified for speech language services compared to the state and other districts within SEAPCO. Mr. Sondgeroth reviewed student performance in math and reading. Monroe's overall student performance on ISAT tests for its special education population is consistent with SEAPCO and state averages.

Review Results of Online Parent Survey – Mr. Sondgeroth shared the results/comments of the online parent survey. Some suggestions included adding more use of technology in the classrooms and purchasing new textbooks. Bullying prevention was also indicated as an area for improvement. Mr. Sondgeroth plans to continue reviewing the data and categorizing the results.

2011-12 School Calendar – A draft copy of the 2011-12 school calendar was shared with the board. The draft is consistent with Limestone High School's calendar. The final copy will be presented at the April Board meeting.

New Textbooks for 2011-12 – Mr. Sondgeroth stated that several comments from the online parent survey suggested that textbooks need to be updated. Monroe will be looking at purchasing new

textbooks for junior high history and elementary science from grade two through six. Mr. Sondgeroth will begin requesting samples of the new textbooks for teacher to review.

Discussion of School Board Elections, Vacant Seats and a Special Meeting – Mr. Sondgeroth reminded the Board that Tuesday, April 5 is School Board Election day. Monroe has three open seats, but only one candidate will be on the ballot. After the election there will only be five members on the new Board. One of the first items of business will be to appoint two new members. Mr. Sondgeroth will proceed with advertising the two vacancies so the new Board, once seated, can take immediate action to fill the remaining vacancies. The reorganization meeting is scheduled for April 14.

Gymnasium Renovation Update – Mr. Hollingsworth received a call about the gym renovation. The caller inquired if union labor would be used for the gym project. The architect was called and verified that union labor will be used for the gym renovation. Pay will be according to the prevailing wage rate. A signed contract, including a performance bond, was received by the architect this week. The first construction meeting will take place March 16 at PM. Topics for discussion will include possible work during spring break and slight revisions to the work. The AMPT and Boosters Club will donate a combined more than \$19,000 combined toward the gym renovation.

Establish a Date for the Next Building Committee Meeting – The next meeting will be Monday, March 14, at 7:00 PM.

Reports – The Board reviewed the following reports:

1. Monthly Budget Summary Report
2. Activity Fund Report
3. Revolving Fund Report
4. Enrollment Report

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board that nine SMARTboards have arrived. They will be installed in Jr. High and fourth grade classrooms over spring break. During the first week of March, Monroe participated in Easter Seal's Coins for Kids. During this one week period, Monroe raised \$1,364 for Easter Seals. Monroe's 7th grade volleyball team will play in the state tournament, Saturday, March 12.

The Boosters Club approached Mr. Sondgeroth regarding an overnight, lock-in party at Monroe for the 8th grade graduating class. The date would be May 14. Board members expressed concerns regarding liability issues and sufficient chaperones.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Anderson asked for a motion in Open Session to move to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing staff grievance, student discipline, Board self evaluation, negotiations, and the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. He stated that **NO FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN** on any of these matters until the Board returns to Open Session

Time: 8:02 PM.

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Hollingsworth

Roll Call: 5 ayes

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:18 PM.

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Approve Tim Hollingsworth as Volunteer Track Coach

Motion: Roth

Second: Kauffman

Voice Vote: All Ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 9:19 PM.

Motion: Ori

Second: Kauffman

Voice Vote: All Ayes

President

Date

Secretary

Date