

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Ori, Mr. Powell, Mr.

Roth

Absent: None

Others: Mr. Sondgeroth

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

No audience members were present.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items A-H.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2011
- B. Closed Session Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2011
- C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
- D. Payment of Bills
- E. Updates to Board Policies 2:140, 2:250, 3:50, 3:60, 4:15, 5:40, 5:50, 5:150, 5:200, 5:285, 5:300, 6:150, 6:160, 6:185, 6:100, 6:190, 6:250, 6:255, 7:260, 7:280, 8:10, 8:90, 8:95, 8:110
- F. Establish date of June Budget Hearing and Board Meeting for June 16, 2011 at 6:30 PM
- G. Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Program Resolution
- H. Membership and Participation in the IESA for 2011-12
 - Motion: Kauffman
 - Second: Roth
 - Roll Call: 7-0

Motion to Approve Action Item I, Life Safety Amendment #19 – Repairs to the Gymnasium Roof

- Motion: Roth
- Second: Powell
- Roll Call: 7-0

Motion to Approve Action Item H, Approval of Tentative Amended FY 2011 Budget

- Motion: Ori
- Second: Hollingsworth
- Roll Call: 7-0

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS - The Board discussed the following items.

New Textbooks for 2011-12 - New materials are currently being reviewed and quoted for 2-6 science and 5-8 social studies. Costs will likely range in the \$30,000-\$40,000 range for all adoptions. Materials that interact with the SMARTboards or align with our current materials are being strongly considered.

Review of Transportation Bids and Award of Contract - After a long relationship with First Student (formerly Laidlaw), the Limestone Area Schools have awarded the transportation bid for the next three years to Illinois Central Bus Company. The awarding of the bid ended a nearly six-month process. Illinois Central Bus Company was the clear low bidder and, based on its low bid, Monroe stands to save close to \$25,000 in transportation costs for 2011-12. The transition to a new bus company will likely cause some new issues that all the districts will have to face over the summer and at the start of school.

Gymnasium Renovation Update - Mr. Sondgeroth updated the Board on the status of the gym renovation project. Work will start up again with Monroe's summer crew the week of May 31. Monroe's crew will begin cleaning rafters, removing mats and other items from the gym. Asbestos abatement will begin the week of June 6. A photo of the new mats was shared with the Board.

Breakfast Program - Mr. Sondgeroth shared information with the Board about the possibility of starting a breakfast program. A one-week sample breakfast menu was shared along with possible student costs for breakfast and rate of reimbursement from the state. Mr. Sondgeroth plans to conduct an interest survey to see if parents would take advantage of a program if offered.

Fees for 2011-12 - The Board reviewed a sheet prepared by Mr. Sondgeroth recommending the fees for next school year. An additional \$10 fee per student was suggested to deal with the rising cost of online subscriptions the district is experiencing. Rather than to create an extra fee for that \$10, it was suggested to raise the book fee to \$60, instead of \$50.

IMSA Program - Mr. Sondgeroth shared an informational sheet he received from Limestone High School in regards to the feeder school participation in the Illinois Math and Science Academy program it sponsors for the local districts.

Eighth Grade Graduation - The Board reviewed the program for graduation and made decisions regarding which Board members would assist with the distribution of diplomas on stage.

Board Contact Information Sheet - With the new Board having been seated last month, the Board reviewed and updated its Board contact sheet. The Board also determined committee participation by each member.

Reports - The Board reviewed the following reports.

- *Monthly Budget Summary Report
- *Activity Fund Report
- *Revolving Fund Report
- *Enrollment Report

