

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-President Kauffman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Franklin, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Ori, Mr. Stufflebeam

Absent: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Roth

Others: Mr. Sondgeroth, Ms. Johnson

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Jeff Arends and Sharon Robinson were present to address the Board regarding facility usage. They are interested in forming a volleyball club with the local feeder schools. Mr. Arends asked the Board about using Monroe's gym for volleyball practices. All games would be at Eastside Center. The Board did not oppose the volleyball club using the gym as long as renovations have not begun.

David Pistorius from First Midstate addressed the Board regarding the issuance of Life Safety Bonds for the gym renovation. He explained how bonds are issued, how funds are used and the timeline for the process. Mr. Pistorius also explained that these bonds would be issued as older bonds (boiler issue) are being paid off. This allows Monroe to continue the gym renovation project without increasing tax rates.

Mr. Anderson entered the meeting at 6:48 PM.

Mr. Roth entered the meeting at 7:03 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Action Items A-K.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2010
- B. Closed Session Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2010
- C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
- D. Payment of Bills
- E. FY10 Audit
- F. Agreement with Baumann and Associates, Ltd. to serve Auditor for FY11
- G. Statement of Completion for Amendment #17
- H. Appointment of Mr. Stufflebeam as Election Clerk and Mr. Sondgeroth, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Lutz as designees to oversee the process for April 2011 School Board Elections
- I. Set November 16, 2010 at 6:30 PM as the Date and Time for Public Hearing for Sale of Life Safety Bonds

- J. Employment of First Midstate as Bond Underwriter for Sale of Life Safety Bonds
 - K. Employment of Chapman and Cutler as Bond Counsel for Sale of Life Safety Bonds
- Motion: Ori
Second: Hollingsworth
Roll Call: 7 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

2010 Monroe School Report Card - Mr. Sondgeroth reviewed the results of Monroe's 2010 report card with the Board. This information will be available to the public via the internet at the end of October.

First Reading of Policy Updates 2:20, 2:80, 2:100, 2:110, 4:50, 4:110, 3:40, 5:100, 5:190, 5:280, 5:290, 6:20, 6:60, 6:320, 7:20, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:285, 8:30 - The Board reviewed summary sheets for PRESS updates recommended by the IASB. The updates included policies dealing with bullying, harassment, student discipline and suspension.

Bullying Education – Mr. Sondgeroth shared information with the Board about two programs that address bullying. These programs, “Steps to Respect” and “Second Steps” are research based programs. The programs are continuous programs that can be implemented in the classroom. Mr. Sondgeroth is checking into the cost of the programs.

SEAPCO Letter of Intent – Mr. Sondgeroth submitted a letter to SEAPCO on Monroe's behalf indicating Monroe's intent to assume the responsibility of employing all cross categorical teaching staff for the 2011-12 school year. The intent letter is not official until the final SEAPCO hiring survey is approved by the Board in January.

Technology Lease Purchase Resolution – Mr. Sondgeroth shared with the Board that Monroe has a surplus balance in the Education Fund for leasing. He explained the interest by staff to begin installing SMART boards in their classrooms. An informal survey has shown tremendous interest. There are not enough funds for all who expressed interest, but the surplus could be used to add more SMART boards than originally planned. In order for that to happen the Board would need to approve a revised Technology Lease Purchase Resolution in November to allow for the purchase of additional technology.

Gymnasium Renovation – Life Safety Amendment #18, approved by the Board in September, has been approved by both the ROE and ISBE. Mr. Sondgeroth presented a timeline for meeting the goal of having gym renovations complete by the start of the 2011 school year. A community meeting is scheduled for November 3rd at 7:00 PM to discuss the timeline and the project.

District Communication Goal – Mr. Sondgeroth shared a copy of a district brochure he has been working on with Nicole Powell. He also discussed an online survey he has been preparing for community members to complete.

Transportation Services for 2011-12 – Monroe will begin working with local feeder schools to prepare transportation bids for 2011-12. Monroe may not automatically renew a one-year contract

