

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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. Kauffman, Mr. Ori, Mr. Powell,

Absent: Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Roth

Others: Mr. Sondgeroth, Ms. Johnson

PUBLIC HEARING ON MONROE'S FY12 BUDGET

President Anderson asked for a motion to hold a public hearing on the FY12 budget.

Motion: Powell

Second: Franklin

Roll Call: 5 ayes

No audience members were present at the Public Hearing for Monroe's FY12 Budget. Mr. Sondgeroth discussed highlight of the FY12 budget.

President Anderson called for a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Motion: Ori

Second: Powell

Voice Vote: All ayes

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Action Items A-E.

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2011

B. Monthly Treasurer's Report

C. Payment of Bills

D. 2011-12 ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools

E. Employment of Wyman Roofing to replace gym roof

Motion: Franklin

Second: Ori

Roll Call: 5 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item F, FY12 Budget

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Franklin

Roll Call: 5 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

First Reading – Board Policies 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:130, 3:10, 3:30, 3:70, 5:125, 5:170. The Board specifically discussed the new PRESS social networking policy 5:125.

Board Policy 8:20 – Community Use of Facilities – The Board is reviewing administrative policy for the use of the new gym. Restrictions may be set regarding concessions, spectators, and fees associated with janitorial/custodial clean up. Mr. Sondgeroth and Mr. Walraven will meet and present ideas to Monroe’s Building Committee for review.

Safe Routes to School Grant – This grant provide money for public entities to provide safer routes to school by funding such things as sidewalks in areas that do not currently have them. Mr. Sondgeroth has been contacted by Limestone Township and the Village of Bartonville regarding its interest in completing the grant. Unfortunately, this grant project has a large time commitment, with no guarantee of grant acceptance. The Board discussed the project and will continue to review.

Update on Transportation Service Provider – Illinois Central School Bus had a rocky start at the beginning of the school year. Improvements were seen after the first couple of weeks. Mr. Sondgeroth helped the bus company define routes. Two routes were merged into one, allowing Monroe to reduce the number of buses from six to five. Parents have been very cooperative throughout the changes.

USDA Child Nutrition Reauthorization – The National School Lunch Program requirement states that Monroe must charge enough revenues, without using federal reimbursement funds to cover regular nutrition costs. In a review by the USDA, using their contribution calculations, Monroe is under the required average lunch price by five cents. This means that Monroe must either increase the regular paid school lunch price by five cents or make a payment of \$1,293.15 this school year, to the food service account from non-federal sources of revenue. The Board indicated they would prefer to increase the regular paid school lunch price at the beginning of the second semester in January.

Breakfast Program – The Board discussed implementing a breakfast program on a one-month trial basis. Board members discussed whether the program is truly a need. There was also concern about starting a new program with this year’s tight budget. Members decided to table this issue for now.

Monroe Graduation – Monroe’s graduation date for 2012 is tentatively set for May 16, 2012. Due to the early time frame, Mr. Sondgeroth asked the Board to consider moving graduation to May 23, 2012. Mr. Sondgeroth also informed the Board of his intention to draft a letter to LCHS requesting a date change.

Monthly 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 presented the Board with a spreadsheet showing Monroe’s electric and gas costs over the last 10 years. Significant savings were noticeable for the last 2-3 years. These savings are most likely due to new windows installed in 2008, the new boiler installed in 2009-2010, and the fact that Monroe joined gas and electric co-ops in recent years.

The Health Department performed a recent cafeteria inspection. The score was 100. The Health Department noted that recent changes now require that concession stands that operate off of Monroe's food service license must meet code requirements if serving potentially hazardous foods. The cafeteria manager will address this issue with the AMPT and Boosters club who use the cafeteria for its concessions.

The Board did not enter Closed Session and moved to Adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 7:59 PM.

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Powell

Voice Vote: All ayes.

President

Date

Secretary

Date