

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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. Ori, Mr. Powell, Mr. Roth

Absent: Mr. Kauffman

Others: Mr. Sondgeroth, Ms. Johnson

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Action Items A-C.

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 15, 2011

B. Monthly Treasurer's Report

C. Payment of Bills

Motion: Hollingsworth

Second: Franklin

Roll Call: 6 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item D, Board Policies 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:130, 3:10, 3:30, 3:70, 5:125, 5:170

Motion: Ori

Second: Franklin

Voice Vote: All ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Board Policy 8:20 – Community Use of Facilities – Mr. Sondgeroth and Mr. Walraven researched various administrative procedures for the use of Monroe's gym and cafeteria. A policy was put into place to allow organizations requesting use of the facility to be separated by class. Classes are defined by the organization's purpose for using the facility. Gym and cafeteria rental fees will be assessed for non-school groups and other organizations using the facility. Fees will be used to offset custodial clean up.

Review of Board Goals – Mr. Sondgeroth and Board members reviewed Monroe's goals. Many items for remodeling and updating the building and grounds have been completed. Strategies have been in place to improve and maintain the financial stability and increase Monroe's overall fund balances. The community relations goal has improved via Monroe's website, distribution of the "Flyer," the parent survey, and the AlertNow system. Staff members continue to attend professional development seminars dealing with RtI strategies to improve student achievement goals. The use of technology, computers, and SMARTboards has also contributed to student success rate on Monroe's state mandated assessments.

Monroe's 2011 Illinois District Report Card - Mr. Sondgeroth shared Monroe's results with the Board. This information will be available to the public later in October. Monroe's scores are listed along with the district's poverty and low income rates.

Administrative Salary Compensation Report – Mr. Sondgeroth presented the Board with a copy of the report that is also listed on Monroe's website.

School Board Convention – Members attending the school board convention were reminded of the dates and reservations. Mr. Sondgeroth informed members of a training session on the open meetings act that will be presented at the convention.

Communications from District Attorney – Mr. Sondgeroth shared a letter he received from Monroe's current attorney who is leaving his position and pursuing another career opportunity. A new attorney has been assigned and has begun working with Monroe. Monroe's new attorney has experience in working with employment law and educational issues.

Summary of Enrollments of Limestone Area Schools – Limestone High School gathered current enrollment data from each of the local feeder schools. After compiling the information into a document, Limestone shared the enrollment figures with each district. Mr. Sondgeroth presented a copy of the document to the Board to review.

Upcoming Meeting Dates - Mr. Sondgeroth mentioned that due to scheduled basketball games, conflicts are possible for the November 10th, December 8th, and January 12th board meetings. The Board decided to change the meeting time to 7:00 PM. for these dates.

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 – The "Flyer" was mailed to area residents this week. Monroe's 50th Anniversary Open House was a success. Over 100 people attended. At the next meeting, the Board will look at the first review of the tax levy.

President Anderson briefly updated Board members on his recent meeting with Mr. Sondgeroth to complete Mr. Sondgeroth's evaluation.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 7:45 PM.

Motion: Ori

Second: Powell

Voice Vote: All ayes

President

Date

Secretary

Date