

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Others: Mr. Sondgeroth, Ms. Johnson, Eric Wall

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Mr. Wall was present to address the board regarding gym use. He requested use of the gym on Sundays from 3:00-5:00 PM for the purpose of practicing sports with his children, their friends and parents. Since Monroe recently implemented the new administrative procedures for gym usage, Mr. Wall wanted clarification as to what classification his request for gym use would fall under. He reminded the Board of all the things he does for the school as a member of the Booster organization. Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board that he had already denied Mr. Wall's personal request to use the facility without a rental fee. He informed the Board that he did not believe Mr. Wall's request was consistent with the three Classes for usage. Class I is district-sanctioned school groups/athletic teams. Class II consists of Monroe's parent organizations and Class III are Youth Groups. Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board that he interprets Class III groups to be youth groups with a local affiliation, such as the local youth girls' and boys' basketball programs. He did not interpret Class III to be personal groups wanting to use the gym for themselves and friends. He was concerned that allowing such groups to be classified in the same manner would take gym time away from the locally affiliated groups that are looking for legitimate practice time. The Board members discussed whether Mr. Wall's use of the gym would be considered private use of the facility. Mr. Sondgeroth will provide copies of the administrative procedures to the Board for further review.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Action Items A-G.

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2011
- B. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, November 2, 2011
- C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
- D. Payment of Bills
- E. FY12 Amended Board Meeting Calendar
- F. Statement of Completion, Life Safety Amendment #18
- G. Statement of Completion, Life Safety Amendment #19

Motion: Powell

Second: Roth

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item H, Increase in Student Lunch Price from \$1.60 to \$1.65 for the Second Semester.

Motion: Powell

Second: Roth

Voice Vote: All ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item I, Approval of the FY2011 Audit

Motion: Franklin

Second: Hollingsworth

Voice Vote: All ayes

Motion to Approve Action item J, Proposal by PCM + Design to Perform a 10-Year Health/Life Safety Survey.

Motion: Roth

Second: Ori

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item K, 2011 Tentative Tax Levy

Motion: Franklin

Second: Ori

Roll Call: 7 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Risk Management Plan – Mr. Sondgeroth presented the Risk Management Plan to Board members. This plan outlines how Monroe uses its funds levied in the Tort Fund. The plan was updated to include changes that Monroe's auditor suggested be eliminated from the plan.

Possible Cross Country Cooperative – Monroe is looking to join a Cross Country Cooperative. Limestone Walters currently has a team. Since there are few students participating, Limestone Walters is offering to have other schools join its team in a cooperative agreement. Limestone Walters will continue to pay all associated costs for coaches and IESA fees. Monroe would need to provide transportation to Limestone for practices and possibly share transportation costs associated with competition.

Review of Parent/Teacher Conference Survey – Mr. Sondgeroth shared the results of the surveys from October's parent conferences. The responses were very positive.

Open Meetings Act Training – New legislation now requires Board members to be trained in the Open Meetings Act. This training will be available to members who attend the School Board Convention. Otherwise, members must complete the training online when it becomes available.

School Board Convention – Mr. Sondgeroth gave Mr. Anderson and Mr. Powell packets containing the convention information and schedules.

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 provided a copy of SEAPCO's Update on Board of Control Votes. Each district is entitled to the number of votes per the number of enrolled special education students receiving services in special education classrooms that are part of the SEAPCO budget and supervised by SEAPCO administrators.

2011 ISAT results for Peoria and Peoria/Tazewell counties were shared. Results show the instructional cost per pupil and indicate the poverty rate for each district. Monroe's cost per pupil is \$4,000 with a 25.5% poverty rate.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented the Board with copies of Board Policy 8:90, Community Relations, and the Board discussed the new procedures regarding concessions in the gym. Signs have been posted in various locations to inform spectators that water and popcorn are allowed in the gym only. There have been some issues with excessive movement up and down bleachers during the game, especially with students that wish to continue going to the concession stand while the game is in progress. Mr. Walraven met with the Boosters over the summer to determine that concessions will not be sold during the game, but only during the half time of games and between games. They also discussed concession items to be sold during games. There appears to be some disagreement about implementing items from that discussion. Mr. Sondgeroth verified with the Board the items in which it feels are appropriate to be allowed in the gym. The Board is clearly opposed to allowing candy, but is comfortable with the water and popcorn procedures. Supervisors at games are working to communicate and enforce the new procedures, but will not actively go into the bleachers to confront offenders. Mr. Sondgeroth also discussed an idea from Mr. Wall to remove a section of safety railing from the side of the third row of bleachers to create a new stairway leading up to the bleachers from the side. The idea for this plan is to allow for movement during games, to and from the concessions, so that the concessions could remain open during the game and spectators will avoid using the aisles that lead directly to the floor. The Board is not in favor of altering the current bleacher configuration. It was commented that communication on why the concessions is closed during the game might better help with the situation. Policy 8:90 was also referenced to address this issue. The policy states that all parent organizations must agree to adhere to all Board policies and administrative procedures.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 9:36 PM.

Motion: Ori

Second: Powell

Voice Vote: All ayes

President

Date

Secretary

Date