

**MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011**  
**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present – Mr. Anderson, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Ori, Mr. Powell

Absent – Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Roth

Others – Mr. Sondgeroth

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Sondgeroth made an update to the copy of the Certificate of Tax Levy being recommended for approval.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

There were no members of the audience present at the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to approve consent agenda items A-G.

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2011

B. Monthly Treasurer's Report

C. Payment of Bills

D. Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes including: #64-January 14, 2010; #65-March 11, 2010; #66-March 18, 2010; #67-April 15, 2010; #68-May 13, 2010; #69-June 10, 2010

E. Keeping Sealed Closed Session Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2011

F. Employment of Baumann & Associates, LTD for FY12 Auditing Services

G. Resolution Adopting a Risk Management Program

Motion – Ori

Second – Powell

Roll Call – 5-0

Motion to approve the 2011 Certificate of Tax Levy.

Motion – Kauffman

Second – Powell

Roll Call – 5-0

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Sondgeroth reviewed the first reading of board policies 2:250, 3:60, 4:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:240, 6:60, 6:150, 6:300 (n/a), 6:320, 7:305. These policies are recommended for update by IASB's PRESS service to which Monroe subscribes. The Board specifically discussed the policy pertaining to concussions.

Board Member Report from School Board Convention – The three individuals that attended the School Board Convention in Chicago each gave updates on different sessions he attended. Mr. Anderson discussed presentations on legislative issues, the Open Meetings Act, and the Superintendent's employment contract. Mr. Powell discussed presentations on the use of social media and the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Sondgeroth presented on pension reform legislation, Board/Superintendent decision-making and the Superintendent's employment contract.

SEAPCO Hiring Survey – Mr. Sondgeroth reviewed a copy of the SEAPCO hiring survey he will recommend to the Board for approval in January.

Monthly Reports – The following reports were presented to the Board for its review.

1. Monthly Budget Summary Report
2. Activity Fund Report
3. Revolving Fund Report
4. Enrollment Report

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Sondgeroth discussed the following items with the Board as part of his report.

- Girls’ Basketball – Monroe’s 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ basketball team won both the regional and sectional tournament and will be playing in the IESA state tournament in Divernon on Saturday.
- Fan Bus – Mr. Sondgeroth informed the Board that people had questioned whether or not Monroe would provide a fan bus. Initially, 30 students expressed interest in riding a bus so one was scheduled. Unfortunately, only two students returned signed permission forms so the bus was cancelled.
- Santa Breakfast – Mr. Sondgeroth reminded the Board of the upcoming Santa Breakfast being sponsored by the AMPT.
- Music Concert- Mr. Sondgeroth reminded the Board of the upcoming Jr. High music concert.
- Christmas Cards and Gift Cards – Mr. Sondgeroth distributed Christmas Cards for the Board members to sign for staff.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to enter Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, staff grievance, student discipline, Board self-evaluation, negotiations, and the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Mr. Anderson stated that no formal action may be taken on any matter until the Board returns to Open Session.

- Time – 7:50 PM
- Motion – Kauffman
- Second – Powell
- Roll Call – 5-0

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:08 PM.

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

There were no action items resulting from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

- Time – 8:09 PM
- Motion – Franklin
- Second – Powell
- Roll Call – All Ayes

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President Date

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Secretary Date