

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Karmenzind, Mr. Powell, Mrs. Westerdahl

Absent: None.

Others: Mr. Reiley, Ms. Johnson

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The date listed on the agenda was changed from Thursday to Monday.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Amy Heerman, Meghan Brake, Ryan Linsley, Jennifer Borland, Holly Still, Kelly Sloneker, Jean Brodt, Lois Braden, Richard Melton, Cecily Melton, Jill Brunson, David Pistorius, Kristine Barnhart, Denise Lutz, Katie Litchenstein, Christina Webb, Erin Magee.

Mr. Linsley inquired about Monroe's IEP percentage. The IL Report Card lists Monroe's IEP percentage at 6%. The state percentage is 12%. Mr. Linsley asked how the percentages were calculated.

Mr. Pistorius briefed the Board on the final procedures of the Working Cash Bond issue.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2015
 - B. Closed Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2015
 - C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
 - D. Payment of Bills
- Motion to Approve Action Items A-D.
Motion: Duncan
Second: Westerdahl
Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item E, SEAPCO Hiring Survey

Motion: Karmenzind
Second: Franklin
Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item F, Resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Motion: Kauffman
Second: Franklin
Roll Call: 7 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Transportation Resolution – The transfer of \$175,000 from the transportation fund to the O & M fund will be adopted at next month's meeting.

Maintenance of Effort – Monroe is required to spend money from one year to the next in special education. There are three exceptions: 1). Retirement or resignation of special education personnel; 2). Termination of the obligation to provide an exceptionally costly program to a special education student; 3). Termination of the costly expenditures for long term purchases, such as the acquisition of equipment or the construction of school facilities. Reducing special education staff is not an exception. Mr. Reiley will work with the special education personnel to ensure their schedules are as beneficial as they can be.

Electrical Costs – Mr. Reiley updated the costs to include the cost per kWh and the average cost for the past three to four years. The noticeable increase this year past year was due to the installation of the A/C units. The Board agreed to set procedures and limitations regarding A/C use during non-school hours.

Superintendent’s Report – Monroe will be hosting a Family Science Night on Wednesday, February 8th. There will be many activities to participate in.

A tree has fallen by the back edge of Monroe’s property. Mr. Reiley will check to see if the tree is on school property and needs to be removed.

Notice was received from the Village of Bellevue regarding the formation of a TIF area near Bosch Road and CEFCU. The consideration is for businesses and industry to be developed in this area. There are drainage and flooding issues that need to be addressed first. Mr. Reiley attended a preliminary meeting. Monroe would not receive any additional tax revenue from the increased property values. Mr. Reiley is working with LCHS staff to see if there is an option for receiving funds from the increased property values.

Monthly Reports – the Board reviewed the following reports:

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

CLOSED SESSION – Mr. Anderson asked for a motion in Open Session to move to 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. He stated that **NO FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN** on any of these matters until the Board returns to Open Session.

Time: 6:56 PM.

Motion: Franklin

Second: Westerdahl

Roll Call: 7 ayes

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:27 PM.

There were no Action Items resulting from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 7:28 PM.

Motion: Westerdahl

Second: Powell

Voice Vote: all ayes

President

Date

Secretary

Date