

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Others: Mr. Reiley, Ms. Johnson, Toni Schmidt, Alex Reid

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Toni Schmidt and Alex Reid were present to address the Board regarding Student Council. Monroe is the only LCHS feeder school that does not have an elected Student Council. Alex spoke on behalf of the LCHS council, which he is a member of. Both gave examples of activities, fund raisers, and events that would be beneficial to Monroe students.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to Approve Action Items A-C.

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2014

B. Monthly Treasurer's Report

C. Payment of Bills

Motion: Ori

Second: Westerdahl

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item D, Digital Copy Lease Agreement

Motion: Ori

Second: Duncan

Roll Call: 7 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Board Goal Setting Session – Mr. Reiley reminded Board members of the January 10, 2015 Goal Setting session. The meeting will be at Monroe from 8am to 12pm. Mrs. Walraven will also be attending.

Playground Update – The installation on Friday the 10th went well. The company installer was helpful in organizing/sorting the various parts. On Friday afternoon, Oct 17th, the borders will be done. Concrete will be poured and legacy stones can be personalized at that time.

Secure Vestibule – The project is in the final stages. There is one payment remaining. Items to be finished include touch up painting, caulking, fixing a leak in the heat valve, and adjusting the FOB buzzer system. One more camera will be added to the project; a camera directed towards Cisna, showing the bus drop off area.

Roof Inspection – The roof assessment indicated that the building has an estimated 3-5 years of remaining roof life. After that time two options are available: a layover option for \$200,000 or a complete replacement option at an estimated cost of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Finance Committee Meeting – Mr. Reiley mentioned two possible dates, Oct 30th or Nov 3rd. The time will be 6:00pm. Mr. Reiley will email Board members to determine the date.

SB 16 – Senate Bill 16 aims to overhaul the state’s current funding system in which the majority of funding is means-tested and distributed based on local ability to pay. This will redirect the state’s pool of funds by special education needs, gifted programs, and population. A district with high property tax values would receive less GSA. Mr. Reiley handed out a sheet showing which local districts were winners and those that were losers. This bill has been passed in the Senate and will now go to the House.

Tech Purchases – Monroe will be purchasing Chrome books and a charging station for the 3rd grades. We will be purchasing IPAD’s, cases, and charging station for K-2 grades. Lease purchase funds will be used. We will be sending a few staff members to tech conferences next month.

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 – Monroe changed snow removal vendors. For the 2014-15 school year, Monroe will contract snow removal with Larry VonBehren.

Melton Electric did a walk-through of the building to assess for air conditioning options. Each of the 23 rooms could have an individual unit at a cost of \$500 per room. Panels would also be needed to support the A/C units. Total cost is estimated to be \$36,000. Another option would be the split top units (similar to the new unit in the front office). Mr. Reiley is working with Melton Electric to get quotes for this option. The A/C options will be discussed at a future meeting.

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 started that **NO FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN** on any of these matters until the Board returns to Open Session.

Time: 7:10 PM.

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Powell

Roll Call: 7 ayes

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:29 PM.

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Approve employment of Jay Furniss as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Motion: Powell

Second: Kauffman

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve employment of Janet Healy as Lunchroom Supervisor

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Powell

Roll Call: 7 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Motion: Powell

Second: Ori

Voice Vote: All ayes

President

Date

Secretary

Date