

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Fitch, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Karmenzind, Mr. Lykins, Mr. Martin, Mr. Powell, Mrs. Westerdahl

Absent: None.

Others: Dr. Reiley, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Kleist, Mrs. Lykins

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Steven Pierson and Jean Youngren attended the meeting. Mr. Pierson addressed Board members concerning his daughter's safety at Monroe School.

ACTION ITEMS

B. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2017

C. Monthly Treasurer's Report

D. Payment of Bills

Motion to Approve Action Items B-D.

Motion: Westerdahl

Second: Lykins

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item E, Bond and Interest Resolution

Motion: Fitch

Second: Karmenzind

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item F, 2017 Tax Levy

Motion: Karmenzind

Second: Westerdahl

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item G, Risk Management Plan

Motion: Lykins

Second: Martin

Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item H, Go Math Contract

Motion: Westerdahl

Second: Powell

Roll Call: 7 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Day Care Survey – There were 54 responses to the online Facebook survey. Dr. Reiley was pleased with the number of responses indicating attending 5 full days a week, and also many positive responses for attending half days during the week. He will continue to seek more responses and update the Board accordingly.

- Health Life Safety Report – The recent school inspection found 3 issues: light duty extension cords in two separate rooms, decorative items hanging from classrooms, and a wax warmer in a classroom. All items have been addressed.
- State Waiver Request – The waiver was approved at the November Board meeting and submitted to the state. On Dec 4th, the ISBE processed the request. It will be sent in the Spring of 2018 to the General Assembly for consideration.
- SEAPCO Hiring Survey – This is the annual renewal, there are no anticipated changes for the 2018-2019 school year. Monroe’s psychological, OT, and speech needs will continue to be provided by SEAPCO.
- Lead Testing – The results of the tests came back good. The levels were well below the mandated levels. The kitchen area test was a bit higher than other areas, but still below the mandated levels. The recommendation is to post a sign in the kitchen area, indicating to run water for a few minutes before using. This will clear the lines of anything that might be present.
- Technology Update – Monroe recently purchased several OLLIE and SPHERO tech products for a coding pilot program. The items will be sent home with students over Christmas break to work on coding them. Monroe plans to integrate the tech products into the curriculum next semester.
- Grant Funds – Dr. Reiley reviewed the three grant funds. All grant funds are still waiting for formal approval. The new chrome books will be expensed with IDEA funds, with about \$680 remaining for intervention supplies. Title I funds expenses include \$25,000 for paraprofessional salaries and benefits, along with \$7,000 set for an activity table in the intervention room. Title II funds will provide \$13,000 of professional development instruction.
- Boiler Review – Dr. Reiley met with representatives from ENTEC. The Kewanee boiler (Jr. High hall) is 82% efficient. The Benchmark boiler (Elementary hall) is 87% - 90% efficient. It would not be beneficial to replace the Kewanee boiler just to recoup energy costs. The Kewanee boiler has a lot of life left yet, and it could be extended. Each individual boiler is large enough to cover a gym expansion. ENTEC will check, but it appears that both boilers are large enough to cover their existing space and possibly the entire building. ENTEC will work on a utility analysis.
- Gym Update – The gym has a seating capacity of 240. Gym needs are: increased seating, increased space around the perimeter, teams opposite stands, locker rooms, storage space, and a larger court. Dr. Reiley will be meeting with Scott Engstrom, a performance contractor to discuss options. Dr. Reiley and Mr. Haffner also suggest purchasing additional gym mats to place along the walls.

Mr. Pierson and Ms. Youngren left the meeting at 7:15 PM.

- Music Room – Dr. Reiley started a spreadsheet with the cost analysis of the two potential locations for the music room. Mr. Driscoll provided rough diagrams of what he hopes the spaces will entail. Needs are: larger room, better storage, and individual practice areas. Sound-proofing was estimated at \$9,000-\$10,000. They will continue to look at options to determine which location would work best.
- Board Goal #4 – Community/District Relations – Board members agreed that publishing Monroe’s recent test scores in the Flyer would be positive and promote the district’s achievements. The Flyer is distributed twice a year. The Monroe Newsletter is sent four times a year. Other means of communication are the school website, the marquee, and Facebook.
- Monthly Reports: The Board reviewed the following reports:
 - Monthly Budget Summary Report
 - On-Line Funds Report
 - Activity Fund Report
 - Revolving Fund Report

Enrollment Report
Curriculum Report

- Superintendent's Report – Several staff members attended the IETC conference. They shared the info they learned with other staff at a recent PD day.
- We will be ordering two bottled water filling stations to replace two drinking fountains – one in the Jr. High hallway and the other in the main hallway by the Superintendent's office. The estimated cost is \$1,000 each.
- Monroe has received compliments from other districts. Two separate districts complimented our boys' basketball team for helping to clean up the gym/bleacher area after games.
- Mrs. Kleist hosted a principals meeting last week. Many attendees complimented our technology curriculum and 21st classroom settings.

CLOSED SESSION – Mr. Franklin 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: 7:40 PM.

Motion: Karmenzind

Second: Powell

Roll Call: 7 ayes

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:15 PM.

There were no Action Items resulting from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 10:16 PM.

Motion: Karmenzind

Second: Westerdahl

Voice Vote: All ayes

President Date

Secretary Date