

**Monroe School District #70**  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
INTENT TO ISSUE WORKING CASH BONDS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015

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, Mrs. Braden, Mrs. Brake, Mrs. Haffner, Mr. Linsley, Mrs. Magee, Mrs. Still, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Williams

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct a Public Hearing for the Issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds to Increase the Working Cash Fund to the District

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON THE INTENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ISSUE WORKING CASH FUND BONDS TO INCREASE THE WORKING CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT.

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Anderson called for a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion: Westerdahl

Second: Franklin

Voice Vote: All Ayes

**MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015  
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. Karmenzind, Mr. Powell, Mrs. Westerdahl

Absent:

Others: Mr. Reiley, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Braden, Mrs. Brake, Mrs. Haffner, Mr. Linsley, Mrs. Magee, Mrs. Still, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Williams

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

## RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Special Education – Mrs. Brake and Mrs. Still explained the categories and definitions of the Special Education program. They explained the dynamics of the students along with any accommodations or modifications. They highlighted areas of concerns involving scheduling conflicts, instructions, and interventions.

## ACTION ITEMS

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2015
  - B. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2015
  - C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
  - D. Payment of Bills
- Motion to Approve Action Items A-D.  
Motion: Kauffman  
Second: Duncan  
Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item E, 2015 Certificate of Tax Levy

Motion: Duncan  
Second: Franklin  
Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item F, Risk Management Plan

Motion: Karmenzind  
Second: Westerdahl  
Roll Call: 7 ayes

## DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

American Appraisal – Mr. Reiley will discuss the recent appraisal with Monroe's insurance agent. It appears that we may be a little under-insured. UNLAND will review the appraisal to determine if the amount is under-insured, by how much, and if any additional coverage is needed.

School Maintenance Grant – ISBE wants clarification on separating our finances for the final close out of the maintenance grant. ISBE claims that many of the costs submitted are considered new construction and should not be allowed. When the original grant was submitted, we stipulated that it was to only be used for existing structure. Mr. Reiley will work with the architect and ISBE to resolve.

SEAPCO Hiring Survey – Monroe will continue to hire its special education services through SEAPCO. The presentation by Mrs. Brake and Mrs. Still will be discussed in closed session along with possible staff reductions.

Building and Grounds Meeting – Due to scheduling conflicts, the committee was not able to meet in December. They will reschedule for January.

Electric Costs - Ms. Johnson prepared a spreadsheet comparing the kWh and costs for the past three years. The costs increased this year due to the installation of the A/C units. Plans to reduce costs will include shutting off the units at specific times and on weekends.

Board Conference – Mr. Reiley and Mr. Karmenzind shared information with Board members about the conferences they attended. Several topics included school safety, communication, interactive technology, and the financial state of Illinois.

Working Cash Bond – The Board discussed the implication of a property tax freeze for Monroe. The district would have no ability to issue bonds. They would maintain current levy dollar revenues regardless of EAV. If positive, the EAV decreases; if negative, the EAV increases. Monroe would have the ability to fluid levy revenue to any fund. District philosophies: Max current levy if bonds are currently in place, raise current levy and re-issue bonds, or a combination of both.

School Report Card – The Board reviewed the results of Monroe’s PARCC and minutes teaching core subjects. Mr. Reiley included a sheet listing scores for area schools. Monroe’s Math scores for the Jr. High level were lower. Plans will be considered for increasing teaching minutes for Jr. High math

Monthly Reports - The Board re3viewed the following reports:

1. Monthly Budget Summary Report
2. Activity Fund Report
3. Revolving Fund Report
4. Enrollment Report – we will be losing 4-6 students over break.
5. Curriculum Report

Superintendent’s Report – Due to a recent inspection, we will be placing carbon monoxide detectors by each of the boilers. Water has been noticed by the front vestibule. Two options to consider – resurfacing the roof to re-shape the slope or a new gutter that effectively diverts water to the downspout.

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: 7:42 PM.  
Motion: Franklin  
Second: Karmenzind  
Roll Call: 7 ayes

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:34 PM.

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Approve the hiring of Jade Lyons as general cook.

Motion: Franklin  
Second: Duncan  
Roll Call: 7 ayes

Motion to Approve the hiring of Chelsey Sunderland as maternity leave sub.

Motion: Franklin  
Second: Karmenzind  
Roll Call: 7 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 8:35 PM.  
Motion: Franklin  
Second: Westerdahl  
Roll Call: all ayes

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President Date

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Secretary Date