

**MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**  
**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. Lykins, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Westerdahl

Absent: Mr. Karmenzind, Mr. Powell,

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Pat Linsley was present to observe the meeting.

Dr. Gresham, Dr. Ryder, and Mr. Bainter (from LCHS) presented information for the upcoming LCHS Referendum. They discussed the main goals for maintaining the current educational services and programs.

The referendum would stop borrowing, utilize taxpayer investments more efficiently, and maintain a consistent, appropriate, and responsible tax rate.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2018

B. Closed Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2018

C. Monthly Treasurer's Report

D. Payment of Bills

Motion to Approve Action Items A-D.

Motion: Fitch

Second: Westerdahl

Roll Call: 5 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Little Flyers – The daycare calendar would follow the regular Monroe school calendar with 223 operating days. Mrs. Kleist is working in the handbook. Dr. Reiley and Mrs. Kleist will meet with Mrs. Barnhart and Mrs. Klinedinst to get input for daily activities. Dr. Reiley will be looking to begin making purchases. Daycare rates will be set soon. This will be a daycare, not a pre-school. The option to eat a school lunch will be provided.
- Music Room – Mr. Driscoll has been obtaining estimates for sound proofing, carpet, storage/shelving units, steel fabricating, and chairs. At the March meeting we will review and discuss the option to make a decision. The purchases would be capital fund expenses. The purchases could possibly be approved at the April meeting.
- Available Expenditures – For the Title I grant we have \$3,000 left to spend on technology and \$7,000 to spend on active tables for the classrooms. Title II and IDEA grant funds have all been spent. There is approximately \$18,800 left in the lease purchase funds. Items we are considering are Smartboards and music room expenses.
- Lunch Prices - Monroe's prices are below what the ISBE indicates we should be charging. The prices are also the lowest of all area schools. The quality of the lunches has greatly improved. Ms. Kolowski will be using the ISBE lunch tool calculator to determine the suggested price. Discussion will continue at the March meeting.

- 2018-2019 School Calendar – Except for a few differences, Monroe will follow the LCHS calendar. We will have 2 institute days at the beginning of the school year. The breaks are all aligned with LCHS. The response to the PT Conferences being held for two evenings in the fall was favorable, so this year they will again be two evenings.
- Monthly Reports – the Board reviewed the following reports:
  1. Monthly Budget Summary Report
  2. On-Line Funds Report
  3. Activity Fund Report
  4. Revolving Fund Report
  5. Enrollment Report
  6. Curriculum Report
- Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Reiley attended workshops regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This act governs the public education policy. The act replaced its predecessor, the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and modified but did not eliminate provisions relating to the periodic standardized tests given to students.

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: 7:42 PM.

Motion: Lykins

Second: Fitch

Roll Call: 5 ayes

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50 PM.

There were no Action Items resulting from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 7:51 PM.

Motion: Franklin

Second: Westerdahl

Voice Vote: All ayes

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President Date

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Secretary Date