

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Powell, Mrs. Westerdahl

Absent: Mr. Duncan, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Karmenzind

Others: Mr. Reiley, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Kleist, Ms. Kolowski, Mr. Linsley

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Mrs. Kleist and Mr. Reiley are working on a school philosophy for Monroe to move forward with characteristics for a high performing school. They presented information of past school testing practices, along with changes in current testing.

Ms. Kolowski was present to give information and answer questions regarding the purchase of new kitchen equipment.

Mr. Linsley was present to observe the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2016
- B. Closed Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2016
- C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
- D. Payment of Bills

Motion to Approve Action Items A-D.

Motion: Powell

Second: Westerdahl

Roll Call: 4 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item E, Employment of John E. Meister CPA's for auditing services 15-16

Motion: Powell

Second: Westerdahl

Roll Call: 4 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item F, Technology Contract for Wendelin Group services 16-17

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Powell

Roll Call: 4 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS -

Summer Maintenance – The Board reviewed the cost proposal sheet. Projects include replacing carpet in the hallways and lounge. Also, painting of the hallways, ceilings, trim, and restrooms. There may be a possible issue with the removal of the old carpet. Some tiles may come loose. Mr. Reiley will continue to review the bids with a decision to be made soon.

Kitchen Equipment – The Board reviewed the price bids for new ranges and convection ovens. Ms. Kolowski answered questions about shipping and old equipment removal. Mr. Reiley and Ms. Kolowski will meet to narrow down quotes and to contact our Hobart representative about installation.

School Fees – Monroe’s fees are on the high end of the local school districts. The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the fee for technology and/or athletic fees. They decided to remain at \$65.00 for the next year.

AMPT Purchase – Mr. Reiley and Mrs. Kleist visited Alpha Park Library to see their marquee sign. Monroe received a proposal for a similar sized marquee sign. The bid, \$15,000 - \$22,000, is for a digital, single side marquee. AMPT has indicated they can support up to \$12,000 for the marquee. Mr. Reiley will continue to work with AMPT to make a selection.

Technology Purchases – Monroe will eliminate student machines in K-2 classrooms. These classrooms will have three Chromebooks per classroom. Mr. Reiley shared the results of the technology survey. Only a small percentage of students do not have access to technology at home.

21st Century Classrooms – The Language Arts classrooms designs for their proposed classrooms. Mr. Reiley and Mrs. Kleist will review the designs with the teachers to create a technology rich environment for learning.

Board Policies – The first and second set of policies are included in the packet. Mr. Reiley and Mr. Franklin will review these policies for the next Board meeting.

Building and Grounds Meeting – Members will discuss meeting dates for finalizing summer projects.

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

Superintendent’s Report - Mr. Reiley discussed having a PD day. A person from the Technology department at Princeville district would speak to Monroe staff about their school’s program. Discussion was also mentioned about staff Google training for summer. PARCC testing begins this week for 3-8 grades. The State of Illinois has not yet adopted a budget for K-12 education.

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: 7:38 PM.

Motion: Kauffman

Second: Westerdahl

Roll Call: 4 ayes

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

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Approve the hiring of Heather Pilgrim as third grade teacher.

Motion: Westerdahl

Second: Kauffman

Roll Call: 4 ayes

Motion to Approve the hiring of Tom Dunne as assistant baseball coach.

Motion: Westerdahl

Second: Powell
Roll Call: 4 ayes

Motion to Approve the hiring of Jay Furniss as assistant Jr. High basketball coach.

Motion: Powell
Second: Kauffman
Roll Call: 4 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn.

Time: 7:53 PM
Motion: Powell
Second: Westerdahl
Voice Vote: All Ayes

President Date

Secretary Date