

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2023
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Reiley called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Chitwood, Mr. Karmenzind, Mr. Lykins, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Pilgrim, Mr. Smith

Absent: McMullin

Others: Dr. Reiley, Mrs. Kleist

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Mrs. Freehill and Mr. Linsley were present to observe the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2023
- B. Building And Grounds Committee Meeting, April 10, 2023
- C. Monthly Treasurer's Report
- D. Payment of Bills

Motion to Approve Action Items A-D.

Motion: Karmenzind

Second: Smith

Roll Call: 6 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item E, Start Up Summer School Plan

Motion: Martin

Second: Pilgrim

Roll Call: 6 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item F, IESA Membership Renewal

Motion: Karmenzind

Second: Lykins

Roll Call: 6 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

May Dates / Activities - The Academic Excellence Banquet is May 22nd at Weaver Ridge.

Graduation will be May 23rd at 7:00 pm.

Board Elections / Vacancy – New Board members will be seated at the May meeting. We will look to appoint the vacant board seat at the June meeting.

Transportation Update – The August, September, and October invoices were corrected and paid this week. We will continue our discussion in May for the possibility of using a van to transport special education students.

Circle Drive – The bids were higher than we anticipated. We may look to separate the project into separate jobs to lessen the bid amount. We still have maintenance grant funds that need to be used. Tazewell County Asphalt came to look at blacktopping the back playground.

Monroe Tuition Requests – The week of April 24th, we will start interviews. Approvals will be made at the May Board meeting.

Inter Fund Transfer – Dr. Reiley reminded Board members that we will be transferring funds from the transportation fund to the O & M fund next month.

Tax Rate for 2022 Levy – The EAV increased almost 4%. This is good news for Monroe as it lowers our tax rate and increases our levy by about \$40,000.

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

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Reiley and the Board discussed the issue of “swatting”. Many schools in the area have recently been victims of swatting, also known as fake school shooter and or bomb threat calls. The Peoria County Sheriff’s Department provided a checklist designed to help school officials make informed decisions if a call is received.

CLOSED SESSION - Dr. Reiley 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: 8:00 PM.

Motion: Karmenzind

Second: Pilgrim

Roll Call: 6 ayes

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:14 PM

ACTION ITEMS RESULTING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Motion to Approve the Two Year Retirement Incentive (2023-2024, 2024-2025) School Years

Motion: Pilgrim

Second: Karmenzind

Roll Call: 6 ayes

Motion to Approve the Hiring of Samantha Heuermann as 6th Grade Teacher

Motion: Lykins

Second: Martin

Roll Call: 6 ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Time: 8:15 PM

Motion: Pilgrim

Second: Smith

Voice Vote: all ayes

President

Date

Secretary

Date