

MONROE SCHOOL DISTRICT #70
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Chitwood, Mr. McMullin

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION

Mrs. Borland was present to observe the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2021

B. Closed Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2021

C. Monthly Treasurer's Report

D. Payment of Bills

Motion to Approve Action Items A-D.

Motion: Karmenzind

Second: Smith

Roll Call: 5 ayes

Motion to Approve Action Item E, Approval of American Rescue Plan / ESSER III

Motion: Lykins

Second: Martin

Roll Call: 5 ayes

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

School Maintenance Grants – We are toward the end of this grant. With the recent rains, we had water leaks in the kitchen area. The roofers have been working to fix the leaks and fix the gutter issues. Within the next week, we hope to sign off on the roof replacement.

We have applied for a new maintenance grant but have not received word of the approval yet. This is a \$50,000 grant with 100% matching funds. Along with fencing, we are looking to put in a circle drive by the back side of the Jr. High area. Estimated cost is around \$43,000. There are drainage issues that will need to be addressed.

Other ISBE grants – Monroe has received a technology grant for \$35,297 and an additional \$9,336 in relief funds. The tech grant will be allocated toward flat interactive panels and chrome books. We plan to allocate the relief funds toward the elementary bathroom remodel.

National Investigations – This fall we will be investigating some families that are most likely not residents of our district.

ELA Textbook Selection Overview – The textbook committee met today. We narrowed the process down to 3 selections. Over the next few months we will be deciding which ELA series to pilot for the winter / spring.

Board Strategic Planning – Nov. 10th - Dr. Reiley reminded Board members of the November 10th meeting at 4:30 pm. Board members were given the 2015 goals to review. The presenter, Reatha Owens, will be sending a survey to the attendees.

Monthly Reports – The Board reviewed the following reports:

- a. Budget Summary Report
- b. On-Line Activity Funds Report
- c. Activity Fund Report
- d. Revolving Fund Report
- e. Enrollment Report

Superintendent’s Report – Fencing proposals were estimated at \$6,100. We will be looking at accepting a bid. There is some excavating work and additional rock/fill that needs to be completed.

Dr. Reiley informed the Board of a potential lawsuit involving several area schools. The lawsuit issue revolves around the state mask mandate. Monroe School has not been contacted and is not involved.

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

Time: 7:52 PM.

Motion: Martin

Second: Pilgrim

Voice Vote: all ayes

President

Date

Secretary

Date