

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria
August 14, 2006
6:30 p.m.

Present were Jack Elliott, Greg Gore, Scott Everett, Nancy Dorsett, James Shields, and Paul Kaiser.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal, made the first presentation. The elementary school will have their Back-to-School nights on August 15th and August 16th. Mr. Sampson noted that enrollment for the elementary school had increased this year.

The next speaker was Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, Mrs. Monahan distributed copies of the middle school handbook to board members. She noted that the Back-to-School night for the middle school would be August 28th.

The final speaker was Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia High School principal. He began by noting that there was an adjustment to the “passing times” for the students. The Back-to-School night for the high school is August 21st.

III. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to add boys' and girls' golf as an interscholastic team for the Monrovia Middle School effective with the 2006-07 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to purchase the Hosten Bible Property located at 185 S. Chestnut for \$110,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to authorize the superintendent to seek appraisals on the approximately 1.06 acres that the Morgan County Library is interested in purchasing from the school corporation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

The motion to accept the offer by the Morgan County Library to purchase approximately 1.06 acres of property located between State Road 39, Indiana Street, and Illinois Street at a price to be determined by the average of two appraisals was tabled.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve claims #6770 through #6897 in the amount of \$2,880,469.33. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

V. Personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the employment recommendations a listed with salary within the parameter of the approved salary schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jim Shields and carried 5-0.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Paul Kaiser welcomed Ms. Cheryl Bemenderfer as the Special Education Aide at Monrovia Middle School.

VII. Construction Updates Change Orders

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the change orders as listed for Monrovia Elementary/Middle School. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

Change Order #0013

Change Order #0004

MHS HVAC PROJECT

Mr. Kaiser, Superintendent, advised board and audience members that “this project may not be completed 100% on the first day of school, but by the end of the school week the project should be in good shape.”

VIII. Staff Development, Trips, and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the high school jazz band trip to New York during April 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gore and carried 5-0.

IX. Policy and Guideline Considerations

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the Wellness Policy for the Monroe-Gregg School District with the following changes:

IX. Policy and Guideline Considerations (continued)

Page 1 - Item numbers 2 and 6 are deleted

Page 2 – Item #3 should read: “All vending machines for students will not be in operation during the school day.”

Page 3 –Item numbers 4 & 6: the word must will be deleted and the sentences will include the word encouraged

Item #8 will be deleted.

Mr. Gore’s motion was seconded by Mr. Shields and carried 5-0.

Review of Policy #5610

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to continue the current board policy #5610. Mr. Shields’ motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5 –0.

Review of Policy #5111

After discussion and review of this policy, the board consensus was to continue to accept or deny a student from a district which borders Monroe-Gregg on an individual basis. The board will consider the requested transfer based on a student’s academic and discipline records.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to accept the transfer request from Mr. John Hayes on behalf of his daughter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

X. Board/Committee Appointment

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to appoint Scott Everett to the Athletic Council and Review Board. Mr. Greg Gore seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

XI. Board/Committee Appointments (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to appoint Mr. James Shields and Mr. Greg Gore to the Community Advisory Council. Mrs. Nancy Dorsett seconded the motion Dorsett which carried 5-0.

The board discussed appointing the Community Advisory Council liaisons as the Monrovia Town Council members, however, no action was taken.

The appointments to the School-to-Work Committee, MHS School Parent Advisory Council, the MMS School Parent Advisory Council and the MES School Parent Advisory Council appointments were tabled.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve that the superintendent, or a designee of the superintendent be appointed to open and tabulate bids in connection with the purchase of supplies, material or equipment, or for the construction or alteration of any building or facility, or any similar purpose. Any bids opened by the committee shall be reported to the school board at its next meeting following such bid opening, or the next meeting following the review of the bids and recommendation in such cases as a recommendation is necessary from architects, engineers, etc. This committee shall have no authority to accept or reject any bid, which authority shall remain with the school board, as required by law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

XII. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

The Superintendent and board members thanked the building principals for a great start to the school year. Mr. Kaiser noted that instituting the Success Period would make a difference for students.

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XIII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett