

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monroe-Gregg School District**  
**Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria**  
**March 12, 2007**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Student of the Month

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary principal, spoke first congratulating fourth grader, Mikayla Yancey on being chosen as the elementary school's Student of the Month. Mr. Sampson stated that Mikaya is a positive role model for her classmates.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, introduced sixth grader Robby Marley as the middle school's Student of the Month. She said that Robby was chosen because he is a model student who displays many acts of kindness to his teachers and peers.

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Principals' Report

The Monrovia High school Student of the Month was senior Shayla Black. Shayla was introduced by Mr. Duffy Hagist who noted that Shayla is a senior ranked fifth in her class, a member of National Honor Society, and leads others by her example.

Mrs. Monahan introduced MacKenzie Campbell to the Board and audience members. MacKenzie received a Certificate of Excellence from the Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees for her award winning essay "*What Freedom Means.*" MacKenzie entered her essay in the Sertoma Club contest and was the district winner for Morgan County.

The next speaker was Dr. Robert Boyd, Professor, Department of Educational Leadership, Indiana State University. Dr. Boyd presented his report titled *Study of Community and Student Demographics for Monroe- Gregg School District*. Some of the areas highlighted in his reports were: purpose of the study, demographic comparisons for Morgan County and the State of Indiana, population of political subdivisions of Morgan County and the State of Indiana, census data for Morgan County, total population of political subdivisions of Morgan County, projected population by age cohorts, student population of Monroe-Gregg School District and neighboring school corporations, profile of general demographic characteristics for Monroe-Gregg, Morgan County and the State of Indiana, corporation-wide enrollments by grade level, number of live births in Morgan County and the number of students entering kindergarten five years later, kindergarten enrollment projected by birth data and historical data, average continuation rate percentages, and the enrollments projected by birth rates.

Dr. Boyd's summation was that the short term planning for educational and instructional space should be based on approximately 650 elementary students, 400 middle school students and 500 high school students. He further advised that he would continue to

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monitor the Corporation's growth and would report back to the Board. After the question and answer session, the Board thanked Dr. Boyd for his report.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, principal of Monrovia Middle School, reported on the current and future activities in the middle school. She also distributed information regarding the new after school club called Afternoons R.O.C.K. This club is provided by the Barbara B. Jordan YMCA and is funded by FSSA/Division of Mental Health and Addiction.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal, acknowledged Mrs. Berlin and Mrs. Brenner for their leadership with the math bowl team. The team placed second during their recent competition. He reported that attendance was approximately 1,000 over a two night period for the annual Grandparents Night/chili supper. Mr. Sampson thanked the community for their donations and support.

Mr. Sampson presented the curriculum report on full-day kindergarten. He gave a brief synopsis regarding the possibilities facing the corporation if kindergarten becomes full day. Some of the possibilities include: all day kindergarten for those students who qualify for free/reduced textbooks and lunches; full day for those parents willing to pay a fee; and also offer a half day for those parents who want a half day kindergarten. Mr. Sampson also reported on the academic and social benefits of a full day classroom. He then introduced Mrs. Melissa York, who is the current teacher for the Title I full day kindergarten class

Mrs. York advised the board that her daily schedule includes: reading groups, whole group instruction, and center times which provide hands-on experiences. She noted that an all day kindergarten allows the teacher enough time to assess each child frequently and more time to prepare students for the first grade.

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After questions and comments from Mr. Kaiser and Board members, the Board thanked Mrs. York for her presentation.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia High School principal, gave the final presentation to the Board. He began by informing Board and audience members of the current and future activities in the high school.

Mr. Hagist distributed copies of the high school's proposed Alternative Education program. The report included a mission statement, standards, student eligibility, and the procedure to be followed for completing an application. Mr. Hagist noted that he had visited other schools where the Alternative Education program had been implemented and they advised him that the program should begin with a small number of students. He suggested that the program begin with five students. He stated that there are ninety-six schools in the State that currently have an Alternative Education program in place.

Mr. Hagist also provided the Board with information regarding the Work Release program. He noted that this program would be separate from the Alternative Education program. He advised that students enrolled in this program would leave two periods earlier in the day to go to work. This program has the potential to increase attendance and graduation rates.

Mr. Hagist requested that the Board allow him to file the application for this program. He stated that this program must be in place ninety days before school starts. Also, he requested Board approval to allow him to continue to seek funding through grants and to seek Area 31 support in the Work Release program.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the Work Release program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Everett and carried 4-0.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2007 regular meeting and executive session of the same date. Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve claims #7746 through #7886 in the amount of \$1,042,735.44, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

V. Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. James Shields to accept the employment recommendations as listed with the salary within the parameter of the approved salary schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the recommendation of Ms. Krista Gray to the middle school softball coach position for the spring of 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no comments from the audience regarding any agenda item.

VII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields accept the \$150 donation to the elementary school from the Mooresville Delta Iota Chapter of Kappa, Kappa, Kappa Sorority. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 4-0.

VII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to advertise for the purchase of buses from the 2007 Bus Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

VIII. Staff Development, Trips and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the Advanced Spanish class Experiencing Spanish Culture in Chicago on April 25, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

IX. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar as presented, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

X. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

The following agenda items were presented by Mr. Kaiser:

The Disaster Recovery Plan – Mr. Kaiser reported that this plan is now in place.

Hall Learning Center Committee – This Committee will have its first meeting on March 20, 2007. The Committee is comprised of teachers, community members, Board members, Mr. Kaiser, and Mrs. Bombei.

Board Retreat for March 26, 2007 – An agenda will be posted at a later date.

CPF Plan Draft – Mr. Kaiser noted that the football building project cannot wait and he will be accepting estimates and quotes for this project. Other projects will be discussed during future meetings.

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XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

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Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett