

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monroe-Gregg School District**  
**Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria**  
**April 16, 2007**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 6:33p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Student of the Month

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary principal, spoke first congratulating fourth grader, Elaine Giza on being chosen as the elementary school's Student of the Month. Mr. Sampson stated that Elaine is a student who exemplifies the elementary's character traits. Elaine is a good role model for others and does the right thing every day.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, introduced Kelsey Schultz as the middle school's Student of the Month. She said that Kelsey is cheerful, pleasant, and a great student who gets along well with others.

II. Curriculum Building Updates, and Other Reports (continued)  
Principals' Report

The Monrovia High school Student of the Month was senior Sam Perry. Sam was introduced by Mr. Duffy Hagist, high school principal. Mr. Hagist noted that Sam is in the top ten of the senior class, a member of the Academic Competition team, and a member of National Honor Society. He stated that Sam is "extremely optimistic and enthusiastic."

Mr. Chris Sampson, elementary school principal, advised the board of the number of students registered for kindergarten screening and the recent North Central Association data team visit. He also thanked the current PTO officers for their service during this school year and Tri Kappa for sponsoring the third grade field trip to the symphony.

Mr. Sampson also discussed with the board that the elementary school will house children ages three to five during the month of May. These children were attending a local day care agency that will close at the end of April. He stated that this will not cost taxpayers. The parents will continue to pay for the child care services and that money will pay the salaries of the employees needed as well as breakfast and lunch for the children.

Mr. Paul Kaiser, superintendent, explained why the elementary school will provide this service and spoke briefly discussing the possible use of Hall Elementary as an early childhood learning center.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, middle school principal, was the next speaker. She began by noting that there were currently 220 students involved in extra curricular activities. A letter was sent to the parents of fifth grade students inviting them to the sixth grade

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports (continued)

orientation program. Several students attended the recent space camp and Mrs. Monahan reported that they represented the school well.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, high school principal, was the final principal to speak. The high school was visited by the North Central Association Accreditation Committee and Mr. Hagist reported that the exit interview was very positive. He commended the drama department for the spring play and Mrs. Goodpaster for her efforts on behalf of the MIT alternative approach to education program. There are several upcoming events for the high school and Mr. Hagist invited board members to attend.

Mrs. Mary Mann, Director of Special Education, noted that April is Autism Awareness month. She reported that eight percent of special needs students are classified as autistic which is above the national average.

Mr. Kaiser advised the board that due to the decentralization of the West Central Co-op, the corporation will need a "living skills" position. This will be a cost neutral position for the corporation and will be presented for approval at a future meeting.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2007 regular meeting and executive sessions on March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shield's motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0. Mr. Scott Everett was not available for this vote.

IV. Claims

Mrs. Kelly Dillon, Corporation Treasure, advised the board that their claim packets included a claim that was not in their original packet. The additional claim was the last major payment to Performance Service.

IV. Claims (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve claim #7887 through #8036, in the amount of \$1,331,709.34. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

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. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to secure a Science/Math teacher for Monrovia High School effective the fall of 2007, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to begin middle school baseball for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve sixth grade girls' volleyball for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the summer camp information as presented, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the Summer Driver's Education program as presented, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

VI Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mrs. Crystal McCloud, Monroe-Gregg Corporation bus driver, spoke to the board and

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items (continued)

audience members expressing her concerns regarding the elementary school housing children ages 3-5 which were displaced due to the closing of the local daycare. Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Sampson assured Mrs. McCloud that tax-payers' money would not be used to fund this program. The children's parents will continue to pay for daycare for their child or children. She was also concerned that this service was being provided to only a few parents. Mr. Kaiser responded that this service was not exclusively for the displaced daycare children.

VII. Construction Updates Change Orders

A motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to purchase three portable classrooms from Westfield Washington Schools at a cost of \$12,500 per unit. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields.

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, opened the motion for discussion. Mrs. Nancy Dorsett asked that the motion be tabled until more information is received. Mr. Kaiser noted that the portable classrooms were needed for potential growth as well as full day kindergarten. He also described the portables and spoke of the cost effectiveness of using this solution at this time.

Mr. Sampson stated that the building is at capacity for usable space. He spoke of the rooms that might be available for possible expansion and the number of rooms that may be needed for the 2007-08 school year.

After discussion and review the board voted on Mrs. Dorsett's motion to table this agenda item pending more information. There were two board members that voted in favor of the purchase and two board members that voted to table the purchase. Board President, Jack Elliott broke the tie vote by voting to table the purchase at this time.

VII. Construction Updates Change Orders (continued)

Board members and Mr. Kaiser agreed to schedule another meeting within two weeks to discuss the purchase of portable classrooms as well as the Special Education Living Skills position.

VIII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to accept the bid from Midwest Transit for the purchase of two transit buses at a total cost of \$185,968 from the 2007 Bus Replacement Plan, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the elementary reading and handwriting textbook adoption for 2007 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

IX. Staff Development, Trips and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the band trip request to Dublin, Ireland to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the Physics students' participation in a trip to Kings Island to experience first-hand the laws of physics. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

IX. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to transfer the remaining appropriation of \$25,263 from the 2006 Bus Replacement Fund to the Rainy Day Fund per board policy, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

IX. Other Business and Information (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to reduce the overall tax rate policy as presented on the Department of Local Government Finance budget for 1798 from the advertised rate of \$1.802 to \$1.6487, or a reduction of .1533 and to make the necessary changes in each individual fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

X. Committee and Community Reports

The following information was distributed to the board and audience members:  
CAC meeting date – Tuesday, May 8, 2007 - 7:00 pm  
Hall Learning Center meeting date - Tuesday, April 24, 2007 - 7:00 pm

XI. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Kaiser thanked Mr. Sampson and Mrs. Bombei for their work on the early childhood learning center.

XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

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Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett