

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria
May 14, 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 second grader, Nick Shields on being chosen as the elementary school's Student of the Month. Mr. Sampson stated that Nick is a student, who is cooperative, responsible, trustworthy, a good example for others, and helpful to his classmates.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, introduced Lauren Kennedy as the middle school's Student of the Month. She said that Lauren is warm, talented, and has a smile for everyone.

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

The Monrovia High School Student of the Month was Lauren Long. Lauren was introduced by Mr. Duffy Hagist, high school principal. Mr. Hagist noted that Lauren would receive an academic honors diploma, was a class officer and Senior Athlete of the Year. She is an excellent role model who leads with a quiet confidence.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, middle school principal, presented the first building report. The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony was held on April 26th and fourteen students were inducted into the Society. The middle school's awards day will be held on May 31st.

Mr. Chris Sampson, elementary school principal, advised the board that the elementary school had received the North Central Association's accreditation report which was positive and complimentary. The elementary school received accreditation status as a result of this visit. He noted the fifth grade field trip, and the upcoming events during the month of May. The elementary awards day will be held on May 24th for the pre-school, May 30th for grades one through four, and May 31st for the fifth grade awards and graduation. The kindergarten graduation will also be held in the morning and afternoon of May 31st.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia High School principal, noted that the high school also received the North Central Association's accreditation. Mr. Hagist spoke of his appreciation for the high school staff during the past week's teacher appreciation activities. He highlighted the upcoming activities in the high school and noted that Shayla Black and Lauren Long were the female athletes of the year and Andrew Griswell was the male athlete of the year.

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

Mr. Duffy Hagist, high school principal, distributed copies of his proposal for an alternative-to-traditional school approach for some students. This was a program that Mr. Hagist first introduced to the Board during the April 2007 board meeting.

The administrative team responsible for this proposal conducted a needs analysis which showed that a number of students would benefit from completing high school in a non-traditional setting. Mr. Hagist's report included the project name, which is the Monrovia School of Integrated Technology (MIT), the mission statement, equipment needed to establish the school, materials, administration, and the methods used for student identification.

After discussion and review a motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the Monrovia School of Integrated Technology. Mr. Shield' motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal, spoke briefly outlining the status of full day kindergarten. He noted that the 2006/07 Indiana legislature allocated monies for full day kindergarten. However there is a grant process used to apply for the money. The grant has a June 25th deadline. Any money received from the State will not be paid "up front" but will probably be received in December. Mr. Sampson noted that Title I monies may be used in conjunction with full day kindergarten. He stated that the Corporation must now re-evaluate how a full-day program will work.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Middle School principal, distributed copies of the 2007-08 teacher schedule. The schedule was broken into core subjects. She noted that Mr. Chuck Schafer will be coming from the high school to teach seventh grade art and Mr. Brian Willett will teach sixth, seventh, and eighth grade band. She stated that there are currently 328 students enrolled in grades six, seven, and eight.

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

Mrs. Mary Mann, Director of Special Education, introduced Mrs. Tammy Brenneman as the Paraprofessional of the Year. Mrs. Brenneman was presented with a plaque and a paperweight.

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 April 16th board meeting, the April 16th Executive Session, and the April 25th board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the claim #8037 through #81657 in the amount of \$1,037,081.40, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Doreset, and carried 5-0.

V. Personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to add a part time Art Teacher to Monrovia Middle School, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve an additional fourth grade teaching position for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

V. Personnel (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to add an additional English/Social Studies teacher for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Jim Shields to approve the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 contract between the Monroe-Gregg Teachers Association and the Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees.

During the discussion of Mr. Shield's motion, Mr. Gore expressed his concern regarding the *Memorandum of Agreement – Salary 2007-08*. The *Memorandum* states that the "salary schedule shall be reopened for the 2007-2008 school year should on December 1, 2007 the amount of funding available to the General Fund as reported by the Indiana Department of Education Basic Grant equal or exceed three percent (3%)."

Mr. Gore stated that during the fact-finding session of the last contract there were many items presented by the Association that he did not approve of. His concern is that the tone, from the Association, may not change if the contract is re-opened. Mr. Kaiser stated that the entire contract must be agreed upon. The motion was voted upon and carried 4-1.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the employment recommendations as listed with the salary within the parameter of the approved salary schedule, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0 with 1 abstention.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

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

VII. Construction Updates Change Orders

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to accept the quote from Tyson Corporation to move three portable classrooms to Monrovia Elementary School at a cost of \$37,483. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

VIII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to advertise for food service bids effective July 1, 2007, seconded by James Shields and carried 5-0.

IX. Staff Development, Trips and Projects
Hall Early Education Center Presentation

The first speaker was Mrs. Michelle Bombei who spoke briefly updating board members on the Peek-a-Boo Day Care's transition into the elementary school. Mrs. Bombei then introduced Mrs. Tammy Denny.

Mrs. Denny gave a brief synopsis of the vision and the core beliefs of the Hall Early Education Center. She also noted that there is not a licensed child care center in the Monroe-Gregg Township community. Mrs. Denny distributed copies of the current daily schedule and discussed the current staffing needs. Mrs. Denny introduced Mrs. Diane Poteet, the Director of the Head Start Program.

Mrs. Poteet spoke of the Head Start Program and what it has accomplished since it's establishment in 1965 as part of the "War on Poverty" program. She noted that there are currently seventeen children from the Monroe-Gregg District that are attending Martinsville or Mooresville Head Start Programs. If there was a program in Monroe-Gregg the monies would be directed to the Monroe-Gregg School District.

Mr. Paul Kaiser, Superintendent, noted that we currently have an empty building and The Hall Early Education Center will be 100% self sufficient by the end of the 2007-2008

IX. Hall Early Learning Center Presentation (continued)

school year. Mr. Kaiser stated that the Education Center would serve the community, there would be no impact on taxpayers, the District would received some monies toward utility payments, and many parents would be served in a positive manner.

X. Other Business and Information (continued)

After discussion and review the Board took no action on this agenda item. The board members thanked all those who presented information to the Board.

XI. Policy and Guideline Considerations

After discussion and review the motion was made by Mr. James Shields to table the approval of board policy updates provided by NEOLA. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the Monrovia Elementary Handbook seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

XII. Committee and Community Reports

The Hall Committee meeting was rescheduled.

XIII. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

The 2008-09 school calendar was distributed and the PBA days will continue to be half days.

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XIV. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett