

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria
June 11, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Present were Jack Elliott, Nancy Dorsett, Greg Gore and Paul Kaiser.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, presented Mrs. Kelly Dillon, Corporation Treasurer and Mrs. Christy Carter, Assistant Corporation Treasurer, with framed certificates for their accomplishments and participation in various workshops.

Building Reports

Mr. Chris Sampson, elementary school principal, spoke briefly. He began by noting that there were twenty-six new students enrolled since the end of the school year. The pillars, for the portables, are in place. The elementary teachers' retreat this year has been moved from June to July and there are several workshops being offered to the teachers.

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

Building Reports (continued)

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, middle school principal, stated that the middle school handbook changes has been distributed to board members and she also distributed copies of the letter that will be sent to parents in July as well as copies of the academic contract.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, high school principal, noted that the Fine Arts program was a great success as was the under classmen ceremony. He thanked the board for their participation in the graduation ceremonies. Mr. Hagist informed the board that the senior teacher award was presented to Mrs. Linda Hutsell.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the minutes of the May 14th board and executive session meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the claim #8168 through #8318 in the amount of \$1, 291,302.37, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore, and carried 3-0.

V. Personnel

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore continue the full day kindergarten pilot program

V. Personnel (continued)

at Monrovia Elementary School and hire kindergarten teachers for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 3-0. During the discussion of this agenda item, Mr. Kaiser noted that the State has not yet determined the amount of funding they will contribute to full day kindergarten. The amount could be anywhere from \$500 to \$2,500 per child. This will necessitate a sliding scale for parents willing to pay for a full day program. The cost would be approximately \$70 to \$80 per week. There will be a full day kindergarten for those students who qualify based on their reading levels.

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. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 3-0.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

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

VII. Construction Updates Change Orders

Mr. Kaiser reported that there was still some electrical work that needed to be completed before finalizing the permit for the portables. This will delay the work approximately one week.

VIII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to accept the \$42,865.59 quote from Logic Key, Inc. for a new district student management system. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 3-0.

Each building principal spoke in favor of the new system. Mr. Hagist stated that the

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

program is user friendly. Mr. Sampson like the communicator component of the system and Mrs. Monahan noted the accountability with parents/teachers being on the “same page.”

The board asked about the security of this system and Mr. Kaiser replied that we “should be in good shape – the firewalls are in place.”

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to accept Educational Services to provide actuarial services, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0.

IX. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to authorize Head Start to utilize the Hall building for early childhood education. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 3-0.

During the discussion period of this agenda item, Mr. Kaiser informed the board that the Head Start program would utilize two classrooms and one office and may need another area later. He noted that the Corporation may have some expenses up front, however, Head Start will pay for use of the building.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the Monroe-Gregg School to begin a one year pilot program for early childhood education at the Hall building. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to borrow from the bond bank the amounts

IX. Other Business and Information (continued)

listed below because of the delay in receiving our June taxes from Morgan County. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 3-0.

Capital Projects	\$73,422
Debt Service	\$685,919
General	\$893,377
Pension Debt Services	\$37,744
Transportation	\$84,255
Bus Replacement	\$34,807

Mrs. Kelly Dillon, Corporation Treasurer, stated that the interest charged would not be more than 6 ½ %.

X. Policy and Guideline Consideration

The motion was made by Mrs. Dorsett to approve the Monrovia Middle School Student Handbook, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the Monrovia Middle School Textbook Rental for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mrs. Drosett and carried 3-0.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the Monrovia Elementary Textbook Rental for the 2007-2008 school year, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0.

XI. Committee and Community Report

This agenda item was presented by Mr. Kaiser. He began by noting that the band and choir had received awards from the Inter-State Music Association.

The Corporation had received a letter from Ross Holloway Engineering advising that they were requesting a zoning amendment. Mr. Kaiser's concern was that the entrance for the subdivision would be on State Road 39 close to the elementary school's campus. He stated that he would be attending the Monrovia Planning Meeting on June 12th to express his concerns.

XII. Board Members and Superintendent Comments

July Board Meeting

Mr. Kaiser will be out of town on the date of the July board meeting. He requested that the meeting date be changed to July 12th. After discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Dorsett that the July meeting be changed to July 12th at 7:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in the Superintendent's office. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gore and carried 3-0.

Summer Board Retreat and Board Goals

Mr. Kaiser requested that the board members submit long-term goals and other items they would like to discuss during the retreat. He noted that this would be a working session. He stated that the retreat could be during the summer or during early fall.

The board replied that they would respond with dates and discussion points.

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XIII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mrs. Dorsett to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett