

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monroe-Gregg Administration Center
July 12, 2007
8:30 a.m.

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

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Greg Gore nominated Mr. Jack Elliott as board President, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett as Vice-President, and Mr. Scott Everett as Secretary for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Gore's nomination carried 3-0 with 1 abstention.

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to set the regular meeting dates on the second Monday of each month with meetings to begin at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 4-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to designate *The Times* and *The Reporter* as the publications the Monroe-Gregg School District shall use to publish notices. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 4-0.

BOARD MEMBER SALARIES

Mr. Kaiser, Monroe-Gregg Superintendent, suggested that the board members salaries could be set at \$2,000 per year with \$112.00 for each regular meeting, and \$67.00 for each executive session.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to continue the status quo for board members to receive salaries at \$2,000 per year. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 4-0.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD (continued)

APPOINTMENTS

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to appoint Kelly Dillon as Treasurer and Christy Carter as Deputy Treasurer, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 4-0.

AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to authorize the purchase of bonds in the amount of \$100,000 Treasurer and \$20,000 for the Deputy Treasurer and authorize the Board President to execute said bonds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to retain Steve Harris as attorney for the periods of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a retainer of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 4-0.

Mr. Harris, Corporation Attorney, noted that this fee was for attending regular meetings and that he would receive an additional \$150.00 per hour for services received outside of regular meetings.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to authorize Kelly Dillon as Treasurer and Christy Carter as Deputy Treasurer to invest available funds in accordance with applicable statutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

The motion was made by Nancy Dorsett to authorize Treasurer Kelly Dillon to execute inter-fund loans as required to maintain positive balances during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD (continued)

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to authorize Treasurer Kelly Dillon to honor obligated personnel, tax, insurance, and retirement payments, recording such in the claim docket for board approval at a regular meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to authorize Treasurer Kelly Dillon to pay legal claims containing discounts requiring payment prior to the next scheduled regular meeting, to pay bulk mailing postage, purchase stamps and required deposits with claims submitted for board approval at the next scheduled regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Scott Everett was appointed to the Athletic Council and Review Board.

Mr. James Shields and Mr. Greg Gore were appointed to the Community Advisory Council.

Mr. James Shields and Mr. Jack Elliott were appointed as liaisons to the Monrovia Town Council.

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett was appointed to the Hall Building Committee.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore 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, pursuant to **Indiana Code 20-5-3-5**. 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 within the school board, as required by law.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD (continued)

This motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 4-0.

Board members also received information regarding the Administrative Appointments for the upcoming school year 2007-2008.

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MONROE-GREGG ADMINISTRATION CENTER
JULY 12, 2007**

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

This agenda item was addressed during Construction Updates/Change Orders.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the minutes of the June 11th and June 21st Regular Board meetings and the June 11th Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the claim #8319 through #8435 in the amount of \$1,740,497.06, was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett. After discussion and review the motion carried 4-0.

V. Personnel

Mr. Kaiser, Superintendent, advised that the approval of the Personnel Report included the approval of a three (3%) increase in salary, which is in line with what the teaching staff had previously received, for the administrators, athletic director and Mrs. Michelle Bombei, Assistant Principal for the elementary school.

A 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 Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

VI Public Comment on Agenda Item

The *Mooreville Times* reporter asked several questions regarding the June board minutes and the appointment of the board representative for the Athletic Council for 2007-08.

VII. Construction Updates Change Orders

This agenda item was presented by Mr. Kaiser. He noted that the football building will need a new connector added for more water pressure. Mr. Elliott suggested portables be added to the visitor side of the field during the football season.

The portable classrooms for the elementary school are delivered, however, the telephone

VII. Construction Updates Change Orders (continued)

and computer network are still to be installed. Mr. Kaiser noted that most of the furniture has been delivered. The sidewalk will not be poured until the local electric company (REMC) has completed their installation.

The Hall Early Education Learning Center has been painted and cleaned and will be “ready to go” when school begins. Mr. Kaiser stated that there are several structural issues that will need to be addressed in the long term.

Also, Mr. Kaiser suggested that he had been approached regarding renting a room in the older section of the Hall building to a dance studio. He felt that renting a section would help off-set the cost of utilities for this building and may generate additional monies for the building. Mr. Kaiser stated that \$250 per room would be an appropriate amount to charge for a room. The board consensus was that this was an appropriate amount to charge with additional room rates to be based on a square footage amount with a one year lease.

VIII. Staff Development, Trips and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the Middle School Cheerleaders to attend camp at Ohio State University, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

IX. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to grant permission to advertise the 2008 budget for all funds, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

Mr. Scott Everett left the meeting after the above referenced vote.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the high school book rental fees for 20007-08 school year, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0.

IX. Other Business and Information (continued)

The board members asked Mr. Kaiser about the future of all-day kindergarten during the 2007-08 school year. He replied that nothing had been set at this point. There will be a full day kindergarten for students who qualified for Title I services. Also, there would be another full day kindergarten class for parents willing to pay for the class(es).

Mr. Kaiser noted that he believed the kindergarten class enrollment numbers of 18 per class were not realistic and that he would rather increase the kindergarten class size to 24 students and hire an aide for that classroom. Mr. Kaiser stated that hiring an aide for the kindergarten class(es) which may have 24 students would not apply to hiring an aide for the uppergrade level classes which may have more than twenty-four students.

X. Policy and Guideline Considerations

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the board policy updates provided by NEOLA (Northeast Ohio Learning Association), seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, and carried 3-0.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the changes to the high school student handbook, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0.

XI. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Kaiser advised that there would be a staff breakfast served on the first day teachers return to school. The teachers return on August 13th and all board members are invited to attend the breakfast.

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XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett