

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria
September 10, 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 6:32 p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Student of the Month

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary principal, spoke first congratulating second grade student, Taylor Fox. Taylor was described as a student who is always willing to help others and a good student who is always smiling.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, introduced Cory Potter as the middle school's Student of the Month. She said that Cory is a good student, has a great attitude and is helpful to others.

The Monrovia High School Student of the Month, Danielle Piechocki, was introduced by Mr. Duffy Hagist, high school principal. Mr. Hagist noted that Danielle is a member

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Principals' Report

of National Honor Society and this past summer participated in an honors program at Indiana University. She is a peer tutor in math, the soccer captain, a member of Drama Club and an excellent role model.

The first speaker was Mr. Paul Kaiser, Monroe-Gregg Superintendent. He reported on the progress at the Hall Early Childhood center. His report included the number of students currently enrolled. Mr. Kaiser noted that the building inspection was completed and the students had been in the building since the day after Labor Day. He stated that there were some "minor adjustments" and that he would provide more details as they became available.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia High School principal advised the board that: ISTEP would be occurring later in the month, the Back-to-School night was successful, football homecoming would occur on September 13th, and the first in-service days would be September 27th and 28th. The high school's report also included the athletic report.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal advised the board that ISTEP would begin in the elementary school on September 17th and mid-term grades would be sent home on September 13th. Mr. Sampson briefly described the new character education program that was implemented in the elementary school this year.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, was the next speaker. She distributed to each board member a copy of the middle school's newsletter. She noted that fifty percent of the parents, in each grade level, came to the middle school's Back-to-School night. Mrs. Monahan stated that she would be working on the

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scheduling for Parent/Teacher conferences. The middle school's PTO organization will have their first meeting on Wednesday, September 12th.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the minutes of the August 13th regular meeting and budget meeting on August 30, 2007. Mr. Shield's motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve claim #8586 through 8754 in the amount of \$1,273,625.10. Mrs. Nancy Dorsett seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

V. Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to accept the employment recommendations as listed with the salary within the parameter of the approved salary schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

VI Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mrs. Dora Brown spoke regarding agenda item #6 – The Hall Early Education Center. She began her presentation by quoting minutes from the April 7, 2007 board meeting, the March 12, 2007 board meeting, the February 12, 2007 board meeting, and the December 18, 2006 board meeting. Mrs. Brown stressed that these minutes stated that the center would not cost local taxpayers. Also quoted were: By-law #6320-*Purchasing*,

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By-law #6420 *Payment of Claims*, By-law #4111 *Creating a Position*, and By-law #4121 *Personal Background Check*

Mrs. Brown contented that “there is no budget, no contract and no agreement on what was to be a pilot program, but tax dollars have been spent and are being spent” Mrs. Brown ended her presentation by asking that “the Board sever the day care center from the school corporation as soon as possible.”

Mrs. Candy Ulrey was the final speaker. She noted that she had not previously requested to speak at this meeting. Mrs. Ulrey stated that she would contact the Superintendent’s office and request to be placed on the agenda for the October board meeting.

VII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

Mr. Kaiser, superintendent, asked Mr. Randy Marsh to speak regarding the proposed lease between the Monroe-Gregg Schools and the Hall Civic Association.

Mr. Marsh stated that the Association will maintain the premises and will bear the costs of cleaning, maintaining, and repairing the 1911 portion of the building. The Association will also be responsible for the payment of the utilities for the 1911 building. Mrs. Dorsett thanked Mr. Marsh for taking care of the building.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the 1911 Hall Building lease agreement between Monroe-Gregg Schools and the Hall Civic Association LTD, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the lease between Verizon and the Monroe-Gregg Schools to place a tower on Monroe-Gregg property, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

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

Mr. Kaiser explained that the tower is adjacent to twenty-two acres on the hillside and will provide better service for the community. The Corporation will receive an annual fee of \$12,000.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to advertise the lease of one bus to be delivered in 2007 and paid for in June, 2008, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0. The board discussed with Mr. Kaiser if the bus would be an 84 or 72 passenger bus. Mr. Kaiser advised that no decision had been made.

VIII. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to adopt the 2008 budget as advertised, seconded by Mr. Shields and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to adopt the 2008-2017 bus replacement plan as advertised, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to adopt the 2008-2010 capital projects plan as advertised, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to transfer interest earned from capital projects and debt services to the general fund, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the pension bond neutrality motion for the 2008 budget, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

VIII. Other Business and Information (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to authorize the superintendent to make necessary budgetary adjustments at the meeting with the Department of Local Government Finance representative. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

Mr. Paul Kaiser, superintendent, discussed with the board and audience members that the advertised budget is higher than will be eventually approved by the DLGF and our Board of Education. We advertise higher rates and tax levies because the assessed valuation is not known when we prepare the budget starting in June leading up to the budget advertisements in August.

Once we receive our 1782 from the Department of Local Government, we review the rates and levies and make adjustments to meet the education needs of our programs and students. Our board will hold a public meeting to finalize the levies and rates once we receive the preliminary budget for DLGF.

IX. Committee and Community Reports

Mr. Kaiser reported that the Community Advisory Council meeting will be held on September 18th and the CAC meetings will be held in the Administration Center.

XII. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

Morgan County Library Update

Mr. Kaiser reported that the library should begin the bidding process on September 19th. and the library will be responsible for maintaining the site and the facility.

Budget Goals

The budget goals will be discussed in the near future.

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XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to adjourn, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett