

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monroe-Gregg School District**  
**Monrovia Elementary School Cafeteria**  
**November 12, 2007**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Present were Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Greg Gore, Mr. James Shields, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and Mr. 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

Student of the Month

Mrs. Kelly Skillern, representing the Monrovia Middle School congratulated Ben Davis. Ben is an eighth grade student in the middle school. Ben was described as being considerate, helpful, and kind to others. Ben is also a leadership student in the middle school.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Senior High School principal, introduced senior Hannah Jones as the high school's Student of the Month. He stated that Hannah is ranked third in her class, a Hoosier Girl State representative, a member of the National Honor Society and a drum major with the Bulldog Brigade.

The Student of the Month for Monrovia Elementary, Jeremiah Welty, was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Sampson will present the fourth grader with his certificate and paperweight at a later date.

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

Mr. Sampson, Mr. Hagist and Mrs. Skillern outlined the current and future activities in their buildings. The principals distributed copies of their newsletters or activity reports to each board member.

Presentation to Mr. Mike Springer

Mr. Springer, Monrovia High School Assistant Principal, was voted Assistant Principal of the Year for District 9 by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Mr. Hagist noted that Mr. Springer implemented the high school's random drug testing program. Mr. Springer is also the Attendance Officer, Corporate Safety Director, and school disciplinarian. He was described as being a very efficient administrator.

On behalf of the Corporation, Mr. Kaiser and Mr. Hagist presented Mr. Springer with a framed certificate.

Data Dashboard Software

During the October board meeting, Mr. Paul Kaiser, superintendent, distributed information regarding this agenda item. Mr. Kaiser returned to the board with more information.

Scanton is a provider of testing and assessment tools which provides rapid and reliable student performance data. Mr. Kaiser noted that the Corporation must have a second assessment tool that can be based on Indiana State standards. This system allows the teachers to create their own tests from the data bank. Mr. Kaiser stated that ISTEP provides "lagging" data. However, with the Scantron system teachers can test more often, more quickly, and can generate appropriate testing for new students.

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

Data Dashboard Software (continued)

Mr. Kaiser further explained that the Scantron Assessment system would give teachers more flexibility and more diagnostic information. Because the information would be available on a more timely basis, teachers would have the ability to re-teach a concept the student did not comprehend the first time. The missed concept could be re-taught during success period with individual students.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary Principal, noted that the Scantron system would allow teachers the opportunity to monitor over-all progress as teachers prepare students for the State test.

The board asked about Ed Vision which was the previous assessment tool used. Mr. Sampson replied that EdVision was not as in dept and did not necessarily focus on what was being taught for the nine weeks.

Also questioned by board members, was the time line needed to implement this program. Mr. Kaiser asked that the decision be made at the December meeting and the training would then begin in January. If the teachers use the system during the second semester, the students would be “ready to go” in the fall of 2008. Mr. Kaiser thanked the teachers for their feedback.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the minutes of the October 8 and October 16, 2007 board meetings; and the executive session minutes of October 30, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve claims #8900 through #9056 in the amount of \$1,455,593.16. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

V. Personnel

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 Mrs. Nancy Dorsett. The motion carried 3-2.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Audience member, Mrs. Sarah Phend, asked if the update regarding the Hall Early Education Childhood Center, which was to be presented at this board meeting, was available.

Mr. Kaiser, Superintendent, advised audience members that the current board procedure is that the person(s) meet first with the Corporation Superintendent, and must then request to be placed on the agenda. The patrons that were concerned with the Hall Early Education Childhood Center chose not to meet with Mr. Kaiser.

Mr. Kaiser noted that board meetings are business meetings and that he is willing to meet privately with anyone. If necessary, Mr. Kaiser will request a work session with board members to discuss the patron's concerns.

VII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

Board members received a copy of letter of agreement from ClaimAid Consulting Corporation. Claim Aid is an agency that assists school districts in recovering,

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from state Medicaid programs, funds that are available for providing services covered under a federally mandated program which covers certain health-related services.

After discussion and review the motion to approve ClaimAide as our Medicaid reimbursement vendor was made by Mr. Gore. Mr. Gore's motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorsett and carried 5-0.

VIII. Staff Development, Trips and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the Show Choir participating on a cruise in the spring of 2008, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

IX. Policy and Guideline Considerations

Mr. Kaiser presented to the Board the first review of revised policy – Vol.20, No.1, September, 2007 Purchasing. The areas to be changed were explained by Mr. Kaiser and were noted on the copies distributed to board members.

X. Committee and Community Reports  
CAC Report

The last CAC meeting was held on Thursday evening, November 8, 2007. The meeting was well attended and a variety of topics were discussed. Mr. Kaiser spoke of his appreciation to those that attended the meeting

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XI. Board Members and Superintendent Comments

On behalf of the school board and the Corporation, Mr. Elliott, board president, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

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Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett