

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia Elementary School Cafeteria
January 14, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Present were Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. James Shields, Mr. Scott Everett, and Mr. Paul Kaiser. Mrs. Nancy Dorsett was unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Student of the Month

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, congratulated Danielle Terrell for being chosen the Student of the Month for the middle school. Mrs. Monahan described Danielle as hard working, diligent, a member of the Leadership Academy and a student who displays a positive attitude.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary Principal congratulated second grader Chloe Catellier on being chosen as the elementary Student of the Month. Chloe was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Sampson will present Chloe with her plaque and star paperweight at a later date.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Senior High School principal, congratulated senior Hannah Long as the high school Student of the Month. Hannah is the first student to graduate from the MIT program. Hannah worked part time and still had a ninety percent attendance rate. Mr. Hagist stated that he was very proud of her.

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

Principals' Report

Mrs. Monahan, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Hagist distributed their building newsletter and outlined the current and future activities in their buildings.

ISTEP Scores Presentation

Mr. Kaiser, Monroe-Gregg Superintendent, began his presentation by asking each building principal to speak about the test scores in their respective building. The principals presented their ISTEP scores and outlined the remediation process that is being used to improve the test scores for each grade level. Each board member had received a binder which included detailed scores comparing ISTEP 2006 test scores vs. ISTEP 2007 test scores. Mr. Kaiser noted that ISTEP results represent lagging data and that the new Scantron System will be a useful tool for teachers.

Mr. Kaiser discussed the Data Dashboard goals that were implemented for the Corporation. The goals discussed were:

- 1) Percent of K-12 students reading at or above grade level
- 2) Percent of K-12 students mastering Indiana academic standards in writing and language arts
- 3) Percent of K-12 students mastering Indiana academic standards in math
- 4) Percent of attendance
- 5) Percent of students with appropriate/inappropriate behavior
- 6) Percent of students participating in extra curricular activities

II. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2007 Regular Meeting and the Executive Session of the same date. Mr. Gore's motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve claims #9223 through #9387 in the amount of \$4,782,147.80. This motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

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 Mr. Scott Everett.

During the discussion period of this motion, Mr. Kaiser noted that there were two additions to the personnel report. There were two special education aide positions added to the Recommendation to Employ. Mrs. Mann, Director of Special Education, spoke briefly detailing the need for the new positions in the pre-kindergarten class. Mr. Greg Gore asked how children are identified for a pre-kindergarten special education class. Mrs. Mann replied that they are identified by referral, parent referral, or the Head Start Program. She noted that early childhood intervention may eliminate the need for more services for the child later in their school career. After discussion and review, the motion carried 3-0 with 1 abstention.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Jack Elliott, board president, advised the audience that the board members receive their information packet a week before the meeting date. This allows board members the opportunity to ask the superintendent's office any questions they may have before the meeting. There were no comments or questions from the audience.

VII. Construction Updates

The Strategic Planning Team information which Dr. Boyd, Indiana University Professor, presented last year will be updated and presented at a future board meeting.

VIII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to accept the proposal from Versa Tran in the amount of \$14,327 for a one time cost for a transportation management solution and an annual fee of \$2,775 starting in 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

During the discussion period of this motion, Mr. Sampson, Monrovia Elementary Principal and Mr. Kaiser explained how this system will be beneficial to the Corporation. Mr. Kaiser noted that by purchasing the system at this time the new bus route maps will be available by the fall of 2008.

IX. Staff Development, Trips, and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to allow the Middle School Cheerleaders to attend a competition in Paducah, Kentucky on Friday, February 22, 2008 through Sunday, February 24, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

IX. Staff Development, Trips, and Projects (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the Shooting Starz attending a competition at Norwell High School on February 9, 2008, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

X. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to process an application for a Common School loan to address the HVAC/roof needs of Monrovia Middle School and High School and this should not exceed \$1,900,000 for the base principle. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and after discussion and review carried 4-0.

XI. Policy and Guideline Considerations

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to discuss the board policy updates provided by NEOLA policy on purchasing. Mr. Shields' motion was seconded by Mr. Everett.

After discussion and review, a motion was made by Mr. Shields to recommend the following NEOLA policy on purchasing changes.

It is the policy of the School Board that the Superintendent or Treasurer shall act as the purchasing agent for the board.

The purchasing agent may make open market purchases of no more than \$15,000 for a single item or a group of similar items.

The purchasing agent must seek at least three (3) price quotations on purchases of more than \$15,000 but less than \$150,000 except in cases of emergency or where materials are of such nature that price quotations would not result in a savings to the School Corporation.

XI. Policy and Guideline Consideration (continued)

The motion was made by Mr. Shields to approve his recommend policy change on purchasing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

XII. Board Members and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Paul Kaiser advised board members that there will be an in-depth discussion at the February board meeting regarding the Hall Early Education Childhood Center. Expense and revenue reports will be available as well as updates on enrollment numbers.

The February meeting will also include information regarding the financial goals report that the State of Indiana is now requiring from school corporations.

XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett

