

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia Elementary School Cafeteria
February 11, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Present were Mr. Jack Elliott, 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 6:31 p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Student of the Month

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary Principal congratulated third grader Leighann York on being chosen as the elementary Student of the Month. Leighann attended the meeting with her parents, Melissa and Tyler York. Mr. Sampson described Leighann as an outstanding student who receives excellent grades and is a leader in her classroom.

Mr. Jack Elliott, representing the middle school, congratulated Samantha Nicholls as the middle school Student of the Month. Samantha's teachers described her as "quiet with a glow", talented in writing and art, a good student and a mature young lady.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Senior High School principal, congratulated senior Erica Schelm as the high school Student of the Month. Erica is ranked fifth in her class, a Hoosier Girl's State delegate, a member of National Honor Society, a dedicated student and a great representative of Monrovia High School.

II. Curriculum Building updates and Other Reports (continued)

Principals' Report

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

Monrovia Elementary Enrollment Update

Mr. Sampson distributed copies of the elementary school's current building capacity, staffing pattern, 2008-09 school year student enrollment, and the proposed new building capacity. Mr. Sampson noted that during the 2008-09 school year, Mrs. York would be one-half day with the Purdue Literacy Program, the fourth/fifth grade classroom would be deleted, Mr. Noel would return as a third grade teacher, and the fifth grade would need to add two teachers.

Mr. Kaiser noted that Mr. Sampson's update was for the board's information and no action was requested at this time.

Hall Early Childhood Center

Mr. Kaiser reported that Mrs. Tammy Denny, Hall Early Childhood Center Director, and Mrs. Kelly Dillon, Corporation Treasurer are still gathering information for this report. The report will be submitted to board members before the March, 2008 meeting.

II. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 Regular Meeting and the Executive Session of the same date. Mr. Shields' motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve claims #9388 through #9508 in the amount of \$1,087,033.25. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

Mrs. Dillon, Corporation Treasurer, spoke briefly explaining why the claims packet was larger than usual. Mrs. Dillon noted that there were more Charter accounts and the State Board of Accounts now requires more detailed tracking procedures. Also, many other claims that are listed on the report are being broken into more detailed accounting.

V. Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve 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.

Mr. Kaiser noted that there were several teachers who will be retiring at the end of the 2007-08 school year. He added that they were dedicated employees that would be "looking for new things to do with their lives." He wished them the best of luck.

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

There was nothing to present at this time.

VIII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

There was nothing to present at this time.

IX. Staff Development, Trips, and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the AP Physics students attending Science Day at Kings Island on May 16, 2008, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the High School Marching Band attending camp at Taylor University July 13th through July 18th 2008. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the High School Marching Band performing at Walt Disney World during spring 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

X. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the 2008-2009 school calendar, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the mileage rate increase to 50.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

XI. Policy and Guideline Considerations

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to table the approval of the NEOLA Board Policy updates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gore and carried 5-0.

XII. Committee and Community Reports
(combined with)

XIII. Board Members and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Kaiser reported that the first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on February 26th. The Committee will be comprised of community members, three teachers/staff members, and Dr. Boyd. The first meeting will be held at the Hall Early Education Center and will then move to various building locations.

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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 7:02 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett