

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria
May 12, 2008
6:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Student of the Month

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary Principal congratulated fifth grader Casey Beville on being chosen as the elementary Student of the Month. Mr. Sampson described Casey as a courteous student who always completes his work. Casey is also very artistic and creative.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School Principal, congratulated Jacob Realey on being chosen as the middle school Student of the Month. Jacob is an eighth grader who is at the top of his class. He was described as having a great work ethic and is always willing to go the extra mile.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Senior High School principal, congratulated senior Benjamin Raney as the high school Student of the Month. Benjamin was described as having a great high school career and being at the top of his class. Benjamin is a member of the Academic Competition Team and the Spell Bowl Team. Benjamin is also this year's salutatorian. He is also the recipient of a \$20,000 President Scholarship Award to Purdue University.

II. Curriculum Building Updates and Other Reports (continued)

Employee Recognition

The Board and Mr. Kaiser awarded the *Above and Beyond Award* to former Corporation Treasure, Kelly Dillon. The award was presented by Mr. Kaiser who described Ms. Dillon as an employee who did a wonderful job and would be missed.

Ms. Dillon thanked the school board, the community, and the Monroe-Gregg staff for the opportunities given to her.

Mrs. Mary Mann, Director of Special Education, accepted the *Above and Beyond Award* on behalf of Mr. Elliott Feltman, Occupational Therapist. Mr. Feltman was unable to attend, but did write a letter noting that he felt it had been an “honor and a pleasure” to work with the Corporation.

Principals’ Report

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

Mr. Kaiser and Board members thanked the building principals and for their reports.

Strategic Planning Team Recommendation – Mr. Robert Boyd

Dr. Robert L. Boyd, an Indiana State University professor, began his presentation by reminding the Board and audience members of his 2007 *Study of Community and Student Demographics, for Monroe-Gregg School District*. The 2007 study advised that the Corporation takes a conservative approach to growth. Dr. Boyd noted that the growth in the Monrovia area was dramatically more than anticipated. He stated

II. Strategic Planning Team Recommendation (continued)

that it was “time to look again at what might be anticipated in the future.”

Dr. Boyd led the Strategic Planning Team during six meetings that spanned a three month period. Dr. Boyd and the Team spoke with each building’s principal. The Team consensus was that the immediate priority for the Corporation should be the future school renovations to the elementary school. The growth at the Elementary will, in turn, be followed by space needs in the other buildings.

The Team members requested a meeting with the Board members in early fall after the 2008-09 school year has begun. At that time more information may be available regarding the economy, House Bill 1001, school enrollment numbers, and the hiring of a new superintendent to replace Mr. Kaiser, who has resigned. Dr. Boyd and Team members did recommend that the Hall Early Childhood Center continue to function for two reasons: 1) the programs that are offered are a cost effective way to help the elementary students that attended the pre-k classes; and 2) in the event that the Center may need to house some of the anticipated growth for the elementary school.

Mr. Kaiser and the Board members thanked Dr. Boyd and the members of the Strategic Planning Team for their work. The Board agreed to meet with the Team members before September, 2008 to discuss the issues facing the elementary school during the 2008-09 school year.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the amended minutes of the March 10, 2008 Regular Meeting and the Executive Session of the same date. Mr. Shield’s motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

III. Minutes (continued)

The May minutes were amended as follows: III. Minutes - Mr. Shields' motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve claims #9809 through #9939 in the amount of \$1,063,389.99. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

V. Personnel

A motion was made by Greg Gore to approve the employment recommendations for *Certified Staff Changes & Recommendations* as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

The motion to table the employment recommendations for *Classified Staff Changes & Recommendations* was made by Mrs. Dorsett, seconded by Mr. Gore and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the extra curricular recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett, and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the Kindergarten Summer Camp for Morgan County Pathways to Learning, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore, and carried 5-0.

VI. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no comments or questions from the audience regarding any of the agenda items.

VII. Construction Updates

There was nothing to present at this time.

VIII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to accept the \$150 donation for the elementary school's cultural programs from Tri Kappa Sorority. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

IX. Staff Development, Trips, and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to allow the Softball Team Trip as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

X. Other Business and Information

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to accept the elementary school Textbook Adoption, the elementary school textbook fees, and the high school's summer school programs. Mr. Gore's motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to transfer \$150,000 from Debt Service to the Rainy Day Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to advertise for an additional Appropriation Hearing to appropriate \$150,000 from debt service to the Rainy Day Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

XI. Policy and Guideline Considerations

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the elementary handbook changes as recommended was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

XII. Committee and Community Reports

The Strategic Planning Committee report was presented earlier in the meeting.

XIII. Board Members and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Kaiser advised the Board that a request had been received, from a representative of the Monrovia Community Fireworks, to set off their annual Fourth of July fireworks on the Monroe-Gregg School property. The date for the fireworks display would be Friday, July 4, 2008.

XII. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett

