

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
November 10, 2008  
6:30**

The regular meeting of the Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by board president, Nancy Dorsett at 6:50, in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, and Mr. Greg Gore. Mr. James Shields was unable to attend. Also attending were Dr. Jerry Wolfe, interim Superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, building principals, and interested patrons.

**BUILDING INFORMATION AND UPDATES FROM PRINCIPALS**

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary principal, was the first speaker. He began by noting that a local writer, Mrs. Mary Lou Hawkins, had asked the fifth grade art class to submit illustrations for her new book. Several of the elementary students' illustrations were chosen and will be published in Mrs. Hawkins' book.

The Lions Club recently donated their time for vision screening for grades kindergarten through five. Parents will be notified if the screening indicated further testing would be necessary.

Mr. Sampson closed his presentation by inviting board members to attend the elementary school play, *The Jungle Book*. The play will be presented on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, was the next speaker. She distributed copies of the *Monrovia in the Middle* newsletter and noted that on page 5 was a picture of the new mascot, Rowdy.

Some of the other middle school activities include: a Halloween Costume Dance on November 14<sup>th</sup>, midterms on November 14<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Mays and Mrs. Monahan will attend a conference for middle school principals and athletic directors.

The last principal to speak was Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Junior/Senior high principal. He began by congratulating the Brain Game Team on their recent victory over Beech Grove.

**BUILDING INFORMATION AND UP-DATES FROM PRINCIPALS (continued)**

Mr. Hagist also noted the recent successful parent/teacher conferences, the TSLA students that attended a conference, the varsity football team season, and the upcoming Veteran's Day program.

He ended his presentation by thanking the board members for their support.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2008 Regular Board Meeting was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve claim #10667 through claim #10784, in the amount of \$2,935,105.00. Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

Dr. Wolfe explained that the reason for the inflated claims amount was due to the repayment of a temporary loan. The loan was necessary because money due the corporation was not received in a timely manner.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL**

The motion was made by Mr. Jack Elliott to accept the personnel report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO HALL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

The Hall Early Childhood Center was awarded a Pre-K Literacy Grant from Morgan County Pathways to learning. The Center will be receiving the Houghton-Mifflin adopted reading series materials which are valued at \$3,000.

The motion to accept the donation was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATION**

The board received a notice that the IRS had increased mileage rates through December 31, 2008. The notice detailed the recent increase to 58.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Dr. Wolfe requested the Board allow the mileage rate reimbursement to increase as the IRS increased the rate. This action would alleviate the need to ask for Board approval each time the rate increased.

The motion to approve this request was made by Mr. Greg Gore and seconded by Mr. Scott Everett. The motion failed 3-1.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 a.m.

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Nancy Dorsett, Board President

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Scott Everett, Board Secretary

