

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
December 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by board president, Nancy Dorsett at 6:30, in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. Greg Gore and Mr. James Shields. Also attending were Dr. Jerry Wolfe, interim Superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, Mrs. Michele Moore, representing MGTA, building principals, and interested patrons.

BUILDING INFORMATION AND UPDATES FROM PRINCIPALS

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, was the first speaker. She distributed copies of the *Monrovia in the Middle* newsletter and a schedule of the upcoming activities in the middle school. She also distributed copies of the middle school's ISTEP results and a copy of the parent letter that was distributed with each student's scores.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal, was the next speaker. He began by complimenting Mrs. Schafer and Ms. Stringer for their work on the recent Drama Club play and Mr. Hagist for his work on the Veteran's Day program. Mr. Sampson also highlighted the elementary school's ISTEP results.

The last principal to speak was Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Junior/Senior high principal. He began by praising the successful MIT Program (Monrovia School of Integrated Technology) and Mrs. Goodpaster for her efforts. Mr. Hagist distributed copies of the high school's ISTEP scores for the sophomore student. The report included the following: English/Language Arts Disaggregation Summary, Academic Standards Report, Math Disaggregation Summary, and the mean scale scores.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2008 Regular Board Meeting and the Executive Session of the same date, was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve claim #10785 through claim #10916, in the amount of \$1,299,077.01. Mr. Gore's motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL

The motion was made by Mr. Jack Elliott to accept the personnel report as submitted, seconded by Mr. James Shields carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

CONSIDERATION OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATION

The board received a notice that the IRS had increased mileage rates beginning January 1, 2009 to 55 (fifty-five) cents per mile for business miles driven. The current rate is 50 ½ (fifty and one half) cents per mile.

The motion to approve this increase was made by Mr. James Shields and seconded by Mr. Greg Gore. The motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AND BORROW FROM THE BOND BANK FOR THE ADVANCE FUNDING PROGRAM FOR THE 2009 BUDGET YEAR

Dr. Wolfe presented this agenda item. He noted that this process is done several times a year and must be in place if the corporation needs to use the bond bank. Dr. Wolfe stated that he would not borrow anything unless it was necessary and that currently the State funding is "up in the air and confusing."

The motion to approve this request was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES

The board received a policy change from NEOLA regarding transfer students. The board chose to adopt Option #1 which stated that the Corporation will not accept transfer students.

The motion to adopt this policy was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Nancy Dorsett, Board President

Scott Everett, Board Secretary

