

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
January 12, 2009**

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 6:42, 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

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal, was the first speaker. He began by recognizing several elementary students whose art work was chosen for the Symphony in Color art contest. Mr. Sampson then noted several upcoming events for elementary students. These events include: Indianapolis Opera Ensemble, spring ISTEP testing, and Honor Roll Student awards.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Junior/Senior high principal was the next speaker. He also outlined the upcoming activities in the high school. These events include: the ASVAB test, Making College Count programs, a FASA presentation for families, and Area 31 vocational school information. Mr. Hagist noted that this is Homecoming Week in the high school and several activities have been planned.

Mrs. BobbieJo Monahan, Middle School principal, was unable to attend.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 Regular Board Meeting was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve claim #10917 through claim #11048, in the amount of \$4,791,221.04. Mr. Shields' motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett.

During the discussion period of this motion, Mr. Greg Gore asked Dr. Wolfe to explain why the claims packet included \$60,000 of interest for a loan repayment.

Dr. Wolfe stated that when the Corporation is late receiving their "draws" that the Corporation must borrow to meet the necessary cash flow. He noted that recently it was necessary to purchase a new school bus which required an in-house transfer of funds. Until the "draws" are received on a timely basis, Dr. Wolfe stated that it will be very difficult to pay bills without borrowing.

The motion to approve the consideration of claims 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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE CASE #1-12-09

During the December 8, 2008 board meeting, the board adopted NEOLA's Option 1, regarding transfer student. The policy states that the Corporation will not accept transfer students.

Dr. Wolfe asked that the board make an exception to the transfer policy. The family involved in this case made decisions based on a promise given to them by the previous administration. Dr. Wolfe recommended board approval for this transfer student.

The motion to approve the transfer was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Wolfe presented this agenda item. He noted that the school calendar usually coincides with the Ben Davis school calendar and he recommended approval of the proposed calendar.

The motion to approve the proposed calendar was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Gregg Gore and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Board members received information from Dr. Wolfe regarding a special education hearing request and pending law suit. Noting the cost of attorney fees, Dr. Wolfe recommended board approval for an agreement to settle the pending action against the Corporation.

Mr. Jack Elliott noted that the Corporation is not admitting to any fault in the matter and that the settlement action would keep the Corporation from paying additional fees.

The motion to approve this settlement was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 3-2. There were two (2) nays.

OTHER

Dr. Wolfe asked for board approval to pursue appraisals. The motion was made by Mr. Jack Elliott to pursue appraisals, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 3-2. There was one (1) nay and one (1) abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Nancy Dorsett, Board President

Scott Everett, Board Secretary

