

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
April 13, 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 6:43, in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, and Mr. James Shields. Mr. Greg Gore was unable to attend. Also attending were Dr. Jerry Wolfe, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, building principals, Mrs. Michele Moore, representing MGTA, 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 for April. Mrs. Monahan reported that the recent book fair was successful, the elementary school will be visiting the middle school on April 20th, and the Junior National Honor Society held their induction ceremony recently and the spring ISTEP+ testing will begin on April 27th.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal, spoke next. He began by thanking all of the parent volunteers for donating their time. He also reported that the Spring ISTEP+ will begin on April 27th. The elementary school will hold their annual kindergarten registration on April 14th and 15th. Mr. Sampson recognized Mrs. Marianne Berlin for her work in securing two grants for the elementary library. She received the "Picturing America" grant and the "We the People – Picturing America Bookshelf." The elementary school was one of forty school corporations to receive these grants.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Junior/Senior high school principal commended the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship winner, Shelby Stierwalt. Senior, Kelsey Shields was one of the finalist and both students will be recognized at a dinner. The National Honor Society induction this year was the largest group inducted, the high school book fair was successful, and Mr. Hagist's newsletter included dates for several upcoming events.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and the Executive Sessions of February 16, 2009, March 9, 2009, March 12, 2009, March 17, 2009, March 19, 2009, March 25, 2009, March 26, 2009, and March 27, 2009 was made by Mr. James Shields. Mr. Shields' motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Due to the illness of the Corporation Treasurer before the March board meeting, the claims packet was not available to the audience. The March and April claims packets were presented for board approval.

Dr. Wolfe advised that there were no changes or corrections to the claim packets. The motion to approve claim #11180-11311 in the amount of \$1,033,661.62 and claim #11312-11431 in the amount of \$1,412,446.78 was made by Mr. Jack Elliott. Mr. Elliott's motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. Mr. Terry Kenworthy, community member, stated that he might have questions regarding agenda item #8 Consideration of Roofing Quotes for the Hall Building. He decided to wait until the agenda item was presented for discussion before making comments.

Mrs. Tammy Everett commented on agenda item #10 Consideration of All Day Kindergarten. She asked if a decision had been made regarding continuing the full day kindergarten program? Dr. Wolfe advised that a decision had not been made pending information from the State regarding funding. He said that he would ask the board to table the agenda item until the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (continued)

Mrs. Everett spoke in favor of continuing the full day program and cited her experience with her daughter who is currently enrolled in the full day program. She stated that the all day class builds a student's skills and helps the student become familiar with being in school. Mrs. Everett said that she was aware that some people believe that a kindergarten student is "not capable mentally or physically" of attending school all day. However, she believes that when a student learns something, takes a break, and then repeats what they have learned that the time is well spent.

Mrs. Everett also expressed concern that if the current all day program was not effective, how was that decision made? Was the decision a financial or an educational one?

CONSIDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES BOOK ADOPTION

The board received a request from Monrovia High School for a book adoption for the Social Studies Department. The motion to accept the requested adoption was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ROOFING QUOTES FOR THE HALL BUILDING

Dr. Wolfe presented this agenda item. He noted that he had received two quotes and one quote did not include two sections of the roof that need to be replaced. This project needs to be done due to major leaks and Dr. Wolfe recommended the contract be awarded to J.P. Lahr & Sons Roofing Service, Inc. at a cost of \$91,849.00.

The motion to award the contract to J.P. Lahr & Sons Roofing Service, Inc was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO MONROVIA ELEMENTARY FROM KAPPA KAPPA KAPPA SORORITY

Monrovia Elementary received a donation from Kappa Kappa Kappa Sorority which is to be used for cultural programs at the elementary school. The motion to accept this donation was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to table this agenda item. Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

**RECOGNITION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE “PICTURE AMERICA”
GRANTS FOR MONROVIA ELEMENTARY**

Mrs. Marianne Berlin, Monrovia Elementary Librarian, secured two grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. One grant was for a “Picturing America Bookshelf” and the other was for “Picturing America.” During Mr. Sampson’s building update presentation he recognized Mrs. Berlin for her work in securing both grants.

Dr. Wolfe recommended board approval for the grants. The motion to accept the grants was made by Mr. James Shields and seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott. The motion carried 4-0. The board thanked Mrs. Berlin for her efforts in securing the grants.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Dorsett, Board President

Scott Everett, Board Secretary

