

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
August 10, 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 6:33, 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. Julie Wood, Superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, Ms. Robin Robinson, representing MGTA, and interested patrons.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, recommended that the board approve the minutes of the Executive Session of July 13, 2009 and the Regular Board Meeting of the same date.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve both meetings, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

The Corporation Superintendent, Dr. Julie Wood recommended board approval of claim #11800 through #11884 in the amount of \$1,095,091.12.

After consideration and review the motion to approve the claims packet was made by Mr. Scott Everett. Before approval and a second, Mr. Greg Gore, questioned claim #11820 to MetLife for \$10,050.00. Dr. Wood explained that this was a retirement payment arranged by Mr. Paul Kaiser, former superintendent, under Senate Bill 199 for those employees that took an early retirement.

Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION AND ADDENDUM**

The board received an addendum to the Personnel Report that they had previously received. Dr. Wood recommended approval for the Personnel Report and the Addendum.

The motion to approve the Personnel Report and the Addendum was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

Dr. Wood welcomed Ms. Kelly Dillon as Corporation Treasurer and thanked her for volunteering her time during the absence of the previous treasurer. Dr. Wood also thanked Dr. Jerry Wolfe, interim superintendent for his assistance noting that he was “wonderful to work with.”

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

Mr. Terry Kenworthy, concerned patron, asked about agenda item #8, Awarding of Early Childhood Day Care Bid. Mr. Kenworthy had two questions 1) if the childcare would continue to be part of the school or would they become totally independent and 2) would there be free daycare for school employees?

Dr. Wood replied that the new owners would decide if anyone received free day care and would also be responsible for expenses incurred. Mr. Kenworthy was advised that the new owners would lease the building from the Corporation.

Mrs. Mary Mann, Director of Special Needs, questioned agenda item #4 Personnel Report. Mrs. Mann asked if four new coaches had been hired. Dr. Wood noted that the four new hires would be splitting the pay of three coaches.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT**

Dr. Wood advised that there was a proposed change in the superintendent’s contract regarding dental and vision and she requested that the board approve the contract as presented.

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE COMPENSATION**

The board was informed, per Dr. Wood that they were entitled to receive per diem pay which is payment beyond what they received from attending the regular set board meetings.

After discussion and review a motion was made by Mr. Jack Elliott to not accept any per diem pay for board members. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

### **AWARDING OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD DAY CARE BID**

This agenda item was presented by Dr. Wood. She began by noting that only one bid had been received for the day care center and the bid was from Todd and Tammy Denny. Dr. Wood and Mr. Steven Harris, Corporation Attorney, met on July 24, 2009 with Mr. and Mrs. Denny to review the lease. Dr. Wood recommended that the Corporation award the lease of the Hall Elementary Building to Todd and Tammy Denny. A copy of the lease was included in the board packets.

The motion to award the lease to Todd and Tammy Denny was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

### **FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY**

The first reading of the proposed board policy, from the Northeast Ohio Learning Association (NEOLA), was presented by Dr. Wood. The policy change is in response to the legislative requirement enacted by the recent passage of HEA 1462 which focuses on the safety of school communities and their students. The policies to be updated are: Policy 1521, Policy 3121, Policy 4121, and Policy 8121.

The Corporation will now require individuals volunteering in the school to have a limited background check which will not cost the individual. However, new employees will be responsible for the cost to the Corporation for obtaining an expanded criminal history check.

Dr. Wood reiterated that this is the first reading of the proposed policy.

The motion to approve the first reading was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

**CONTRACT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

Dr. Wood recommended approval for the contract between the Corporation and Jennifer Austin, occupational therapist.

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

**APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**

Dr. Wood recommended that Mrs. Kelly Dillon be appointed Corporation Treasurer.

The motion to appoint Mrs. Kelly Dillon, Corporation Treasurer, was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

**OTHER**

Dr. Wood advised audience members that in the future there will be a limited number of board packets available. There will be fewer packets copied and one copy will be labeled "desk copy." The board members will also bring their copies which they receive before each meeting instead of receiving another copy. This is being done as a cost savings to the Corporation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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Nancy Dorsett, Board President

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Scott Everett, Board Secretary

