

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
December 14, 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 6:30, in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. James Shields and Mr. Greg Gore. 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 November 9, 2009, the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2009, and the work sessions of November 23rd and December 10, 2009.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve all meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

The Corporation Superintendent, Dr. Julie Wood recommended Board approval of claim #12301 through #12440 in the amount of \$1,588,824.05.

After consideration and review the motion to approve the claims packet was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wood recommended approval for the Personnel Report as presented. She noted that the Personnel Report was an amended report with a shifting of personnel and internal transfers.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

Dr. Wood thanked Mrs. Monahan, who was resigning as middle school principal, for her years of service to Monroe-Gregg; and she congratulated the staff members that were taking on new roles and responsibilities within the Corporation.

The motion to approve the Personnel Report as amended was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. There were no comments or questions from any audience member.

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL GRANT

Dr. Wood asked Board permission to apply for a Department of Education Middle School Alternative School Grant. This grant would be used to help fund the program which will begin during the second semester in the middle school. The program is to assist students who are struggling academically in middle school which, in turn, should help them as they enter high school.

The motion to grant permission to apply for this grant was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

IRS MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced that beginning on January 1, 2010 the standard mileage rates would be fifty (50) cents per mile. The new rate is down from fifty-five (55) cents per mile. Dr. Wood asked the board to approve the new mileage rates effective December 14, 2009.

The motion to approve the new mileage rate was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

BOND BANK RESOLUTION

Dr. Wood asked that the Board approve a Bond Bank Resolution which will allow the District to borrow funds from the Bonk Bank to meet current running expenses.

The motion to approve this Resolution was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

Dr. Wood explained that Funds cannot end the fiscal year end with an account in the negative. She, therefore, requested board approval to allow the Treasurer to make the necessary transfer of funds between accounts.

The motion to allow the transfer of funds between accounts was made by Mr. James Shields seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY

Dr. Wood requested approval of the first reading of Board Policy #7434-Property. She noted that this policy update would reflect a smoke free building and grounds which would make the Corporation eligible for more grant monies.

The policy changes included the word **parents** and the addendum **on school grounds and in vehicles by students, staff, parents and visitors 24 hours a day.**

Mr. Shields, Mr. Gore, and Mr. Elliott expressed reservations regarding this change in policy. Mr. Shields stated that including parents “might be stepping over bounds” noting that a vehicle is private property. Mr. Elliott asked what enforcing method would be used or if there was any information from other school districts?

Dr. Wood asked if the board would approve the first reading and she will bring the policy back for the second reading with the elimination of “in vehicles.” The policy will include “facility and school grounds.” After Board approval the policy will appear in the student handbook.

The motion to approve the first reading was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

QUALIFIED CONSTRUCTION ZONE BOND WORK FOR JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Wood began by noting that the Corporation had received the proposal from Trane for the project and she advised that the Board must decide if they want to move forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett that the Corporation should move forward with Trane as the service provider. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

The Board then discussed the required work with Mr. Tim Garver, a Trane representative and Mr. Brett Everett, Maintenance Director. Board members received an updated proposal, from Trane, removing the Superintendent's Wing Unit and the weight room unit. The discussion was focused on the window replacement and the gymnasium AHU w/cooling. The Board also asked how soon the decisions must be made and Mr. Garver replied "as soon as possible." Mr. Everett noted that the "drop dead date" would be by the end of December.

CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM

Dr. Wood recommended acceptance of a \$500 donation from the Rick Dimmack family to the Monrovia Middle School baseball program.

The motion to accept the donation was made by Mr. James Shields seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 5-0.

OTHER

Dr. Wood ended the meeting by noting several financial areas: there was a tax rate drop of fifteen cents and the bond issue will account for four cents being returned which would leave a drop of eleven cents, the Transportation Fund needs to be examined for ways to cut expenses, and \$300,000 in cash balances will be used to fund the General Fund.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Nancy Dorsett, Board President

Scott Everett, Board Secretary