

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
February 8, 2010**

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. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. James Shields, Mr. Jack Elliott 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 January 11, 2010; the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2010, and the Executive Session of January 20, 2010.

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

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

The Corporation Superintendent, Dr. Julie Wood recommended Board approval of claim #12523 through #12622 in the amount of \$1,220,300.27.

After consideration and review the motion to approve the claims packet was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Jim Shields and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wood recommended approval for the Personnel Report as presented. The motion to approve the personnel recommendations were made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience.

Community Member, Terry Kenworthy ask the board where the money would be coming from to purchase real estate. Dr. Wood explained the funds would come from our 2006 refinance money. This is money we already have from another project and can only be used for certain things. Mr. Greg Gore thanked Mr. Kenworthy for his question and appreciated the fact this was addressed.

There were no other questions at this time.

2010-2011 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Wood recommended approval for the 2010-2011 School Calendar as presented. She explained this was the second choice of our staff, but that we need to stay aligned with surrounding school districts for our Special Education and Vocational Programs.

The motion to approve the calendar as presented was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 3-2.

SUMMER BAND CAMP

The motion to approve the 2010 Summer Band Camp as presented was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Jim Shields. The motion carried 5-0.

CHOIR TRIP

Dr. Wood asked the board to approve the High School Choir Trip to Orlando, Florida in 2011. It is important they receive approval early in order to begin fund raising. The estimated cost per student is \$835 plus airfare and each student is responsible for all funds needed to attend.

Mr. Hagist, High School Principal indicated at this time they are planning one chaperone for every three students. The trip would be during spring break and the students would not be missing instructional time.

CHOIR TRIP - CONTINUED

The motion to approve the Choir Trip as presented was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

2010 BUDGET CONSTRAINTS

Classified Staff Recommendations: Dr. Wood presented her proposed cost containment measures at this time. Item A was amended to read, “up to” nine (9) paid holidays for Classified Administrators and Staff on 260 day contract. All further recommendations are pending. See attachment for detailed recommendations.

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve all cost containment measures as presented and read by Dr. Wood. Mr. Scott Everett seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Contract: Dr. Wood requested the board reduce her contract amount by \$20,000. Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney presented Dr. Wood’s contract changes to the board for approval. Mr. Harris indicated he had contacted the Indiana School Board Attorney and was informed Dr. Wood was the first superintendent they had heard of to request a salary reduction. See attached contract for details.

The motion to approve the Dr. Wood’s contract as presented was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

Transportation Cost Containment: A detailed list of transportation changes were presented by Dr. Wood for approval. See attached.

The motion to approve the changes as presented was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

Dr. Wood presented the following options she would like the board to consider for the future regarding cost containment for the district.

1. Close the portable classrooms and move the fifth grade to the middle school. This would save approximately \$10,000 per year in electrical costs.
2. Consider accepting Transfer Tuition Students.
3. Consider closing and/or selling the Hall School Building

2010 BUDGET CONSTRAINTS - CONTINUED

Dr. Wood did not ask the board to take any action at this time. These are cost containment items she is researching at this time and may bring to the board in the future for consideration and approval.

PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE

Dr. Wood asked the board to approve the purchase of the Shields Property for \$153,500. The 2006 Refinance Bond money would be used to purchase the property. The purchase of this property would allow the district to reroute traffic off of highway 39 and allow additional space for storage and practice fields.

The motion to approve the purchase was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 3-1. Vice-president, Jim Shields abstained from voting.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Dr. Wood urged the audience to attend the legislator meeting on February 20, 2010 in Mooresville, Indiana to express their concerns regarding the tax cuts to public education. She also thanked everyone for their continued support through these very trying times.

Mr. Jack Elliott thanked everyone for their prayers and support during Frankie's illness.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Board President, adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Nancy Dorsett, Board President

Scott Everett, Board Secretary