

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
May 9, 2011**

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, Mr. Jim Shields at 6:47 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Tim Pridemore, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and Mr. Scott Everett. Also attending were Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney; Ms. Robin Robinson representing MGTA; Mrs. Kelly Dillon, Corporation Treasurer. Several principals, teachers, staff members and interested patrons also attended the meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

School Board President, Jim Shields called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session from April 11, 2011. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Tim Pridemore, motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Scott Everett made the motion to approve claims #14021 through #14115 in the amount of \$1,020,225.57 as presented. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

There were no changes or additions to the personnel report. The motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Tim Pridemore, motion carried 5-0.

### **ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC PRESENTATION**

Mr. Sampson spoke regarding the cluster concept, Project Achieve. Project Achieve will fulfill a need for more emphasis on reading, writing, math and social science. The Elementary staff is very excited about the new program. Twenty-four teachers are already meeting on their own time after school and Project Achieve will be the focus for this summer's teacher retreat.

Mr. Shields asked about accountability. Mr. Sampson stated he felt very confident about all aspect of accountability. It is a flexible system and clusters can always be switched. Class sizes will remain approximately the same based on current enrollment. Mr. Elliott asked about early problems the Kentucky school system encountered. Mr. Sampson stated one problem encountered was that some teachers did not embrace the concept in the beginning. Mr. Everett asked if an Alert Now Message could be sent out to reach out to parents with concerns. Mr. Sampson replied this could be a prudent way to get the word out. Mr. Sampson further stated, children will be receiving more in reading, writing and math. Mr. Everett stated we currently now use reading buddies to reach more students, could a math buddy also be a possibility? Mr. Sampson stated this would be an excellent idea and something to consider.

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

Ms. Brenda Kenndy, Monroe-Gregg patron asked how clustering may effect ISTEP scores? Mr. Sampson replied we would not see an immediate change but as the clustering steps are implemented, we hope to see test scores improve.

Mrs. Betty Heshelman, spoke as a community member. She has a problem with not charging for full day kindergarten this year and possibly charging next year. She feels this could be setting a precedent. Mr. Shields emphasized that this will be reviewed and determined year to year.

Mrs. Tammy Everett announced that she is excited that she paid for two (2) years of kindergarten and now someone gets to go for free.

### **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT HANDBOOKS**

Mr. Tim Pridemore made the recommendation to approve the handbook changes as presented. (see attached detailed recommendations) Mrs. Nancy Dorsett seconded, the motion carried 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION FOR FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN**

This item was originally presented in April for approval and failed. After further review and discussion, Dr. Wood asked the board to approve all day kindergarten for all students at no cost, with the understanding this is for this year only and will be revisited next year since it is based on this year's revenue and expenses.

Mr. Jack Elliot stated that kindergarten is not mandatory. What if someone does not want their child to attend all day? Dr. Wood explained that will be the only option for Monroe-Gregg Students. Mr. Chris Sampson stated the elementary has one room they can grow into for full day kindergarten, with space available for 20 students.

Mr. Scott Everett made a motion to approve as presented, Mr. Elliott seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

Dr. Wood asked the board to approve new textbooks for the high school and middle school. (Specific and detailed information from the principals is attached for your review.) Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion passed 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE STANDARDS REPORT CARD**

After some discussion regarding the benefits, Mrs. Dorsett made the motion to approve the request as presented, seconded by Mr. Pridemore, motion passed 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF CHEERLEADING CAMP**

Mr. Scott Everett made the motion to approve the request for cheerleading camp as presented. Mrs. Dorsett seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Mrs. Dorsett made the motion to approve the Teen Student Leadership Academy as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elliott and passed 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF REVISED 2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Mr. Jack Elliott made the motion to approve the revised 2011-2012 school calendar as presented with additional snow make-up days inserted. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE STIPENDS**

Dr. Wood asked the board to approve a 1 % stipend for the 2010-2011 school year and a .75% stipend for the 2011-2012 school. This stipend is for all non-certified staff and administrators.

The motion was made by Mr. Pridemore, seconded by Mr. Everett, motion carried 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF SUNDAY FACILITY USE**

Mr. Brian Willett, Band Director, requested permission to be in the building on several Sundays throughout the coming month. There are times when the band is leaving or returning from various camps and competitions.

Mrs. Dorsett made the motion to approve and Mr. Elliott seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER BOARD MEETING TIMES**

Dr. Wood asked the board to approve and move the June and July Board Meetings to 5:00 P.M. Motion was made by Mr. Pridemore, seconded by Mr. Everett, and the motion carried 5-0.

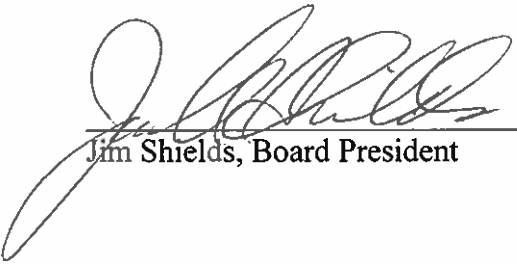
### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TIME**

Dr. Wood thanked the staff for all their brain storming ideas on various ways to provide professional development opportunities next year without impacting start and end time to the school day.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Shields adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M



Jim Shields, Board President



Nancy Dorsett, Board Secretary