

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
August 13, 2012**

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. Scott Everett at 6:31 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jim Shields, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, and Mr. Jack Elliott. Also attending were Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, Ms. Robin Robinson, representing MGTA, and Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney. Kelly Dillon, School Treasurer and interested patrons. Mr. Tim Pridemore was unable to attend.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett to approve the executive session minutes for July 17, 2012; and to amend the minutes of the July 17, 2012 public meeting to indicate Administrative Assistant at the Elementary School instead of Assistant Principal. Mr. Jack Elliott seconded the approval of minutes with the amended wording, motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

The Corporation Superintendent, Dr. Julie Wood recommended Board approval for claims #15527 through #15634 in the amount of \$1,074,781.88.

After consideration and review the motion to approve the claims as presented was made by Mr. Jim Shields, seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wood amended the personnel report as follows: Mrs. Rachele Custis would be approved for five (5) days of employment instead of 184 days, she accepted a teaching position with another school corporation near her home. Celina Clements will be the "Administrative Assistant" at the elementary not the Assistant Principal.

The motion to approve the personnel recommendations, with the amended changes was made by Mrs. Dorsett, seconded by Mr. Elliott, motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on agenda items.

TECHNOLOGY UP-DATE

Mr. Steve Ricketts from 5-Star Technology presented an up-date on all the things 5-Star has been doing for the Monroe-Gregg since taking over technology on July 1, 2012. See attached presentation for additional details.

BOARD POLICY CHANGES

Dr. Wood made the recommendation to approve Board Policy 8310, 8431 and 7540.04 as presented. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Shields, motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Dorsett made a motion to approve changes to policy 0150, per Dr. Wood's recommendation, seconded by Mr. Elliott, motion carried 4-0.

Dr. Wood made the recommendation to approve Board Policy 0160 as presented. Mr. Shields made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Elliott, motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BAND TRIP

Dr. Wood recommended approval for the two out of state and over night band trips as presented. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve. Mr. Shields seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

VERIZON TOWER FUNDS

The Monroe-Gregg School District receives \$12,000 per year from Verizon for land rental. Dr. Wood is asking for 50% of this income to be used for technology purchases. The Board is researching the use of this money for a student scholarship fund.

There was no vote taken at this time. Research and future discussions will be held before a decision is made on the allocation amount and the use of the \$12,000.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Mr. Steve Harris, School Board Attorney, explained that due to a new transparency law, all School Superintendents must have a public hearing before any financial changes can be approved to the superintendent's contract by the school board. Mr. Harris indicated he believes Monroe-Gregg is the first school district in the state of Indiana to have a public hearing regarding salary changes for a superintendent.

Mr. Harris asked that anyone addressing the board adhere to the following guidelines:

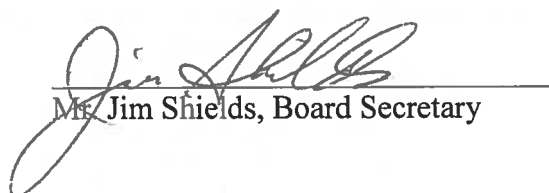
State your name, address, and if you object or support the 1% proposed salary increase. Please be considerate, do not repeat what someone else has already expressed, do not use other staff member names, individuals will be limited to five minutes per speaker, stick to knowledge only and not rumors. There will be no questions directed to the school board; this is a hearing and the board will listen, not speak.

Approximately 50 people attended the hearing and 13 people spoke regarding the proposed salary increase totaling \$1,270 per year. 12 were against a raise at this time and Ms. Robin Robinson, President of the MGTA, stated that the teachers association is still negotiating and had not yet reached an agreement. The board will vote on September 10, 2012 in the regularly scheduled public meeting. See attached for additional contract details.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Scott Everett, Board President, adjourned the meeting at 7:14 P.M.


Mr. Scott Everett, Board President


Mr. Jim Shields, Board Secretary