

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
October 8, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Scott Everett at 6:33 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Jim Shields, and Mrs. Nancy Dorsett. Also attending were Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, Ms. Robin Robinson, representing MGTA, Mrs. Melissa York, Elementary School Principal; Mr. Steve Ricketts from 5-Star Technologies and interested patrons. Board Member, Tim Pridemore was unable to attend.

The regular meeting of the Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

School Board President, Scott Everett called for a motion to approve the minutes of the executive session and regular meeting of September 10, 2012. The motion was made by Mr. Shields to approve meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett; motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Superintendent, Dr. Julie Wood, asked that claim #15801 in the amount of \$484.00 be removed. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve claims #15750 through #15862 in the amount of \$1,131,080.45 with the claim #15750 removed. Mr. Shields seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Nancy Dorsett made the motion to approve the personnel recommendations with one revision, Bus Driver, Kimbra Smith will be returning to work on Monday, October 22, 2012. Mr. Shields seconded, the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Everett asked Dr. Wood if with the return of Mrs. Smith, this would allow for the buses to return to their normal routes. Dr. Wood stated yes, but that there are no extra drivers available and that all surrounding schools are dealing with the same problem.

### **TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION**

Mr. Steve Ricketts from 5-Star Technology updated the board regarding technology in the district. Attached are the up-dates Mr. Ricketts reviewed and discussed with the Board.

Mr. Shields inquired about what board policies would need to be reviewed and up-dated with all the new technology. He also stated that the Board may need to review current technology policies.

Mr. Ricketts informed the Board that 5-Star would be conducting a full day of training for teachers on the use of smart boards.

Mr. Ricketts explained that the Monroe-Gregg Technology Plan was submitted to the IDOE last year and is a three year plan. The shared that is a working document, but will need to be re-written from the ground up before the next submission date.

### **ELEMENTARY PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Melissa York presented a power point presentation on the new positive reinforcement for good behavior at Monrovia Elementary. (see attached) Mrs. York's favorite part of this new project is the excitement the students are showing. Mrs. York started the program by reading the book "Have You Filled A Bucket Today" to each classroom. The students are encouraged to be a bucket filler and to do good things throughout the day.

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

Ms. Robin Robinson, representing MGTA, spoke regarding the disgruntlement among the teaching staff over the new "Hub Printing" being established. The teachers are very upset about having their individual printers removed from their classrooms. Ms. Robinson stated this is their "last ditch effort" to save their classroom printers.

Mr. Ricketts assured everyone that no printers would be removed until everyone is comfortable with the new printing process. Training will be provided and this will be a gradual process so that all problems and concerns can be resolved.

### **BUDGET HEARING**

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve the 2013 Monroe-Gregg School District Budget, as advertised, seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion passed 4-0.

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### **CELL PHONE STIPEND**

Mrs. Dorsett made the motion to approve the recommendation for cell phone stipends as presented. (see attached) Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

### **ECA & VOCATIONAL TRANSPORTATION FEES**

Dr. Wood presented the recommendation to reduce the ECA and Vocational Transportation Fees for students. (see attached). Mr. Shields made the motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion carried 4-0.

### **VERIZON TOWER FUNDS**

Mr. Tom Zoss, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Morgan County presented information on how the foundation can assist the Monroe-Gregg School District with establishing a fund for scholarships by using the money obtained through the Verizon tower. Mr. Zoss provided the CFMC Policy Manual for fund management, and stated they currently manage 140 various funds.

Mr. Everett thanked Mr. Zoss for attending and sharing the services provided by CFMC with the School Board. M-GSD currently has approximately \$57,000 in the Verizon Tower Fund and is evaluating the best options for utilizing the money available.

### **LICENSE PLATE FUND**

Mr. Shields made the motion to approve as presented, allowing each building and the special education department to utilize the funds for professional development. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion carried 4-0, as presented in each of their proposals.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Elliott made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Shields , meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Scott Everett, Board President



Jim Shields, Board Secretary