

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
March 9, 2015**

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 School Board President, Mr. Scott Everett at 6:30 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. Chris Williams, Mr. Tim Pridemore and Mr. Jack Elliott. Also in attendance, Dr. William Roberson, School Superintendent; Mr. Steve Harris, School Board Attorney; Mrs. Yolanda Goodpaster, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Melissa York, Elementary Principal; Mr. Brian Lewis, Athletic Director; and Mr. Brett Everett, Maintenance Director. High School Teacher, Mr. Steve Reeder and several High School students were also in attendance for the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the following minutes as presented:

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Mrs. Dorsett seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve claims #3411 through #3542 as presented in the amount of \$1,191,310.47. There being no changes or additional claims, Mr. Williams seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Roberson recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments at this time

SCHOOL MARKETING PRESENTATION

High School AP History Teacher, Steve Reeder along with several High School students attended the Board Meeting. Student, Jackie Knight was the spokesperson for the group. The class created a PowerPoint presentation to highlight what their plans are regarding marketing for the High School. (PowerPoint presentation attached)

CONSIDERATION FOR 2015 SUMMER SCHOOL

Dr. Roberson asked the Board to approve the 2015 Summer School programs as presented. Dr. Roberson stated the program would run exactly as it did in 2014.

Mr. Williams made the motion to approve as presented. Seconded by Mr. Elliott and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL FOR FIVE (5) CROSSINGS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL SEATS.

Dr. Roberson is advocating for this new program which is catching steam around the state. Monroe-Gregg will be joining forces with all the Morgan County Schools for this new alternative educational opportunity. This will provide another educational avenue for those students who do not find success in the traditional school setting.

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BLEACHER BIDS

Bids for football/track home side bleachers and press box were opened on March 3, 2015 at 9am after advertising for bids twice in local papers. Scope of the projects and required documents were given to each bidder. Four bids were received and opened:

- Southern Bleachers Co.: \$322,000 with demolition deduct of \$13,300
- Sturdisteel Co.: \$322,000 with demolition deduct of \$13,000
- E&D Specialty Stands: \$367,000
- RK Sports Seating: \$328,070

Steve Harris, school attorney, reviewed the bids and approved Southern Bleachers Co. as lowest and best bid.

Dr. Roberson recommended a motion to the Board accepting Southern Bleachers Co. bid of \$322,000, including demolition, as the contractor for home side bleachers and press box. Dr. Roberson also recommended accepting the quotes for speakers from ESCO Communications for \$26,580.13 and a quote for two Bulldog logos from Sutterfield's Plaque and Trophy Co. for \$1,350. (Documents attached) Dr. Roberson also recommended adding the following wording from attorney Steve Harris in the motion.

The Board finds that Southern Bleacher Co. was a responsive bidder in that

- a) Southern Bleacher Co. submitted a bid or quote that conforms in all material respects to the specifications,
- b) Southern Bleacher Co. submitted a bid that complies specifically with the invitation to bid and the instruction to bidders.
- c) Southern Bleacher Co. complied with all applicable statutes, ordinances, resolutions or rules pertaining to the award of a public contract.

The Board finds that Southern Bleacher Co. is a responsible bidder and finds that Southern Bleacher Co.

- a) has the ability and capacity of the bidder to perform the work
- b) the bidder has excellent integrity, character and reputation and
- c) the Board finds that the bidder is competent and experienced.

Also included in the motion: Accepting Indiana Bond Bank recommendation to borrow \$349,930.13 from Crossroads Bank in Carmel, IN at an annual 2.35% interest rate. The loan will be paid twice annually for seven years beginning in 2016. The loan will be repaid from the 5% of levy in athletic account in CPF plus Rainy Day Fund. The motion also included Board permission for Dr. Roberson to sign any documents related to the project and Crossroads Bank.

The motion to accept was made by Mr. Elliott and seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR MES GRANT

Mr. Williams made a motion that would give permission to Monrovia Elementary to apply for a grant through the Kendrick Foundation. Mr. Pridemore seconded the motion as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED AND ADMINISTRATOR HANDBOOK CHANGES

Dr. Roberson recommended several updates and changes to the Classified and Administrator Handbook (the updated document is attached). Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve all changes as presented, seconded by Mr. Williams, motion passed 5-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF OVERNIGHT SOFTBALL TEAM LOCK-IN

The varsity softball coach requested permission to host an overnight team building lock-in at Monrovia High School. Dr. Roberson recommended approval based on the detailed written recommendation provided.

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve the lock-in as presented, seconded by Mrs. Dorsett, motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF OVERNIGHT BAND TRIP

Mrs. Dorsett made the motion to approve the overnight band trip to Ohio on November 7, 2015 provided the band qualifies for the Mid-State Finals. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION FOR SUMMER BAND CAMP AT TAYLOR UNIVERSITY


Each year the band participates in Summer Band Camp at Taylor University. Mr. Pridemore made a motion to allow participation again this year. Mrs. Dorsett seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER

Dr. Roberson publicly thanked the teachers, administrators and the students for their patience regarding all of the testing being required by the State of Indiana. This is something we must adhere to regardless of the burdens and pressures being felt not only by the schools but the students as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President, Scott Everett adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.



Mr. Scott Everett, Board President



Mr. Tim Pridemore, Board Secretary