

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
September 8, 2008  
6:30 p.m.**

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 vice president, Mr. James Shields at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. James Shields, Mr. Greg Gore, and Mr. Scott Everett. Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, was unable to attend. Also attending were Dr. Jerry Wolfe, interim superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, building principals, and interested patrons.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PRESENTATION ON INDIANA YOUTH TOBACCO USE**

Ms. Jennifer Walker, Project Coordinator for *Ready, Set, Quit Tobacco!* presented this agenda item.

Her presentation included a handout of the results from the 2006 Indiana Youth Tobacco survey. The survey was based on approximately 7,000 students in middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12).

Some of the areas she noted were: smoking rates by grade, smoking by race/ethnicity, how Indiana compares to the United States, where the cigarettes are coming from, effects of secondhand smoke exposure on youth and the financial cost to taxpayers.

The board thanked Ms. Walker for her presentation.

**BUILDING INFORMATION AND UP-DATES FROM PRINCIPALS**

Each of the building principals, Mrs. Monahan, Mr. Sampson, and Mr. Hagist, spoke briefly outlining the current and upcoming activities in their building. They all mentioned that ISTEP would begin the week of September 15<sup>th</sup> and noted their current school enrollment numbers. All three schools had an increase in student population for the 2008-2009 school year.

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, the Executive Session of the same date, and the first hearing of the 2009 Budget was made by Mr. Greg Gore seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve claim #10355 through claim #10486, in the amount of \$1,088,359.39. Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL**

Dr. Wolfe explained to the board and audience members that under *Certified Staff Changes and Recommendations* the additional compensation to be paid to Mrs. Mary Mann, Director of Special Education, effective and retroactive for the 2008-09 school year was an agreement made by the former superintendent and he felt obligated to honor the agreement.

Also, the Director of the MIT program will receive an additional twenty (20) days on her contract, effective/retroactive for the 2008-09 contract year. Dr. Wolfe noted that the additional days were well justified.

The motion to accept the Personnel Report as presented was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments or questions from the audience members regarding any agenda items.

**CONSIDERATION OF ATHLETIC POLICY AMENDMENTS**

The motion was made by Mr. Jack Elliott to table Item 1 and approve Item 2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore.

**CONSIDERATION OF ATHLETIC POLICY AMENDMENTS (continued)**

During the discussion period of this item, Mr. Hagist and Mr. Sampson explained the proposed amendment to Item 1.

The board consensus was to let Mr. Elliott's motion and Mr. Gore's second to stand. The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRIP TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

Board members received a request from the seventh and eighth grade Monrovia Middle School cheerleaders for a team trip to Walt Disney World from December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 7, 2008.

The motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore, and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF BULLDOG BRIGADE BAND TRIPS**

Board members received several requests from Mr. Brian Willett, Band Director, for band trips. The band requested to attend the ISSMA regional marching event on October 18, 2008 at Jeffersonville High School, the Mid-States Band Association Championships on November 1, 2008 at Kings Mills, Ohio, and the Bands of America Grand national Championships on November 14, 2008 at the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The motion to approve the above referenced requests was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SPACE CAMP TRIP TO HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

Board members received a request from Mrs. Betty Heshelman, to allow the Young Astronauts and middle school students to attend a weekend Space Camp at Huntsville, Alabama on April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 19, 2008.

The motion to approve the above referenced request was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP TO BRADFORD WOODS**

Board members received a request from Mrs. Betty Heshelman, to allow the seventh grade students to attend a field trip to Bradford woods on September 25<sup>th</sup> through September 16, 2008.

The motion to allow students to attend the field trip to Bradford Woods was approved by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott, and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2009 SCHOOL BUDGET**

A motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the 2009 Budget, the 2009-2011 CPF Plan, and the 2009-2020 Bus Replacement Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett giving permission to advertise the CPF plan that was adopted. Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT**

Dr. Wolfe noted that the board had previously heard presentations from two companies, Performance Services and Trane, regarding energy savings contracts. Dr. Wolfe recommended the board award the contract to Trane.

After discussion and review the motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to award Trane the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

The board received a request from Mrs. Goodpaster to attend the Leadership Conference in Bloomington, IN on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. She noted that students had attended the Conference for the past six year.

The motion to approve student attendance at this year's Leadership Conference was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett, and carried 4-0.

**RETROACTIVE CONTRACT ADDENDUM FOR MR. PAUL KAISER**

Per a previous agreement with the board, Mr. Kaiser had requested that he receive one percent of his contract for a VEBA (health savings) account.

Dr. Wolfe advised that although he had researched the agreement and did not find anything to substantiate the request, he proposed that the board approve the one percent rate for the last year of Mr. Kaiser's employment which would be approximately \$1,245 for a health savings account.

The motion to approve approximately \$1,245 for a health savings account for Mr. Paul Kaiser was made by Mr. Greg Gore seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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James Shields, Board Vice-President

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Scott Everett, Board Secretary

