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MINUTES MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ADMINISTRATION CENTER

April 12, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Executive Session

School Board President, Nancy Dorsett called the executive session to order at 5:30 P.M. The following agenda items were discussed and no other subjects were addressed except those allowed under IC 5-14-1.5.6.1

Executive Session: 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A)(D)(9)

(2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following:

(A) Collective Bargaining

(D) The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract
Or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties

(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

ATTENDEES

Board members in attendance were Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. Scott Everett, Mr. Greg Gore, Mr. Jim Shields, Mr. Jack Elliott, Dr. Julie Wood, School Superintendent, and Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney.

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett
Board President, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett

Scott Everett
Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
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Administration Office
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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, Nancy Dorsett at 6:35 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. James Shields, Mr. Jack Elliott and Mr. Greg Gore. Also attending were Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, Ms. Robin Robinson, representing MGTA, and interested patrons.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the Executive Session of March 8, 2010; and the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2010.

The motion was made by Mr. Jim Shields to approve all meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

The Corporation Superintendent, Dr. Julie Wood recommended Board approval for claims #12710 through #12816 in the amount of \$1,670,602.22

After consideration and review the motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Jim Shields and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Wood recommended approval for the Personnel Report as presented. The motion to approve the personnel recommendations were made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent, asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. There were no questions at this time.

HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM CREDITS

Dr. Wood ask at this time the board address item #13, pertaining to High School Curriculum Credits. Dr. Wood briefly described how the new proposed credit for physical education would work and benefit our students.

Mr. Hagist, High School Principal stated he believes this is a great program and gives his total support for this new student opportunity. The attached documents outline the strict rules and guidelines the students will follow and the benefits for more academic time.

Mr. Scott Everett made the motion to approve the curriculum credit as presented, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore, motion carried 4-1.

2009-2010, 2010-2011 TEACHER CONTRACT

Dr. Wood presented the contract agreed upon with the Teacher's Association (see attached). Dr. Wood shared with the board, that this contract did not get us where we need to be financially and but the Teacher's Association is clearly aware of the reductions required to meet our budget constraints.

Board member, Scott Everett questioned the fact that some teachers still receive a salary increase through the increment process even though the contract indicates there is no salary increase on this contract.

Mr. Jack Elliott stated he was making the motion to approve the teacher contract, not because he agreed with it, but because not approving it would put us further behind where we need to be financially. Mr. Greg Gore seconded the motion to approve the contract as presented, motion passed 3-2.

ITEMS FOR AUCTION

Dr. Wood explained to the board approval was needed for the junk items sent to the auction. This was a very successful endeavor and the money will be deposited in the CPF Fund.

Mr. Scott Everett made the motion to approve, Mr. Shields seconded, and motion passed 5-0.

2010 BUDGET CONSTRAINTS

ECA

The Board gave Dr. Wood their approval and consensus for any and all cuts pertaining to the ECA schedule, athletics and coaches that are deemed necessary due to the lack of participation and funds available.

All 6th Grade athletic teams will revert back to youth leagues.

See attachments for a detailed list of possible areas.

Dr. Wood stated she truly hoped this would only be for a temporary period of time, and once things were financially stable, items would be reinstated as needed.

STAFF

Mr. Jack Elliott made the motion to approve the termination of up to fifteen (15) teaching assistants. Dr. Wood stated some of the jobs would be posted with new hours, pay and duties, therefore allowing some to be rehired for the 2010-2011 school year.

Mr. Scott Everett seconded the termination list as presented, motion passed 5-0.

HALL SCHOOL

Dr. Wood spoke to the Board regarding the financial burden the Hall School Building is causing the district. The revenue received is not enough to cover the expenses, and we can not continue to operate at a loss.

Patron and Hall Civic Association Member, Randy Marsh, ask the board for approval to seek a grant allowing the association to separate the old building from the new building. Allowing them to control their utility expenses and make possible upgrades through a Lowes Preservation Grant.

The board gave their total approval and consensus to the Hall Civic Association to move forward.

SECOND READING OF POLICY

New proposed Policy and Guidelines were presented regarding transfer tuition students. Dr. Wood would like for the Board to consider allowing students living outside the school district to attend Monroe-Gregg.

After some discussion to the benefits of now allowing this to happen, it was noted that this will be under strict guidelines and only those students who meet the criteria and where space is available will students be able to transfer to our district.

Mr. Jack Elliott made a motion to approve the board policy 5111 as presented. Mr. Greg Gore seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

ATHLETIC VOLUNTARY REFERRAL AMENDMENT

Dr. Wood ask the board to approve a stricter Athletic Voluntary Referral Process as presented. It was stated that students have the perception we as a school are not tough enough on students who make bad choices although we commend them for their honesty in these situations.

A motion was made to table item number 12 on the agenda, Mr. Greg Gore seconded, motion failed 1-4.

After further discussion and explanation for the amendment, Mr. Jim Shields made the motion to approve as presented, Mr. Gore seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Mrs. Nancy Dorsett abstained.

(NOTE: Agenda item #13 was moved to Agenda item #6)

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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Board President, adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.



Nancy Dorsett, Board President



Scott Everett, Board Secretary