

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
May 11, 2009**

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 6:44, in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. James Shields and Mr. Greg Gore. Also attending were Dr. Jerry Wolfe, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney, building principals, Mrs. Michele Moore, representing MGTA, and interested patrons.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN**

Dr. Wolfe, Interim Superintendent, advised that he had not received any further information from the State regarding funding. He, therefore, recommended that the board table this agenda item.

The motion to table the consideration of all day kindergarten was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-1.

**BUILDING INFORMATION AND UPDATES FROM PRINCIPALS**

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Monrovia Middle School principal, was the first speaker. She distributed copies of the *Monrovia in the Middle* newsletter for May. Mrs. Monahan reported that the Spring ISTEP testing was completed. The middle school's National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a car wash for the Rich Dimmack Fund and Girl Scout Troop 800 presented \$300 to Mrs. Anderson for the middle school library.

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary School principal, spoke next. He began by commending several students in the elementary school. A third grade student was a State finalist in the K-3 age group for the Doodle 4 Google contest. A fourth grade student was chosen chess champion and there were several students that won ribbons during the recent Tri-Kappa Art Show.

**BUILDING INFORMATION AND UPDATES FROM PRINCIPALS (continued)**

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Junior/Senior high school principal commended a student who was the Best of Show winner during the recent Tri-Kappa Art Show. The AP testing took place last week and the CORE 40 testing will begin this week. Mr. Hagist noted the spring sports activities, the Top Ten Senior Banquet, and the upcoming activities. He also thanked board members for their support during the school year.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2009 Executive Session, the Regular Board Meeting of April 13, 2009, the April 13, 2009 Executive Session, and the Special Meeting of April 20, 2009 was made by Mr. James Shields. Mr. Shields' motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

After consideration and review the motion to approve claims #11432 - #11546 in the amount of \$980,208.45 was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to table the Reduction in Staff portion of the Personnel Report, but approve the Summer Custodial Help Recommendation to Hire and the ECA Recommendations and Resignations. Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. Mrs. Celina Clements, Monrovia Elementary kindergarten teacher, commented on agenda item *#14 Consideration of Hall Early Childhood Center*. Mrs. Clements asked that there be more community conversation regarding what people think about the Hall Early Education Center. She stated that "keeping the Center under Monroe-Gregg would allow us to filter children into the system that is more in line with our focus."

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS (continued)**

Mrs. Clements, who has two children at the childhood center, would also like to keep the discount in place for staff members. She noted that one of the incentives to leave her previous position was the discount for child care and she appreciated that it was offered this year.

**CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Monrovia Middle School Media Center received a donation from Girl Scout Troop 800 for \$300. This money was donated to help provide items needed for the middle school library.

The motion to accept the donation from Girl Scout Troop 800 was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

The board received a request from the Monrovia Middle School's Social Studies Department to approve the recommended textbook adoption for the 2009-2010 school year for grades 6-8.

The motion to approve the proposed textbook adoption was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF VARSITY SOFTBALL TRIP**

Mrs. Yolanda Goodpaster requested board approval for a trip to an amusement park for the high school girls' softball team. They will be taking an activity bus for this trip. Mr. Greg Gore asked if a driver would be hired or if the softball coach would be driving? Dr. Wolfe replied that the coach would be driving.

The motion to approve the proposed softball trip was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett, and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

The board received a request from the Monrovia Elementary Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee to approve the recommended textbook adoption for the 2009-2010 school year for grades one through five.

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The motion to approve the proposed textbook adoption was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOK RENTAL**

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary principal, presented the elementary textbook rental charges for the 2009-2010 school year. After discussion and review, a motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to accept the textbook rental charges as submitted. Mr. Everett's motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR 2009-2010**

The board received the Monrovia Elementary School changes to the student handbook for the 2009-2010 school year. After discussion and review, the motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the handbook changes. Mr. Shields' motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF HALL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

Dr. Wolfe presented this agenda item. He recommended that the Center continue operation in the private sector beginning July 1, 2009, or until such time as a private company has been licensed. The time between now and July 1<sup>st</sup> would be used to work out the details.

Mr. Scott Everett added that if this request cannot be met, the Center has a one year contract which will be reviewed at the end of that year.

The motion to approve both Dr. Wolfe's and Mr. Everett's recommendations was made by Mr. Greg Gore, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PARTIAL TEACHER CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR 2009-2010**

This agenda item was presented by Dr. Wolfe. He advised board members that were several issues that had not been addressed and he recommended that this agenda item be tabled.

The motion to table this agenda item was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 5-0.

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**CONSIDERATION OF BOND BANK 2009 MID-YEAR FUNDING PROGRAM**

Dr. Wolfe noted that this action is taken on a recurring basis to meet cash flow requirements. He stated that he would prefer not to borrow, but this is in place in the event it becomes necessary to borrow.

The motion to approve this request was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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Nancy Dorsett, Board President

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Scott Everett, Board Secretary

