

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
September 14, 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 6:30, in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, and Mr. James Shields. Mr. Greg Gore was unable to attend. 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 Sessions of August 10, 2009 and August 25, 2009 and the Regular Board Meeting of August 10, 2009.

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve all meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

The Corporation Superintendent, Dr. Julie Wood recommended board approval of claim #11885 through #12040 in the amount of \$1,813,387.67.

After consideration and review the motion to approve the claims packet was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION INCLUDING  
ADDENDUM**

The motion to approve the Personnel Report and the addendum was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 3-0 with one nay.

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

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience. There were no comments or questions from the audience regarding any agenda items.

### **SECOND READING OF BOARD POLICY – PERSONAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

During the August 10, 2009 board meeting, Dr. Wood presented the first reading of *Policy 1521-Personal Background Check (Administrators)*, *Policy 3121-Personal Background Check (Professional Staff)*, *Policy 4121-Personal Background Check (Support Staff)* and *Policy 8121-Personal Background Check (Contacted Services)*.

The motion to approve the above referenced policies as submitted was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott, and carried 3-1.

### **FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY – USE OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURES**

Dr. Wood asked board approval for the first reading of policy #6105 – *Authorization to Use Facsimile Signature*. She noted that this request was based on advice from ISBA and; she presented board members with a draft of the policy.

After discussion and review the motion was made by Mr. James Shields to approve the first reading of *Policy #6105*. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TRIP**

The board received a request from Bobbie Jo Monahan, middle school principal and Larry Mayes, middle school athletic director, asking permission for the Monrovia Middle School Cheerleaders to participate in the McDonalds Thanksgiving Parade. The parade will take place on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Chicago, Illinois. The cheerleaders will not miss any school days and the cheerleaders, coaches, and parents are responsible for their own expenses.

Dr. Wood recommended approval of the trip as presented. The motion to approve the trip as presented was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 4-0.

### **HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND TRIP**

Mr. Brian Willett, Band Director, asked for board approval for the Monrovia Bulldog Brigade to attend the Mid-States Band Association Class A Championships in Cincinnati Ohio on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and pending qualification in the Finals, Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. He also requested approval for the Jazz Band to travel to Washington, D.C. March 25<sup>th</sup> through March 29, 2010. All transportation costs will be paid by the Band Boosters.

Dr. Wood recommended approval for both band trips as presented. The motion to approve both band trips was made by Mr. James Shields, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott and carried 4-0.

### **OTHER**

Mr. John Hawkins, Industrial Technology Department, requested permission to build a mini barn for the athletic department. The barn would be a twelve foot by forty foot (12' x 40'), two story building. The building should be completed by early spring.

Dr. Wood recommended approval of this project. The motion to approve the building of the mini barn was made by Mr. Jack Elliott, seconded by Mr. James Shields, and carried 4-0.

### **PERMISSION FOR ENERGY SAVINGS PROJECT**

A representative from City Securities Corporation, Mr. Sid Baker, distributed an information packet to board members that outlined several options for the Qualified School Construction Bond repayment schedule.

Dr. Wood requested permission to move forward with the Energy Savings Project using the \$2 million the District was awarded through the Department of Education Qualified School Construction Bond. The Bond issuance will be interest free to the District. She also noted that moving forward with the 1028 Hearing does not lock the District into the project.

After consideration and review the motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to move forward with the 1028 Hearing. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Shields and carried 3-0. Mr. Jack Elliott was not available for this vote.

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**OTHER**

Dr. Wood advised board and audience members that a Special Meeting will be held on September 28, 2009. This meeting will be the Budget Public Hearing for the 2010 Budget and the 1028 Hearing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, board president, adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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Nancy Dorsett, Board President

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Scott Everett, Board Secretary

