

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monroe-Gregg School District
Monrovia High School Cafeteria
January 15, 2007
6:30 p.m.

Present were Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Scott Everett, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and Mr. Paul Kaiser. Mr. James Shields was a late arrival.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President, called the board meeting to order at 6:33p.m.

II. Curriculum, Building Updates, and Other Reports

Student of the Month

Mr. Chris Sampson, Monrovia Elementary principal, spoke first congratulating fifth grader, Emily Snyder on being chosen as the elementary school's Student of the Month. Mr. Sampson noted that Emily's teacher, Mrs. Robin Robinson, praised Emily as a student who is kind and considerate of others. Emily is a good role model for other students.

Mrs. Bobbie Jo Monahan, Middle School principal, noted that her Student of the Month, selected in November, Ciara Beck, was attending this meeting. The Student of the Month selected for December, Wade Catts, was also able to attend. Both students received their award.

Mr. Duffy Hagist, Monrovia Junior/Senior high principal, introduced Nicole Christie as the high school's Student of the Month. He stated that Nicole is interested in learning, volunteers for many activities, and is ranked seventh in her class.

II. Curriculum Building Updates, and Other Reports (continued)

Principals' Report

Mr. Sampson, Mr. Hagist and Mrs. Monahan outlined the current and future activities in their buildings. Each principal distributed copies of their school activity report or school newsletter.

Mr. Chris Samson, Monrovia Elementary Principal, gave a board presentation focusing on the many programs offered at Monrovia Elementary. Some of the various programs he discussed were the Before and After school program which is provided by the Barbara B. Jordan YMCA, the pre-school for developmentally delayed students, the peer friends program for the Pre-K, the literacy program and full-day kindergarten sponsored by Title I, special education program, and the Media Center which is used for research projects, reading programs, and as a resource for teachers.

III. Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2006 regular meeting and the Executive Session of the same date. Mr. Gore's motion was seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

IV. Claims

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to approve claims #7517 through #7636 in the amount of \$3,197,488.53, seconded by Mr. Scott Everett and carried 4-0.

Mr. Gore asked Mr. Kaiser to explain claim #7572 to Harris and Currens. Mr. Kaiser replied that the charge was for services rendered, from this law firm, due to the current litigation.

V. Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the employment recommendations as listed with the salary within the parameter of the approved salary schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore. The motion carried 4-0.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no comments from the audience regarding any agenda item.

VII. Construction Updates

This agenda item was presented by Mr. Kaiser. He spoke briefly noting the building changes during the last few months which have resulted in a cost savings for the Corporation. Mr. Kaiser noted that the administration has been “good stewards” with the funds that were available.

Mr. Kaiser also reported that during February 2007 Construction Control, Inc. will be paid in full with the exception of a company involved with repairing some wall damage.

VIII. Quotes, Bids, Donations and Purchases

There was nothing to discuss during this meeting.

XI. Staff Development, Trips and Projects

The motion was made by Mr. Scott Everett to approve the Girl’s Basketball team trip to Bainbridge, Indiana. This motion was seconded by Mr. Greg Gore and carried 5-0.

X. Other Business and Information

Mr. Kaiser advised the board and audience members that the heating problems the Elementary school has experience in the past have been addressed. The problem was with the insulation located between the classroom ceiling and the building roof.

The next speaker was Mr. Randy Marsh who spoke on behalf of the Hall Civic Association and the Historical Preservation of the 1911 Hall Elementary building. He noted that there have been several successful fund raisers for the building and that he would like to see the building become a community center.

XI. Policy and Guideline Considerations

There was nothing to discuss during this meeting.

XII. Committee and Community Reports

The motion was made by Mr. Greg Gore to appoint two board members to serve on a Hall Learning Center Committee to develop ideas and strategies on the utilization of the district facility. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0.

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and Mr. Jack Elliott were appointed to serve on the Hall Learning Center Committee.

XIII. Board Member and Superintendent Comments

Mr. Kaiser stated that he is a member of the Healthier Morgan County Committee and he spoke in favor of keeping the fitness center in the middle school open for an extended

XIII. Board Member and Community Reports (continued)

amount of time. He suggested 5:30 to 7:00 in the mornings and 6:00 to 8:00 in the evenings. Mr. Kaiser would like to obtain grants to fund the extended hours.

The next item Mr. Kaiser addressed was the proposed Indiana Commerce Connector, which could potentially displace Monrovia Middle School, if Indiana State Road #39 is chosen for the route. Mr. Kaiser and board members urged patrons to contact their State congressmen and senators to protest the State Road #39 route.

The final item noted by Mr. Kaiser was that Mr. Robert Boyd, a professor at Indiana State University, has been commissioned by the District to conduct a demographic study to ascertain how new housing development will affect Monrovia schools. He noted that Mr. Boyd will be a speaker at the February board meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

The motion was made by Mr. James Shields to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott

Board Secretary, Mr. Scott Everett

