

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
March 14, 2011**

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, Mr. Jim Shields at 6:38 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mrs. Nancy Dorsett, Mr. Tim Pridemore and Mr. Scott Everett. Also attending were Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Harris, Corporation Attorney; Mrs. Karen Anderson representing MGTA; Mrs. Kelly Dillon, Corporation Treasurer; Mr. Jacob Hagist, High School Principal; Mr. Mike Springer, Middle School Principal and interested patrons.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

School Board President, Jim Shields called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session from February 14, 2011. The motion was made by Mr. Jack Elliott to approve meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Nancy Dorsett; motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Scott Everett made the motion to approve claims #13846 through #13927 in the amount of \$1,047,584.04 as presented. Mr. Tim Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no changes or additions to the personnel report. The motion to approve the personnel recommendations as presented was made by Mr. Scott Everett, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott, motion carried 5-0.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Middle School Principal, Mr. Mike Springer shared information on a new pilot program called ALECS using Netbooks in one of his seventh grade Math classes. Mr. Dubbs, the classroom teacher gave a demonstration and answered questions from the Board and patrons regarding the new program being tested. It was stated this program was made available through grant funds from the DOE and it aligns with the state math standards.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

High School Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monts requested further discussion on the 2011 proposed graduation date. Mr. Jack Elliott made a motion to wave public comment until Dr. Wood addresses the graduation item later in the meeting. Mr. Scott Everett seconded and motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER DRIVERS EDUCATION

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett made the motion to approve the summer driver education program for 2011 as presented. (the detailed recommendation is attached) Mr. Jack Elliott seconded, the motion carried 5-0.

GRADUATION

Dr. Wood explained the reasoning for rescheduling the graduation ceremony to June 3rd. Due to inclement weather, Monroe-Gregg must make up six missed days of school as is required by IDOE. This year there are two days built into the calendar for weather related cancellations. However, there are four more days that need to be made-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Mont asked the Board if Dr. Wood had considered all options before changing the original graduation date of May 27th. Dr. Wood explained she had reviewed and weighed out all options and believed, for educational purposes, the graduation ceremony needs to be moved to June 3rd. following all make-up days.

GRADUATION CONTINUED

After much discussion concerning the possible lack of attendance by students if the graduation ceremony is held before the last senior day, the impact to the High School attendance rate, and consequences under AYP (Academic Probation), if the attendance rate drops and places the High School in year 2 of Academic Probation, Dr. Wood again recommended the graduation date be on Friday, June 3rd. School Board Attorney, Steve Harris recommended to the Board they accept the new graduation date set by Dr. Wood.

Mrs. Nancy Dorsett made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Tim Pridemore. The motion failed 3-1-1. Board President, Jim Shields abstained from voting due to a conflict in interest.

Monrovia High School Graduation will be held on May 27, 2011 as originally scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Scott Everett made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Jack Elliott. Board President, Jim Shields adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M

Jim Shields, Board President

Nancy Dorsett, Board Secretary