

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
January 10, 2022**

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 current President, Mrs. Celina Clements at 6:32 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Brock Sears, Mr. Tom Kennedy and Mr. Tim Pridemore. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman was present. MGTA Representatives Casey Honkomp and Julie Dimmack were in attendance. School Board Attorney, Steve Harris was unable to attend.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Board Member, Mr. Jack Elliott made a motion to approve Mr. Brock Sears as President; Mr. Tom Kennedy as Vice-president; and Mrs. Celina Clements as Secretary for the 2022 calendar year. Board Member, Mr. Tim Pridemore seconded; motion passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURER

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve Kelly Dillon as Corporation Treasurer and Misty Hodge as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve and Mrs. Clements seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY & CONTRACT

The Board approved Mr. Steve Harris as the School Board Attorney for the 2022 calendar year. Motion was made by Mr. Pridemore to approve Mr. Harris' contract as presented, seconded by Mr. Elliott and passed 5-0.

TEMPORARILY ADJOURN

New Board President, Mr. Brock Sears temporarily adjourned the regular meeting at 6:34 P.M.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Mr. Sears called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Board of Finance Officers to be the same as the M-GSD School Board. Mr. Brock Sears as President; Mr. Tom Kennedy as Vice-president; and Mrs. Celina Clements as Secretary; Mr. Elliott and Mr. Pridemore to serve as officers for the 2022 calendar year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Elliott; motion carried 5-0.

Director of Finance/Corporation Treasurer Kelly Dillon provided a brief overview of the investments regarding the Monroe-Gregg School District and asked the Board to approve Citizens Bank as the depository. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve Citizens Bank as the depository. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Clements and carried 5-0.

Mrs. Dillon shared additional documents reflecting M-GSD's financial history and data. All fiscal indicators were reviewed with the Board. This data can be accessed at the following web address. <https://www.in.gov/duab/>.htm

Mr. Sears adjourned the Finance Meeting at 6:40 P.M. and reconvened the regular meeting back to order at 6:40 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Parent, Mrs. Kim Hampton addressed the Board with concerns regarding the quality of eLearning.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the executive session and regular board meeting minutes of December 13, 2021. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Clements made the motion to approve claims #5313 through #5439 as presented in the amount of \$2,451,608.70. Seconded by Mr. Pridemore, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report with two (2) additional classified recommendations. Mr. James Brown and Mr. David Purdue as full time custodians. Compensation for both men will be \$12.05 per hour plus benefits. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations as presented by Dr. Freeman. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Clements, motion carried 5-0.

NEW MILEAGE RATE

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve the new mileage rate of 58.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2022. Mr. Pridemore seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The school is required by law to submit signed "Conflict of Interest Forms" completed by employees who have a family member working under them. Dr. Freeman and Mrs. Melissa York each submitted a form for approval. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve both conflict of interest forms as presented. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

PERMISSION TO TRANSFER REVENUE TO RAINY DAY FUND

RESOLUTION FOR INVESTMENT AND CHECKING INTEREST

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve transfer of appropriations; transferring revenue to the Rainy Day Fund; and the resolution for investment and checking interest earned for calendar year 2022. Mr. Kennedy seconded approval of all three (3) resolutions as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

OTHER

Mr. Harris submitted a resolution for approval regarding an extension on the closing date for the purchase of the Hadley Property. Mr. Harris also asked the Board to give permission for Dr. Freeman to sign the closing Hadley Property documents when a closing date is reached.

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve the resolution as presented and give Dr. Freeman authority to sign documents. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Freeman shared the following:

1. The school district has applied for several grants and will be receiving funds for the following grants: GEER Grant with CIESC for Professional Development; Strategic Planning Grant; and Student Recovery Loss Grant.
2. Each year the Lily Foundation gives two outstanding scholarships to two seniors who attend a Morgan County school. This year Monrovia High School received both Lily Scholarships. This is a remarkable accomplishment for our students and for the school.
3. The CDC and the Morgan County Health Department guidelines are now allowing for a return to school after five (5) days as opposed to the 14 day quarantine. After some discussion, Dr. Freeman was directed by the Board to move forward with a revised health plan, which would allow for students and staff to return to school after five (5) days. Dr. Freeman stated he would make the necessary changes to the plan and notify parents and staff immediately following a discussion with the teachers' union.

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to give Dr. Freeman the authority to align with the CDC and the Morgan County Health Department's Guidelines and move forward with the five (5) day quarantine policy. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion passed 5-0. Parents will be notified via "Parent Square" of the changes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pridemore. New Board President, Brock Sears adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.



Mr. Brock Sears, Board President



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board Secretary