

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
March 14, 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 Board President, Mr. Brock Sears at 6:34 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Tom Kennedy and Mr. Tim Pridemore. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman; School Board Attorney, Steve Harris; Building Principals and MGTA Representatives Casey Honkomp were present.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni each month. Each building principal selects a student and invites their family to attend the meeting and to be publically recognized for their accomplishments. March 2022 award recipients were Nehemiah Grismore – MES; Nathan Tonner – MES; Valerie Voi – MMS; and Emily Crouch – MHS.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments from the audience.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Executive Session and Regular Board meeting minutes of February 14, 2022. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve claims #5575 through #5722 as presented in the amount of \$1,601,403.71. Seconded by Mr. Elliott, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy, motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 2022-2023 STUDENT TRANSFERS

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to table this agenda item in February. There was language on the application that required some cleanup before approval.

The application was reviewed and changes were made to meet Indiana Code. Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve with changes as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded and the updated transfer application passed with a motion of 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO 1ST GRADE CLASSROOMS

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to accept a \$500 donation from anonymous grandparents. The grandparents contacted Dr. Freeman to share how pleased they were, their granddaughter was learning and enjoying 1st. Grade. The anonymous donors asked that each 1st Grade Classroom receive \$100 to spend on classroom supplies of their choice.

Mr. Elliott made the motion to accept the \$500 donation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FFA OFFICERS RETREAT

High School Teachers, Mrs. Shelby Gore and Mrs. Tori McCreary submitted a request for FFA students to travel to Cincinnati, Ohio for an Officers Retreat. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mrs. Clements. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES AND UPDATES (FIRST READ)

School Board policy updates and changes were presented to the Board for review and consideration. Dr. Freeman will ask for approval of changes at the April Board meeting. Board action is not required at this time.

CONSIDERATION OF THREE (3) NEW BUSES

The Transportation Department submitted a request to purchase three (3) new buses. The bus fleet is on a yearly rotation. Each year older buses are traded or sold; and replaced with a new bus. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve the purchase as presented; seconded by Mr. Pridemore. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION TO SELL 2010 CHEVY ACTIVITY BUS

Mrs. Clements made a motion to sell the 2010 activity bus to the Monrovia Christian Church for \$1,200. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

OTHER

Mr. Harris submitted a resolution for approval regarding an extension on the closing date for the purchase of the Hadley Property. This extension would be effective through May 13, 2022.

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve the resolution as presented by Mr. Harris and give Dr. Freeman authority to sign future documents pertaining to the Hadley Property land purchase agreement. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Freeman shared the following:

1. Dr. Freeman stated the staff continues to do a great job, despite being tired and ready for Spring Break.
2. Winter sports finished up with a great deal of success.
3. Fine Arts is excelling in every area.
4. Overall, everything is going well.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Clements. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M by School Board President, Mr. Brock Sears.



Mr. Brock Sears, Board President



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board Secretary