

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Center for the Performing Arts
July 11, 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 School Board President, Mr. Brock Sears at 6:31 P.M. in the Center for the Performing Arts. Board members in attendance included Mr. Tom Kennedy, Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Jack Elliott, and Mr. Tim Pridemore. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman, School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, Athletic Director, Nick Purichia, High School Principal, Mr. Mike Springer, Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly Dillon, and MGTA Representative, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, were also present. In addition, several parents and community members were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Board President, Mr. Brock Sears addressed the public audience by saying that there is no policy in place which states a coach must be a teacher or live in the district. School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, addressed the public audience stating per policy, the Board will not discuss any personnel decisions in the Public Meeting.

The following community members made public comments per Board Policy 0167.3.

- Ms. Melissa Yohe spoke regarding policies and procedures for extra-curricular sports.
- Mr. Devon Weston spoke regarding the boys high school soccer program. School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, advised that the Board would not speak regarding personnel decisions.
- Mr. Mark Jones spoke regarding the policy for handling conflict within an athletic program. School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, advised that the Board would not speak regarding personnel decisions. Mr. Tom Kennedy advised this is a management issue and not a policy issue.
- Mrs. Heather Kistler spoke regarding the process for addressing athletic program concerns. Dr. Freeman advised that athletic matters should be handled with the Athletic Director and Building Principal. If not resolved, concerns could then be escalated to the Superintendent's office. Mrs. Clements advised that the School Board hires Administrators to resolve conflicts as they arise. She further stated that the School Board is responsible for creating policy and ensuring those policies are followed.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mrs. Clements to approve the Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2022, as well as, the Executive Session Minutes from June 15, 2022. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve claims #6154 through #6277 as presented in the amount of \$2,575,509.69. Seconded by Mr. Pridemore, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report with the exception of the Robotics Coach which will be tabled until August. Mrs. Clements made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations with the exception of the Robotics Coach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The motion carried 3-2 with Mr. Elliott and Mr. Pridemore dissenting.

CONSIDERATION OF 2022-2023 TEXTBOOK FEES

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 textbook fees. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ECA TREASURERS

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve Ms. Jessica Elliott, Mrs. Terri Harris, and Mrs. Amy Cox as the ECA Treasurers for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT & BUDGET

Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the food service contract and budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Pridemore seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT THE 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR AND ADVERTISE

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PAY INCREASE FOR SAFETY OFFICERS

Safety Director, Mr. Bryan Magennis, submitted a request to increase the pay for Safety Officers to \$35.00 per hour. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the pay increase. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVER PAY

Transportation Director, Minette Elliott, submitted a recommendation to pay school bus drivers based on their years of service. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Pridemore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION TRANSPORTATION INCREASE FOR ECA EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS

Due to the increase in fuel prices, Transportation Director, Minette Elliott, submitted a recommendation to increase the transportation costs for all ECA events and field trips. The increase for ECA and athletic trips would be \$15.00 per student per sport effective August 1st, 2022. Gas and activity bus trips would increase to \$3.43 per gallon. Diesel bus costs would increase to \$3.82 per gallon effective August 1st, 2022. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF MILEAGE RATE INCREASE

Dr. Freeman submitted a recommendation to increase the standard mileage rate to 62.5 based on IRS guidance. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the increase. Mr. Pridemore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL BOARD TO NOT HEAR STUDENT EXPULSION APPEALS

This is a decision that is made annually. The Board supports the Administrators and the Hearing Officer's decisions regarding student expulsions. Mr. Pridemore made a motion to not hear student expulsion appeals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

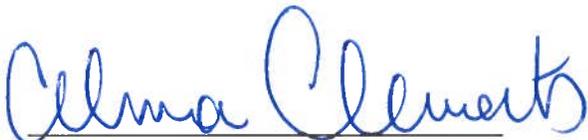
Dr. Freeman shared our custodial and maintenance areas have been working hard over the last month. Deep cleaning of the Middle School has been completed. Dr. Freeman also shared we are getting ready for budget season.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Clements. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Brock Sears.



Mr. Brock Sears, Board President



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board Secretary