

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
August 8, 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 6:35 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Tom Kennedy, Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Jack Elliott, and Mr. Tim Pridemore. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, and MGTA Representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp and Ms. Julie Dimmack were also present.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BARGAINING

At 6:37 P.M. Board President, Mr. Brock Sears, opened up the Public Hearing to allow public testimony on the subject of teacher bargaining. MGTA Representative, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, spoke on behalf of the teacher's union. Mrs. Honkomp stated the union is looking forward to bargaining with respect to teacher salaries and fringe benefits. There were no other public comments. The hearing closed at 6:44 P.M.

CONSIDERATION TO ISSUE OBLIGATORY BONDS

Mr. Luke Bruggeman with Stifel Financial conducted a presentation related to 2022 General Obligatory Bonds. Dr. Freeman asked the Board for permission to move forward with the bond process. Mr. Elliott made a motion to give Dr. Freeman permission to move forward with the process. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2022. Mr. Pridemore seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve claims #6278 through #6400 as presented in the amount of \$3,331,616.23. Seconded by Mrs. Clements, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pridemore. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT

Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly Dillon, submitted a list of employees who may receive the cell phone compensation of \$50 per month. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the \$50 per month reimbursement as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES & UPDATES

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

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Steve Harris informed the Board that the Hadley family is not prepared to close on the property. Mr. Harris recommended the Board extend the closing date to November 14th, 2022. Mrs. Clements made a motion to give Dr. Freeman authority to sign an agreement to extend the closing. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.
2. Dr. Freeman thanked the custodians, outdoor/maintenance staff, central office, administration team, and teachers for all their work over the summer months. He stated he is looking forward to a great school year. He also thanked community organizations for their summer support of our students and staff:
 - McDonald's
 - Monrovia Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
 - Subway
 - Tri-County Sports
 - Coffey Compass Realty Group
 - Fairway Mortgage
 - Beth Lawyer Photography
3. Mrs. Clements discussed the fall sports "Meet the Bulldogs" night went really well.
4. Mr. Elliott commented on the cleanliness of the facilities and how the grounds look great.
5. Mr. Kennedy inquired about COVID precautions for the upcoming year. Dr. Freeman advised that the Morgan County Health Department is monitoring the situation and will provide guidance if precautions are necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pridemore. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Brock Sears.



Mr. Brock Sears, Board President



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board Secretary