

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
August 9, 2021**

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, Mrs. Celina Clements at 6:32 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Tim Pridemore, Mr. Brock Sears and Mr. Tom Kennedy. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman; Mr. Steve Harris, School Attorney; MGTA Representatives, Athletic Director, Todd Evers and several parents were also present.

TEMPORARILY ADJOURN

Board President, Celina Clements temporarily adjourned the regular meeting at 6:32 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BARGAINING

SEA 390 Public Hearing of the Monroe-Gregg Teachers Association and the Monroe-Gregg School District – M-GSD Administration Office, 135 South Chestnut St, Monrovia, Indiana.

President Clements opened the Public Hearing to allow public testimony on the subject of teacher bargaining. Elementary Teacher and Union Representative, Casey Honkomp spoke on behalf of the teacher's union. Mrs. Honkomp stated that the union is looking forward to the bargaining especially with the new laws pertaining to teacher pay increases.

There were no other comments from the public.

Mrs. Clements adjourned the public hearing and reopened the regular monthly board meeting at 6:35 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on agenda items.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the executive session and regular board meeting minutes of July 12, 2021, and minutes from the Special Meeting held on July 29, 2021 as presented. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve claims #4572 through #4700 as presented in the amount of \$1,166,306.81. Seconded by Mr. Pridemore, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as submitted. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve all personnel items as presented. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 4-1. Mrs. Clements was opposed.

Dr. Freeman introduced and congratulated Mr. Todd Evers as the new High School Assistant Principal. After thanking the Board for the opportunity, Mr. Evers introduced the new High School Varsity Wrestling Coach, Mr. DJ Smith.

OTHER

Dr. Freeman shared the following before closing the meeting:

1. The school year is off to a good start.
2. The student count is up to 1518 from last years' 1451.
3. Growth is coming, and as a school district, it is a good problem to have.
4. The eLearning number of students is very low. Funding is set at 85% for eLearners this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears. Mrs. Clements adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board President



Mr. Tim Pridemore, Board Secretary