

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
February 8, 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 President, Mrs. Celina Clements at 6:37 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; Mr. Steve Harris, School Attorney; and MGTA Representative Ashley Stephens were also present.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Dorothy Harmon – MES Riley Coffelt - MMS
Kylee St. John – MES Gabe Lewis – MHS

Dr. Freeman commended the students for their accomplishments. He also took the opportunity to thank the Monrovia Alumni Association for their sponsorship.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on agenda items.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Pridemore to approve the executive session and regular board meeting minutes of January 19, 2021 as presented. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve claims #3745 through #3867 as presented in the amount of \$3,300,650.77. Seconded by Mr. Sears, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. He shared with the Board that Mr. Tucker is fully licensed as a principal now, hence the increased pay recommendation. Mr. Sears made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pridemore, motion carried 5-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF 2021-2022 STUDENT TRANSFERS.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the updated Student Transfer Application for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Sears seconded, motion carried 5-0.

BOARD POLICY UPDATES AND CHANGES

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to table policy numbers 1220, 3220, and 6325 but approve all other policies as recommended. Mr. Pridemore seconded the motion as presented by Mr. Kennedy. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSES

Mr. Sears made the motion to approve the purchase of three (3) new buses at a total cost of \$300,993.00. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Dr. Freeman shared with the Board that due to the recent bus fire, bus number 6 will need to be replaced. The insurance company will be covering a majority of the replacement cost.

CONSIDERATION OF SALARY & BENEFIT INCREASE FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND CLASSIFIED STAFF

Dr. Freeman recommended all administrators, directors, nurses, and central office staff receive the same \$1500 stipend that the teachers received earlier in the year.

He also recommend that all classified staff receive a 51cent/hour pay raise. Bus drivers would receive a flat rate of \$3.57 per day. This will be retroactive to February 1, 2021.

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve the salary and benefit recommendation as presented, seconded by Mr. Sears. Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER

Dr. Freeman publicly thanked Lieutenant Bryan Magennis for quickly taking charge of the recent bus fire. His efficient and calm manner was an asset to our school district.

Dr. Freeman shared a recent newspaper article by Reporter, Cody Thompson highlighting the graduation rates around the county. The article reflected positively for Monrovia High School and the entire school district.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears. Mrs. Clements adjourned the meeting at 6:46 P.M.



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board President



Mr. Tim Pridemore, Board Secretary

