

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Performing Arts Center
November 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 School Board President, Mrs. Celina Clements at 6:31 P.M., in the Performing Arts Center. Board Members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Tom Kennedy, Mr. Tim Pridemore and Mr. Brock Sears. Also in attendance, Dr. Kirk Freeman, School Superintendent; Mr. Steve Harris, School Board Attorney; Director of Finance, Kelly Dillon; MGTA President, Casey Honkomp; and several community members.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION:

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni each month. November 2021 award recipients were Charly Mullin – MES; Isabelle Fox – MES; Hudson Tooley – MMS; and Lydia Dowden – MHS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following parents and community members requested to speak. Each request was submitted and followed requirements per Board Policy 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meeting.

Former Student, Cooper Trigg, regarding COVID Policy. Mr. Trigg was extremely rude and disrespectful towards the School Board.

Parent, Dr. Angela Vaughn-Frederick regarding School/Parent Relationships.

Parent, Mrs. Erica Leeds, regarding COVID Policy.

Parent, Mrs. Melissa Hale, regarding COVID Plan.

Parent, Mrs. Katie Swafford, regarding COVID-19 Plan.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the following minutes as presented:

MGTA Contract Hearing: September 30, 2021

Executive Meeting, and Regular Meeting: October 4, 2021

Executive Meeting, and Special Meeting: October 22, 2021

Executive Session: October 28, 2021

Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve claims, #4973 through #5135 in the amount of \$1,849,604.72. Mr. Pridemore seconded the motion to approve payment of expenditures as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve all personnel recommendations as presented with no additions, changes or deletions to the report. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Discussion Team created the 2022-2023 school calendar. Start, end and holiday dates are very similar to past calendars. A big difference starting this year, is no built in snow days. All snow days will be eLearning days. There are also four (4) eLearning days that will be used allowing the staff to participate in Professional Development.

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The calendar passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT TRIPS FOR FFA AND MARCHING BAND

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve two student trips as presented. Mrs. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO THE RADIO AND BROADCASTING CLASSES FROM THE WILLIAMS FAMILY.

Mr. Tony Williams presented High School Teacher, Mark Jaynes with a new wireless microphone system for the Radio and Broadcasting Classes to use. This system will enhance the sound quality for our live streaming of events including graduation ceremonies. Mr. Jaynes graciously accepted and thanked the Williams family for their support.

Mr. Elliott made the motion to accept the generous donation, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

Dr. Freeman met with John Parmley from HBG Insurance regarding the districts property and casualty insurance renewal. The new renewal rates are slightly higher than the previous year due to the increase in cyber liability concerns.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the insurance renewal with HBG for a premium of \$130,020. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED AND ADMINISTRATOR HANDBOOK CHANGES

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve changes and updates to the classified and administrator handbook as submitted by Corey Lewis, Human Resources Coordinator. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Sears. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve changes and updates to the district organizational chart as submitted by Finance Director, Kelly Dillon. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Pridemore. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

OTHER

Dr. Freeman shared the following items with the Board:

Congratulations to High School Teacher, Mr. Steve Reeder who recently received the WISH TV "Golden Apple Award". This is an exciting honor not only for Mr. Reeder but for the district as well. This is the districts second "Golden Apple Award" winner.

Outside Maintenance Director, Perry McCubbins continues to work with contractors to upgrade the outside of the high school and middle school windows, the middle school courtyard and various other projects in the district. You will see many improvements as you drive around the campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sears. Mrs. Clements adjourned the meeting at 7:16 P.M.



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board President



Mr. Tim Pridemore, Board Secretary