

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
April 12, 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. Brock Sears, and Mr. Tom Kennedy. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman; Mr. Steve Harris, School Attorney; and MGTA Representatives were also present. Board Member Mr. Tim Pridemore was unable to attend.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Cayan Coyne – MES
Jake Shields – MMS

Amilya Smith - MES
Faith Nagel – MHS

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

REQUEST FROM PARENT TO ADDRESS THE SCHOOL BOARD

Monrovia High School Parent, Stephen West submitted a request to address the School Board regarding Federal Law pertaining to the Equality Act. Board President, Celina Clements directed Mr. West to adhere to School Board Policy 0167.3. The policy states no names may be used when discussing students or staff.

Mr. West stated he had read the policy and upon doing so was able to resolve the staff issue before attending the meeting and on the issue of the Equality Act, the law has not passed at this time, therefore his concerns towards “Transgender” were not an issue at this time. However, Mr. West asked the Board to consider some of the following questions: Is the Board planning to adopt a Transgender Policy in the future? Does the school have counselors to help students who may have concerns? How would a law suit effect the school district financially?

Mrs. Clements thanked Mr. West for attending the meeting and sharing his concerns with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on agenda items.

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CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the executive session and regular board meeting minutes of March 8, 2021 as presented. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve claims #3993 through #4129 as presented in the amount of \$1,384,966.84. Seconded by Mr. Sears, the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy, motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the 2021 Summer School Proposal submitted by Mrs. McPherson. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the Summer School Program as presented, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT HANDBOOK CHANGES

Each building, including the athletic department, submitted their student handbook changes for approval. Dr. Freeman recommended all five (5) handbooks be approved as presented. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve; Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER BAND CAMP

Band Director, Brian Willett submitted a request seeking approval for students to attend Summer Band Camp at Manchester University. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, but stated this would be subject to cancellation should things change in regards to COVID-19 and possible restrictions. Motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PRESCHOOL

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve as presented the new preschool program. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

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CONSIDERATION OF E-WASTE INVENTORY

A request was submitted by Five-star Technology with a list of items being recommended for removal. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the removal and/or destruction of items as listed. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

OTHER

Dr. Freeman publicly thanked the teachers, administrators and support staff for everything they have done to make this school year a success despite all the challenges with COVID-19. Dr. Freeman shared he had recently attended a conference where it was stated "Opening schools during COVID could not be done successfully". However, not only has the Monroe-Gregg staff done what they said couldn't be done, we are fast approaching a very successful year end. He also took this opportunity to commend the Fine Arts department for their many accomplishments. Monrovia High School was recently awarded the Best Communities for Music Education Award for the third time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears. Mrs. Clements adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.



Mrs. Celina Clements, Board President



Mr. Tim Pridemore, Board Secretary