

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
January 9, 2023**

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 6:33 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Tom Kennedy, Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Jack Elliott, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly Dillon, and School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, were present. MGTA Representative, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Dillon, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members Mr. Sears and Mr. Kizzee. Board member, Mrs. Clements, made a motion to approve Mr. Kennedy as President, Mr. Elliott as Vice President, and Mr. Sears as Secretary for the 2023 calendar year. Board member, Mr. Kizzee, seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURER

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve Mrs. Kelly Dillon as Corporation Treasurer and Mrs. Misty Hodge as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve, and Mrs. Clements seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY & CONTRACT

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve Mr. Steve Harris as the School Board Attorney for the 2023 calendar year. Mr. Harris has served as attorney for the district for over forty years. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve Mr. Harris' contract. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

TEMPORARILY ADJOURN

Mrs. Clements made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. New Board President, Mr. Kennedy, temporarily adjourned the regular meeting at 6:37 P.M.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Board President, Mr. Kennedy, called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the Board of Finance Officers to be the same as the M-GSD School Board. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Dillon, provided an overview of the Monroe-Gregg School District investments and asked the Board to approve Citizens Bank as the depository. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve Citizens Bank as depository. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizzee and carried 5-0.

Mrs. Dillon shared information regarding M-GSD's financial history. Financial data for the district can be accessed at the following web address: <https://www.in.gov/duab/fiscal-indicators-committee/school-corporation-fiscal-indicators2/>

Mr. Kennedy adjourned the Board of Finance Meeting at 6:44 P.M. and reconvened the regular Board meeting at 6:45 P.M.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Clements to approve the Executive Session & Regular Board Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2022 and Work Session Minutes from December 8, 2022. Mr. Sears seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve claims presented in the amount of \$2,666,573.39. Seconded by Mrs. Clements, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve all personnel recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizzee and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The school is required by law to submit signed "Conflict of Interest" forms completed by Board members and Administrators who have business and/or personal relationships within the school district. Dr. Freeman, Mrs. York, and Mr. Kizzee each submitted a form for approval. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the conflict of interest forms as presented. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) TRAINING PAY

Dr. Freeman recommended to the Board that the district pay for state required school resource training and missed wages for the attending officers. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to pay for the training and missed wages. Mrs. Clements seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the resolution to transfer appropriations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elliott and carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER REVENUE TO RAINY DAY FUND

Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the resolution allowing the transfer of revenue to the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION FOR INVESTMENT AND CHECKING INTEREST

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the resolution allowing the investment and checking interest be receipted in the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the new IRS standard mileage rate of 65.5 cents per mile. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the new rate. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Freeman recommend the Board accept an anonymous donation of \$600.00 to the 2nd grade classrooms from a grandparent with a granddaughter at the elementary. The donor was extremely appreciative of the efforts of the 2nd grade teachers to create a positive learning environment. Mr. Elliott made a motion to accept the donation. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

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Dr. Freeman shared the following updates with the Board:

District:

- Thank you to House Cafe & Gluff Plumbing for providing a holiday meal for all of our staff before break.
- Thank you to Mr. Kennedy & Mr. Elliott for helping us bring joy to our students. Mr. Kennedy dressed as Elf on the Shelf at the elementary. Mr. Elliott was Santa for our Christmas party. We appreciate their help!

Monrovia Elementary School:

- In last month's meeting, it was shared that the elementary was getting creative with professional development. The Specials teachers took third graders to Camp Dellwood for a full day of STEM activities. This allowed classroom teachers to spend the day on professional development. Mrs. York shared that the process was highly effective. They have two more trips for fourth and fifth graders to allow those grade level teachers professional development time as well.

Monrovia Middle School:

- Sixth graders had a great field trip to JA Biztown. Students prepared for several weeks and learned about running businesses and being employees.
- Students enjoyed many fun holiday learning activities before break. Classrooms were transferred once again for hands-on learning. Mrs. Freeman transferred her classroom into a stage. Students read scripts and practiced using expression to perform "A Christmas Carol."

Monrovia High School:

- Marissa Rodriguez was announced as a 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.
- Bulldog Blessings Pantry served 33 families in the December distribution. In addition to food, stockings were given out as well. Thank you to the SADD club, NJHS, 2nd grade classrooms, and community donors.
- MHS recently hosted The Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament where eight schools participated.
- Wrestling recently completed in the Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament at Mooresville where there were 33 teams in attendance. Josie Hause was the champion for her weight class. Isaac Ash won his weight class, and Gavin Ash took 2nd in his weight class.
- MHS hosted a DECA competition last Saturday. Students did well!

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no final public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Kennedy.


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board President


Mr. Brock Sears, Board Secretary