

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
March 13, 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. Tom Kennedy, at 6:30 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Jack Elliott, Mrs. Celina Clements, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, and School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, were present. Principals, Mr. Mike Springer, Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, and Mrs. Melissa York were also in attendance. MGTA Representative, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, was also present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni Association each month. Coffey Compass Realty donated pizza coupons to each of our March recipients. Students recognized were Teagan McGowan, and Julian Shaffer- MES; Kayleigh Mills- MMS; and Julian Zhou- MHS.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the Executive Session & Regular Board Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2023. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the claims presented in the amount of \$1,929,360.61. Seconded by Mr. Kizzee, the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman shared a correction to the Personnel Report to include that Mr. Dave Kennedy would be hired as a Consultant on contract to assist Mrs. Neibert and the High School Math Department. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve all personnel recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizzee and carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK UPDATE

Mrs. Kelly Tucker, Assistant Principal, requested a modification to the elementary handbook to include "Malicious Contact to Staff Member." The addition will give Administration an added layer of discipline in lieu of labeling the behavior as "Battery" and/or "Assault." Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the update. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF DECA STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE TRIP

High School Teacher, Mr. Matt Hankins, submitted a request for DECA student, Annabelle Hadley, to travel to Orlando, Florida to participate in the International DECA Competition. Dr. Freeman shared that HomeBank donated \$500.00 to the trip, and other donations are being sought. Additional funding would be provided by the school. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Mr. Perry McCubbins, Outdoor Maintenance Director, requested to submit a number of outdoor maintenance items to Ted Everett's Auction for disposal. Proceeds of the sales would be used to purchase equipment to drag the baseball and softball fields. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the sale and purchase of outdoor items. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER HELP PAY INCREASE

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Crum, submitted a request to increase the rate of pay for summer help employees from \$9.00 to \$12.00 per hour in an effort to attract and retain qualified candidates. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Dr. Freeman shared the following updates with the Board:

District:

- Mr. Bill Williams, custodian, retired after many years of service. Staff and students will miss his presence, but we wish him a wonderful retirement.

Monrovia Elementary School:

- Elementary students recently performed Willy Wonka. The cast and crew did a great job! Thank you to Mr. Tyler, Mrs. Turpin, Ms. McCrary, and Mrs. Honkomp for their leadership.
- Third graders completed I-READ, and 2nd graders are in the process of taking I-READ.
- Elementary is continuing ahead with Specials Field Trips to allow classroom teachers professional development time. First grade is up next.
- Teachers have been conducting a book study over "Shifting the Balance."

Monrovia Middle School:

- 7th Grade Girls Basketball holds the school record of 19-0. Both middle school girls' teams were conference champions.
- Tutoring services will start soon to help students during this last quarter.
- Middle School had their first dance last Friday. There was a great student turnout. It was also a great fundraiser for our cheerleading and softball programs.
- Middle School Band earned gold ratings at recent competitions.

Monrovia High School:

- Top Ten Seniors were announced- Julian Zhou, Annabelle Hadley, Jillian Kriech, Marissa Rodriguez, Dorothy Dimmack, Madelyn Newman, Ashley Lewis, Elizabeth Coffman, Nolan Hendricks, and Genevieve Malone.
- Mr. Jaynes was chosen as Teacher of the Semester by Delta Theta Tau. He received a \$125 donation which he put towards his students attending the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters Conference at UIndy.
- DECA students participated in the State Career Development Conference in downtown Indianapolis. Annabelle Hadley placed 3rd and will advance to the International Competition. Adam Bales & Nolan Hendricks were also finalists. Audrey Smith ran for State Office. She wasn't selected but did a great job representing the district.
- FFA Chapter promoted "Spirit Week" and Community Service. They treated the faculty to breakfast and a drive by snack cart. Really nice gesture and much appreciated!
- Wrestling- Isaac Ash placed 4th at the State Competition.
- Cheerleaders- ICC Conference Champions.
- Monrovia Jazz Band- Earned "Gold" for the 21st consecutive time at the ISSMA Jazz Festival. The Jazz Combo won their 5th consecutive "Gold" as well.
- Winter Guard advanced to the semi-finals. They did not make it on to State but did a fabulous job.

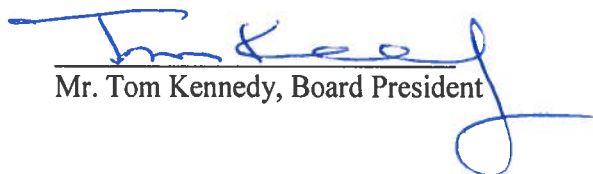
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FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no final public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Clements. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Kennedy.


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board President


Mr. Brock Sears, Board Secretary