

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
April 10, 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, Mr. Brock Sears, 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. MGTA Representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp and Ms. Julie Dimmack, were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD

Ms. Julie Dimmack, addressed the Board regarding the One Town, One Book Community Club. Ms. Dimmack followed all steps required by Board Policy 0167.3 to address the Board. No Board action was required.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the Executive Session & Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2023. Mrs. Clements seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the claims presented in the amount of \$1,865,284.71. Seconded by Mr. Kizzee, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE & MATH CURRICULUM

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, submitted a request for adoption of a new science and math curriculum. The new science curriculum meets the new 2022 Indiana Science Standards. The new math curriculum is the same program adopted by the elementary last year. The transition would mean grades 3-8 would be utilizing the same curriculum which would be beneficial in eliminating gaps of instruction. This would also allow for familiar resources for students and families alike. The cost associated with the curriculum would be extrapolated over six (6) years and would be covered through student book rental. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER APPLICATION PROCEDURAL UPDATE

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, submitted a recommendation that all non-resident transfer applications be submitted no later than July 14, 2023 for consideration of enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. The deadline would apply to all new student applicants. Building capacity will continue to be monitored. By June 30, the Board will determine the number of transfer students per building/grade level. Pursuant to policy, if a cap is reached, a lottery will be held to determine acceptance. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER SCHOOL

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the 2023 Summer School Proposal for the Middle School and High School submitted by Mrs. Leslie Gillie. Dr. Freeman shared the proposal does not include summer school for Special Education which will be provided by a grant. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the proposal. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF STATE FFA CONVENTION

The FFA Chapter submitted a request to attend the State FFA Convention at Purdue University in June to include an overnight stay in Lafayette. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Mr. Kizzee, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FFA RETREAT

The FFA Chapter submitted a request to attend an out of state trip to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky for newly installed officers. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the request. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BAND CAMP

Band Director, Mr. Brian Willett, submitted a request seeking approval for students to attend Summer Band Camp at Manchester University. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the request as presented. Seconded by Mr. Elliott, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BAND TRIP

Band Director, Mr. Brian Willett, submitted a request to begin planning a band trip to Hawaii in the Spring of 2025. All costs associated with the trip would be the responsibility of the student. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the request to begin planning the trip. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF DONATION FROM CITIZENS BANK

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve acceptance of a generous \$400.00 donation from Citizens Bank to cover costs associated with the DECA International Competition. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve acceptance of the donation. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

This item was tabled for an upcoming meeting. No Board action was required.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Dr. Freeman shared the following updates with the Board:

District:

- New website launched on 4/6.
- Multilingual Outreach Social on 3/20. The number of attendees quadrupled since the first social.
- Celebrated National Assistant Principals' Week- Thank you to Mr. Evers, Mrs. Fulayter, and Mrs. Tucker.
- Celebrated Paraprofessionals Day! Thank you to all our instructional aides for the dedication to our students and faculty.
- I- Learn testing to begin this month.

Monrovia Elementary School:

- Kindergarten pre-registration for next year has begun. We currently have close to 60 students who have initiated the process.
- Glow Run Fundraiser will take place on April 13th. The students love this, and it's quite a fundraiser for the school as well.
- Specials Night is scheduled for May 4th.

Monrovia Middle School:

- The English Department had a very productive professional development session with Smekens this past week. Teachers are looking forward to implementing what they learned in the classrooms.
- Several staff members are reading *Becoming Better Grownups: Rediscovering What Matters and Remembering How to Fly* by Brad Montague. The group meets monthly and reviews a study guide designed for educators.
- They have initiated a Tell Me Something Good Office Referral program. Students are referred for exhibiting positive behaviors. The positive referral is also mailed home so we can tell them something good about their students.

Monrovia High School:

- Communications students recently attended the 20th Annual IASB Conference at UIndy.
- Career Fair led by Annabelle Hadley and NHS took place before Spring Break. This was a great opportunity for students to connect with employers for summer jobs as well
- Annabelle Hadley will compete in the International DECA competition at the end of the month.
- Prom is near- Friday, April 28th- Washington Township Park Pavilion.
- Interviews for the High School Girls Basketball Coach are underway.

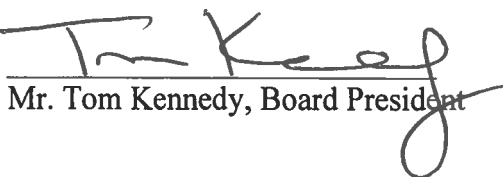
FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals provided their name/information and were given 2 minutes to make comments per Board Policy 0167.3:

- Mr. David Reddick, Executive Director of the Morgan County Coalition for Literacy spoke about the One Town, One Book Community Club.
- Mrs. Cassie Jones, Parent and Morgan County Public Library Branch Manager, spoke about her participation in the Ready Schools Initiative and One Town, One Book Community Club.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Clements. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Kennedy.


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board President


Mr. Brock Sears, Board Secretary