

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
May 8, 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 6:39 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. Elementary Principal, Mrs. Melissa York, and High School Principal, Mr. Mike Springer were also present.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni Association each month. Angie Turley with Fairway Mortgage donated pizza coupons to each of our May recipients. Students recognized were Lillian Rollings and Jacqueline Martinez- MES; Mitchell Trigg- MMS; and Madelyn Newlin- MHS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

DECA PRESENTATION

High School Student, Annabelle Hadley, and High School DECA Sponsor, Mr. Matt Hankins, presented information to the Board regarding the DECA program. No Board action was required.

FFA PRESENTATION

This item was tabled for a later date. 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 April 10, 2023; the Work Session from April 12, 2023; the Work Session on April 18, 2023; and the Special Meeting on April 26, 2023. Mr. Sears seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the claims presented in the amount of \$1,942,114.35. Seconded by Mr. Kizzee, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF DEPUTY TREASURER

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the appointment of Mrs. Terri Harris, as Payroll Coordinator/Deputy Treasurer, effective June 5, 2023. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the appointment. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BUS PURCHASES AND TRADES

Mr. Perry McCubbins submitted a request to purchase three (3) new buses from Midwest Transit. In addition, he sought approval to trade in three (3) buses. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the purchase and trade of the buses. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SUMMER SCHOOL

Director of Special Education, Ms. Melissa Lancaster, submitted a request to provide summer school for students with special needs. The funding will be provided through Part B 611 ARP (American Rescue Plan) Special Education Grant. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS SUMMER SCHOOL

Director of Special Education, Ms. Melissa Lancaster, submitted a request to provide summer school services to multilingual students. The services would be used to provide additional support and remediation for English skills. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FOOD SERVICE VENDOR CONTRACT FOR 2023-2024

Taher Food Services Director, Mrs. Liz Malone, submitted a recommendation for food vendor contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the vendor contracts. Mrs. Clements seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF WRESTLING CAMP

Athletic Director, Mr. Nick Purichia, submitted a request for Varsity and Junior Varsity Wrestling Athletes to participate in a 4 day overnight camp at Traverse City High School in Traverse City, Michigan. The camp will be held July 9-12th. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CHEERLEADING CAMP

Athletic Director, Mr. Nick Purichia, submitted a request for Varsity and Junior Varsity Cheerleading Athletes to participate in a 4 day overnight camp at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. The camp will be held June 12-15th. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FFA TOP 10 TRIP

The MHS FFA Chapter is requesting permission for a one day out of state trip to Kings Island for their top 10 FFA members as a reward for going above and beyond this year. The trip will take place on May 20th, 2023. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Sears seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

FIRST READ NEOLA BOARD POLICY UPDATES- VOLUME 35

School Board policy changes and updates were presented to the Board for consideration. Dr. Freeman will ask for approval of these updates at the June Board meeting. Board action is not required at this time.

MHS, MMS, & MIT DISCIPLINE REPORT PRESENTATION

High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Todd Evers, and Middle School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Katie Fulayer, presented information related discipline reporting for both schools. Trends included electronic devices, academic dishonesty, and vaping. The Board requested that Administration provide recommended policy changes and submit their recommendations to the Board for review. No Board action was required at this time.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Dr. Freeman shared the following updates with the Board:

District:

- Best Community for Music Education for the 5th year in a row.
- The Tri-Kappa Art Show took place at the Mooresville Public Library. A great opportunity to showcase our student talent. We had a number of top finishers at each of the buildings.
- Teacher Appreciation Week- A huge thank you to our teachers & staff for their work every day.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month- We are encouraging everyone to wear green on Mondays to stop the stigma and support awareness in Morgan County.

Monrovia Elementary School:

- Kindergarten pre-registration continues- We are up to 73 students who have initiated the process.
- Glow Run Fundraiser raised \$15,597.00 for the elementary.
- Specials Night was a great success. The Specials teachers did a wonderful job organizing this event again.
- AG Day is May 12th. The younger students really enjoy this experience.

Monrovia Middle School:

- MS Girls Track- 1st place finish at the Morgan County Meet.
- MS SADD Club will be going to an Indians game for a fun end of the year field trip.
- NJHS induction is coming up next week. A new group of talented students will be inducted.

Monrovia High School:

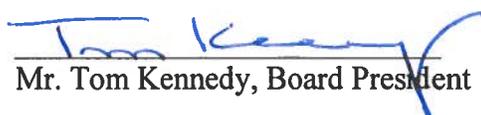
- Annabelle Hadley was a top 20 finisher at the International DECA Competition in Orlando.
- Prom took place on April 28th at the Washington Township Park Pavilion. It was nice to see all the students dressed up.
- End of the year activities are in full swing- Top 10 Banquet, Senior Awards, Swing Into Spring, Spring Sing
- Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 26th.
- Miles for Monrovia 5K Run/Walk will take place on June 10th. Sydney Schloemer, a graduate, worked with the Community Foundation of Morgan County to plan the event. Proceeds will go to the HS Varsity Track team.

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 8:20 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Kennedy.


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board President


Mr. Brock Sears, Board Secretary