

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
September 11, 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 6:33 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. Building administrators, Mr. Mike Springer, Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, Mrs. Melissa York, and Mrs. Kelly Tucker were present as well. In addition, MGTA representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, and Ms. Julie Dimmack were also present.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni Association each month. In addition, the Tyler Joseph Williams Memorial Fund honored each student with a Subway coupon. September 2023 award recipients were Emma Marsh and Ellasyn Wolfe- MES; Hudson Tooley- MMS; and Abigail Dunagan- MHS.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

At 6:39 P.M., the public budget hearing opened. Financial consultant, Mr. Chad Blacklock, presented the Proposed 2024 School Budget. He shared that the budget was advertised higher due to the fact that the assessed value was not available at the time of creation. There were no comments in the public hearing. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ISSUE OBLIGATORY BONDS

The public hearing opened at 6:44 P.M. Mr. Luke Bruggeman with Stifel Financial conducted a presentation related to General Obligation Bonds of 2023. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, discussed how the bonds would be used to fund the purchase of new school buses, land acquisitions, and building renovations. There were no public comments. School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, stated that no action was required by the Board at this time. The Board is required to hold two (2) public hearings regarding the issuance of bonds. The next public hearing will take place on September 18th at 5:00 P.M. The public hearing adjourned at 6:49 P.M. *The attached excerpts are included as part of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 11th, 2023.*

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 14th, 2023. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Clements made the motion to approve claims in the amount of \$1,607,489.03. Seconded by Mr. Sears, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve. Mr. Elliott seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FACILITY MASTER PLAN STUDY

Dr. Freeman presented a proposal for Fanning Howey to do a facility master plan study at the cost of \$25,000.00. The study will provide insight on the next moves for the district. Fanning Howey will meet with staff, review the Ready Schools Initiative, meet with engineers to assess existing infrastructure, and work with Stifel Financial to see how to best finance recommendations. Mrs. Clements made the motion to approve the study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elliott and carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL SAFETY MANUAL

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the 2023-2024 Monroe-Gregg District Safety Manual as submitted by Safety Director, Mr. Bryan Magennis. Mr. Kizzee made the motion to approve the plan as presented. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION TO UPDATE BUILDING DOOR ACCESS CONTROLS

Safety Director, Mr. Bryan Magennis, submitted a proposal to update the door access controls. The project will be partly funded through the Secured Schools Safety Grant. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the proposal. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEOLA BOARD POLICY SPECIAL UPDATES

Special updates were presented in August for review and brought to the Board again for a 2nd read and approval. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the updates. Seconded by Mr. Sears, the motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Each building principal submitted their school improvement plan for approval. Once approved by the Board, the plans are submitted to the IDOE for review. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the plans. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF WASHINGTON DC TRIP

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, submitted a request for a school-sponsored trip to Washington DC at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CAMP

Athletic Director, Mr. Nick Purichia, submitted a request for varsity and junior varsity wrestling athletes to attend pre-season nationals in Des Moines, Iowa on October 27-30th. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Clements requested both chaperones be trained to drive the activity bus if not already trained.

CONSIDERATION OF DONATION TO THE CHEER PROGRAM

Community member and grandparent, Mrs. Sandy Gayde, submitted a request to donate a tumble track to the cheer program valued at \$1,099.99. The Board greatly appreciates Mrs. Gayde's generous donation. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the donation. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

MONROVIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Principal, Mrs. Melissa York, presented highlights to include information related to I-READ results, attendance, Ready School Initiative, professional development for faculty, and curriculum.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Dr. Freeman shared that the school year is off to a great start. He also shared the following:

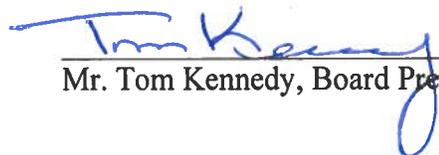
- The first e-learning day was held on September, 1st. This was a great day of professional development for our faculty which included training on differentiated instruction, a motivational speech from Jon Acton, and training on the new teacher evaluation rubric.
- The elementary school kicked off their annual trash bag fundraiser. This is always a great source of funding for the school.
- The National Honor Society is starting up their weekly study tables for any interested high school student. This is a great opportunity for students to mentor each other and get consistent tutoring support for free.
- Monrovia Girls Soccer ranked in the top 15 across schools of all sizes by the IHSAA.
- Monrovia's 50 years of football celebration continues! Emery Newlin scored the winning PAT to beat an undefeated Linton Team. It was an exciting game and a great win for all.
- Steve Reeder was named Grand Marshal of the 2023 Monrovia Festival Parade! Steve continues to be a great asset to the community and a remarkable teacher.

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 7:19 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Tom Kennedy.


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board President


Mr. Brock Sears, Board Secretary

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Monroe-Gregg School District (the "School Corporation") was held at Monroe-Gregg School District, Superintendent's Office, 135 South Chestnut Street, Monrovia, Indiana, on September 11, 2023 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Jack W. Elliott, Thomas C. Kennedy, Ky James Kizzee, Celina A. Clements, and Brock J. Sears

Absent: None

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone and introducing members of the Board and speakers.

It was explained to the Board that pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1, whenever a school corporation proposes to issue bonds for the construction or renovation of a school building or buildings resulting in total costs in excess of certain thresholds, the school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds. This meeting represents the first of such hearings. Notice of both public hearings was published in The Reporter Times and the Mooreville/Decatur Times on August 30, 2023, and was sent via first-class mail to the Morgan County Clerk and any organizations which requested such notice as provided in Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.1. The proofs of publication of the notice of the hearings were presented to the meeting.

It was further explained that at this hearing all interested people may give testimony and/or ask questions concerning the renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including site improvements and the purchase of technology, equipment and buses (the "Project"). The purpose of the hearing is two-fold: (1) to inform the public as to the proposed Project; and (2) to allow all interested parties, taxpayers and patrons of the School Corporation to voice their opinions as to the Project and ask any questions.

After the purpose of the hearings was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the Project were given. An evaluation of the existing facility was then presented, as well as a discussion of the details of the proposed Project. The estimated Project cost and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded, and the potential tax rate impact the Project would have on the community.

After the above presentations, the President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.



Brock J. Sears
Secretary, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:



Thomas C. Kennedy
President, Board of School Trustees