

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Special Meeting
Administration Office
September 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Tom Kennedy, at 5:00 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Brock Sears, Mrs. Celina Clements, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Also in attendance were Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman, and Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum. MGTA representative, Mrs. Honkomp, was also in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING & SECOND PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING

The public hearing opened at 5:01 P.M. Mr. Luke Bruggeman with Stifel Financial conducted a presentation related to the General Obligation Bonds of 2023. There was one public comment. Mrs. Casey Honkomp inquired about whether increasing the tax rate by a few cents could assist the district with funding additional projects but not create a significant tax increase. Mr. Bruggeman shared that a few cents raise would not create a significant change to the proposal. *The attached excerpts are included as part of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 18th, 2023.*

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the Project Resolution (Exhibit A). Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the Preliminary Determination Resolution (Exhibit B). Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Exhibit C). Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Certified Personnel Report. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sears and carried 5-0.

OTHER

Dr. Freeman shared that the Board needed to have a public meeting regarding the tentative teacher agreement prior to the next Board meeting. The Board agreed on October 5, 2023 at 7:00 A.M.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no final public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sears made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kizzee. Board President, Mr. Kennedy, adjourned the meeting at 5:11 P.M.


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 18, 2023 at the hour of 5:00 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 under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. Additionally, 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, such school corporation is required to hold two public hearings on its preliminary determination to issue such bonds. The first hearing on the preliminary determination for the Project (as defined herein) was held on September 11, 2023. 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 hearings 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. Questions and testimony were given by several patrons.

At the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the Board considered the Project Resolution to complete the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars per building. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resolution attached as Exhibit A was approved.

Also, after the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the Board considered the Preliminary Determination Resolution to issue bonds in order to complete the Project. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resolution attached as Exhibit B was approved.

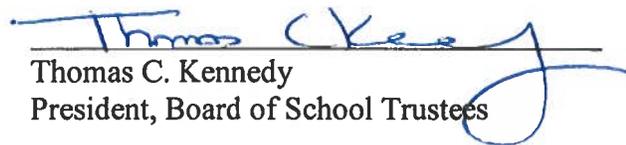
The President further stated that the Board needed to consider a Reimbursement Resolution. On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted.

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