

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
February 12, 2024**

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. Jack Elliott, at 6:34 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Brock Sears, Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Tom Kennedy, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman, and School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, were present. The following administrators, Mr. Mike Springer, Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, and Mrs. Melissa York were present. In addition, MGTA representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, and Mrs. Julie Dimmack were also present.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH 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. February 2024 recipients were Maylee Evers and Ava Youmans from MES; Trent Brack from MMS; and Addison Kennedy from MHS.

MULTILINGUAL DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Amy Dunn presented an overview of the current Multilingual program and the increased growth, teacher to student ratio and current outreach efforts in the department. Mr. Kennedy mentioned the need to review any projected needs due to the continual growth in this area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Executive Session & Regular Board Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2024, Work Session Minutes from January 9, 2024, Special Meeting and Work Session Minutes from January 24, 2024, and the Work Session from January 29, 2024. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Dr. Freeman presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$3,804,414.81 and payroll vouchers for the following amount of: \$441,458.25. Mr. Kennedy made mention that the increase in claims was due to a \$3 million CD investment. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded. The motion carried 5-0

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 4-0 with Mr. Kizzee abstaining from vote.

CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF MORGAN COUNTY MULTHAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Dr. Freeman stated in order to be eligible for different federal funding and/or grants, a school district must approve the county plan. LT Magennis has reviewed and agrees with the plan. Dr Freeman asked that the plan be approved. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT TRANSFER APPLICATION FOR 2024-2025

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the Student Transfer Application for the 2024-2025 school year. There were no changes to the form language or policy. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the application as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF DECA STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE TRIP

High School Teacher, Mr. Matt Hankins, submitted a request for DECA students to travel to Indianapolis to compete in the Career Development Conference and for those qualifying, attend the national conference in California. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF FFA OFFICER RETREAT

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BAND TRIP

Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

District:

- First school closure took place on January 19th. There will be a snow make up day scheduled for February 19th.
- This month, the pantry opened on a weeknight in addition to the normally scheduled weekend distribution. This past Tuesday, they served 42 families plus 3 staff families. They will continue to offer 2 distribution days to help serve our community.
- A huge thank you to seniors, Audrey Smith, Alyssa Terrell, and Abby Dunagan who are partnering with the pantry for their senior DECA Project Management- Community Giving Event. They have raised over \$3500 for the pantry through a number of fundraising events and sponsorship programs!

Elementary School:

- The elementary hosted their Bulldog Book Night! This is the new One School One Book program. This year's selection is Ice Island by Sherry Shahan. Mrs. Kemp, our Librarian, did a great job organizing distribution night. We had several families and faculty members attend. The Monrovia library is also involved this year. They are hosting a zoom chat with the author next week for families to join!
- Students are hard at work practicing for the musical performance in March. This year's performance will be Beauty and the Beast.

Middle School:

- The middle school recently made 100 calls to parents to share positive student feedback. What a great way to celebrate students and create relationships with parents. There were multiple positive comments on FB related to phone calls parents had received.
- The undefeated 8th grade girls basketball team won the Morgan County Tournament. This was a great win as Mooresville had won it for over 10 years in a row.

High School:

- Mr. Jaynes will be inducted into Indiana Sportswriter and Sportscaster Hall of Fame in Indiana!
- MHS hosted the DECA District 5 Competition in January. We had a number of students qualify for the state competition in Indianapolis in March.
- 98 freshman ELA students visited the Indiana Repertory Theatre to watch the play "The Music and Life of Fannie Lou Hamer."
- Girls Wrestling- We had 2 athletes qualify for state. Josie Hause placed 4th and Portia Weaver placed 7th.
- Boys Wrestling- We have 4 semi-state qualifiers- Royce Malone, Lane Faulkenberg, Isaac Ash, and Gavin Ash.
- Jerry Pheifer and Jessica Jones will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on the 13th.
- Looking ahead-
 - Juniors will take the SAT in early March.
 - Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 5th- Mr. Reeder will lead a Monrovia history lesson in the elementary cafeteria at 6pm in partnership with the Morgan County History Center.

Mr. Kennedy inquired about whether Dr. Freeman's retirement agreement needed a separate vote. Attorney, Steve Harris, suggested a vote be taken as a matter of public record. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Sears, and the motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Clements thanked Dr. Freeman for his work within the district.

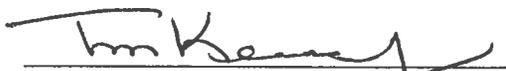
FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kizzee. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Elliott.


Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board Secretary