

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
March 11, 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 Vice President, Mrs. Celina Clements, at 6:31 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Brock Sears, 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. School Board President, Jack Elliott, was not 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. March 2024 recipients were Eastwood Lynch and Landon Uhls from MES; Madeline Spears from MMS; and Sienna Alexander from MHS.

**MONROVIA ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Mrs. Melissa York presented an overview of the current events at the elementary.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Sears to approve the Executive Session & Regular Board Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2024. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Dr. Freeman presented outstanding claims for the following amounts of \$666,013.48 and \$41,180.43; and payroll vouchers for the following amounts: \$448,165.72 from February 16, 2024 and \$442,393.78 from March 1, 2024. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The motion carried 4-0. The middle school softball coach ECA stipends were split evenly between 5 coaches.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PARKS OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE**

In regards to this contract, Mr. Sears brought up the question of the 2-year contract timeframe when the mowing services encompassed 3 years. This item was tabled in order to get more clarification.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to table the contract for clarification. Mr. Kizzee seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATION CHART**

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the updated organizational chart. Mr. Kennedy inquired about future updates to the chart as needed. Dr. Freeman stated the chart would be updated with any new position once determined by the Board. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the chart as presented. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF EARLY LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT GRANT RESOLUTION**

Dr. Freeman stated that the IDOE has made money available through the Early Literacy Achievement Grant to pay supplemental payment stipends to teachers, instructional coaches, and other school staff who were responsible for implementation and delivery of literacy and reading instruction through grade three during the 2022-2023 school year and who maintain employment within the corporation on the date of distribution. Dr. Freeman requested the approval of the resolution for payment of these stipends. The money will be paid on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

#### **District Updates:**

- April 8<sup>th</sup> – Eclipse Day – Elearning day. Principals will send out parent communication that pertains to their individual buildings. District will be shut down starting at 500 PM on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Elementary Updates:**

- All information included in the MES highlights.

#### **Middle School Updates:**

- 4 Middle School Wrestlers won MICC Championships: Jacob Williamson, Braeden Myers, Payton Hall, Scott Smith.
- 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball won the MICC Championship and 8th graders won the Morgan County Tournament.
- 8th Grader, Zoie Walls, won the 2024 All Star Indy Knockout Contest.
- Colt's mascot, Blue, visited our school on February 27 and spoke to the MMS students. While Blue is the star of the show, the assembly was about Trey Mock, the man behind the mask. The "Choose Love" school presentation unveiled an unknown and even more "real" side of Blue. It was an inspiring message of "taking off your mask" and encouraging students to embrace being themselves and treating others with respect within today's culture.
- The ACT Out Ensemble also visited the school in February. The ensemble used scenarios generated to meet student's needs and transformed it into improvisational, interactive theater. Professional actors delivered performances focused on a variety of topics salient to youth and adolescents that were followed by frank, research-based and to-the-point analysis by both audience and presenters. Their topics included reducing behavior problems and encouraging kindness.

**High School Updates:**

- Our Shooting Stars competed on March 2<sup>nd</sup> where they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our division and one of our seniors, Katie Beasley, earned top performer and top female soloist in our division.
- The Shamrock Game will be March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- National Honor Society Induction/Meeting date changed to March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.
- DECA students received several recognitions at the DECA State Career Development Conference. Lily Cox was elected Region 5 President for the state of Indiana
- Several FFA students received honorable mention at the District 8 Leadership Development competition.
- Our Band program received several honors at the ISSMA Jazz Festival, Solo and Ensemble State finalists
- Our Winter guard had a great performance this month and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> which was a first for our district.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

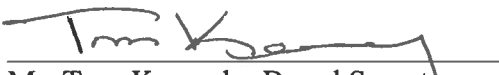
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears, and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. by School Board Vice President, Mrs. Clements.



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Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President



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Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board Secretary