

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
August 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 Board Vice President, Mrs. Celina Clements at 6:37 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Brock Sears, Mr. Tom Kennedy, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Superintendent, Mr. Trent Provo was present. In addition, MGTA representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp and Mrs. Julie Dimmack were also present. School Board President, Jack Elliott; and School Board Attorney, Steve Harris were not present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one request for public comments from:

- Ms. Betsey Gast-Bray regard the Appeal on Wheels that will be on campus September 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a traveling program that holds a real case court of appeals oral argument. This is an effort by the State of Indiana to educate citizens on the judicial system. Mr. Kennedy asked who will be invited to attend this event. There will be members from the community and students will be under an invite only. The focus will be on those students that are currently taking related classes that support this area of interest. It was also mentioned at the end there will be a question/answer section.

The Regular Board Meeting was closed at 6:41 P.M and the Public Hearing for Bargaining was opened at 6:41 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR BARGAINING**

Board Vice President, Mrs. Clements opened up the Public Hearing to allow public testimony on the subject of teacher bargaining. MGTA Representative, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, spoke on behalf of the Monroe-Gregg Teacher's Association regarding salaries, previous ESSER funds, and health insurance. Mrs. Honkomp stated she is looking forward to a productive bargaining this year. Mr. Provo stated that he is looking forward to working with the bargaining unit.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR BARGAINING**

There were no other public comments.

Mr. Sears made a motion to close the hearing. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0. The hearing closed at 6:44 P.M and the Regular Board Meeting was re-opened at 6:45 P.M.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from July 8, 2024 and the Special Board meeting minutes from July 23, 2024. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$1,093,951.22; and payroll vouchers for the following amounts of \$351,416.90 from July 19, 2024 and \$357,134.94 from August 2, 2024. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Sears seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Sears abstaining from vote. Mr. Kennedy inquired about the staff member that was listed as a new hire and resignation. Administration stated that this information was accurate as listed in the recommendations. Mr. Provo expressed his gratitude to the two members that retired.

**CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ADMINISTATOR/DIRECTOR SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS**

Mr. Provo ask that the board approve the annual stipends for administrators. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Administration mentioned that this is an area that is currently under review. The plan is to move away from stipends and to compensate the job duties into the overall salary of the staff member who is performance the duties. Mr. Kennedy stated his agreement with moving in that direction.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Provo stated that the school year is off to a good start. The first day ran smoothly due to the incredible amount of work displayed by our administrators, teachers, and support staff. Mr. Provo also mentioned that everyone is working together as a team.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears. The Board Vice President, Mrs. Clements, adjourned the meeting at 6:51 P.M. and the motion carried 4-0.

  
Mrs. Celina Clements, Board Vice President  
- Present at the 8-12-24 Meeting

  
Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President  
- Present at the Approval of Minutes

  
Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board Secretary