

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
September 9, 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 6:30 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members that were in attendance included Mr. Brock Sears, Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Tom Kennedy, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Superintendent, Mr. Trent Provo; Corporation Treasurer, Moriah Crane; 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 McDonalds (off of 70/39) honored each student with a meal coupon. September 2024 award recipients were Avril Dillon and Rowen Fisher from MES; Parker Stanley from MMS; and Allison Tronc from MHS.

**MONROVIA ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Mrs. York presented highlights.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott, opened up the meeting for public comments. In pursuant to Board Policy 0167.3, the following individual made comments:

- Matthew Walls, 12834 N. Cummins Ct South; Mooresville, Indiana (girls' youth basketball/Indy Hoops programs)
  - Mr. Walls made comments on the changes to the facility use guidelines with regards to Saturday fees and proof of insurance. Mr. Elliott stated that the Board will take those comments under advisement.

{The Regular Board Meeting was temporarily suspended at 6:48 P.M.}

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

At 6:48 P.M., the public budget hearing opened.

Mr. Provo mentioned that the budget was advertised on Gateway as required. Mr. Provo spoke on the dollar amounts advertised, discussed the maximum estimated taxpayer funds in the debt fund and operations fund. Mr. Provo went over the budget estimated appropriations that were requested and explained the process. Mr. Provo reviewed the information on the bus replacement plan and capital project plan. Financial consultant, Mr. Chad Blacklock, was also present for any questions.

During the public comment section, Mr. Kennedy wanted to clarify that the power wash project listed under the capital project plan is for the power washing of the elementary building.

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND RESOLUTION**

The public hearing opened at 6:55 P.M.

Superintendent, Mr. Provo discussed how the appropriation would be used to fund the purchase of any needed new school buses, land acquisitions, and building renovations. Mr. Provo asked that the Board pass the resolution for additional appropriation of \$150,000 for our Operations Fund.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Mrs. Clements made the motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Sears. The motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND – FIRST PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION HEARING**

The public hearing opened at 6:57 P.M.

Mr. Chad Blacklock with Stifel Financial conducted a presentation related to General Obligation Bonds of 2025. Mr. Provo discussed how the bonds would be used to fund any transportation needs, land acquisitions, and building renovations.

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 19, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

*The attached excerpts are included as part of the Minutes of the Meeting held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

{The Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 7:03 P.M.}

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the minutes on the Executive Session, Regular Board Meeting from August 12, 2024, and Special Board Meeting from August 23, 2024. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$1,255,528.94 and payroll vouchers for the following amounts of \$377,380.17 from August 16, 2024 and \$410,687.60 from August 30, 2024. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion carried 5-0

**CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF A CONTRACT WITH ADTEC**

Mr. Provo asked for approval of the two-year service contract with AdTec for capital asset reporting. Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizzee and carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF UPDATED CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT EMPLOYEE LIST**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF 2024-25 MGSD SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF E-WASTE AND RECYCLE**

Five-Star Technology Solutions submitted a list of items recommended for removal and/or destruction. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the removal and/or destruction of the items as listed. Mr. Kizzee seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF PERMISSION TO CANCEL/VOID OUTDATED CHECKS**

Moriah Crane, Corporation Treasurer, submitted a list of checks recommended for cancellation and/or voiding of outdated corporation checks. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the cancellation and/or voiding of outdated checks as listed. Mrs. Clements seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**

Mr. Provo ask that the Board retroactively approve the overnight wrestling trip on September 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> that was previously communicated on September 3, 2024.

Mr. Sears made a motion to officially approve the request retroactively. Mr. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mr. Provo shared the following:

**Monrovia Athletics**

- See Bulldog Sports – New & Highlights for the Month of August

**MHS**

- Appeal on Wheels, State of Indiana on September 12, 2024 – (starting promptly at 10:00)
  - About 60 high school students will be in attendance.

**MGSD**

- On August 30<sup>th</sup>, Staff had a number of training options they could choose. This was received very well. The staff commented on how helpful the sessions were and how nice it was to learn from their peer staff members.
- There will be a Special Board Meeting held on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Mr. Provo wanted to address the Board with his gratitude for the last couple months. Dr. Freeman's willingness (and the Board's) to continue on with the additional consultation has been a joy and a wealth of knowledge has been obtained during this time.

Board Attorney, Mr. Harris also mentioned that there has been some movement in the Hadley property agreement. It should be settled in the next 30 days.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no final public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Clements made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kizzee. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott.



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Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President



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Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board Secretary

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
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 9, 2024 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, or if a school corporation has a Debt Service Fund tax rate above a certain amount, 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 28, 2024, 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, real estate, 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.

  
Thomas C. Kennedy  
Secretary, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:

  
Jack W. Elliott  
President, Board of School Trustees