

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Administration Office  
October 7, 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 in attendance included Mr. Brock Sears, Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Tom Kennedy, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Superintendent, Mr. Trent Provo; Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Moriah Crane; 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 representative, Mrs. Casey Honkomp was 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. October 2024 award recipients were Rosie Dolan and Liam Shaver from MES; Nathalie Smock from MMS; and Samantha Kluemper from MHS.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

Mrs. Brandy Hyatt presented an overview of the current events at the middle school.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

*{School Board President, Jack Elliott, stated that Agenda Item #8 (Adoption of 2025 Budget) was being moved to earlier in the meeting, as he would need to leave after this agenda item.}*

**ADOPTION OF 2025 RESOLUTION(S)**

Mr. Provo recommended the Board approve the 2025 School Budget, Bus Replacement Plan, Capital Projects Plan and the following resolutions: any anticipated 2025 transfers and the appropriations & tax rates (Form 4). Mr. Provo made special note to give an overview on the anticipated 2025 transfers, the appropriations, and tax rates. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the budget and resolutions. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

*{At 6:52 P.M. School Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott, turned the gavel over to the Board Vice President, Mrs. Celina Clements. Mrs. Clements moved onto the next agenda items.}*

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve minutes for the Work Session and Regular Board meeting from September 9, 2024; along with the Special Board meeting from September 19, 2024, and the Work Session from October 1, 2024. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$1,589,343.79; and payroll vouchers for the following amounts of \$432,073.67 and \$221.00 from September 13, 2024; \$418,092.21 from September 27, 2024 and \$17,143.77 from October 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. 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 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSION WITH OWNERS OF EAGLE POINTE PROPERTY**

Mr. Provo requested the Board approve the recommendation to enter into discussion with the owners of the Eagle Pointe Property group. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to precede with discussions with owners. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Provo presented the proposal from Stafford-Smith, Incorporated for the purchase of equipment for a second food service line which will help with efficiency of getting middle and high school students their food choices in a timelier manner. Mr. Provo mentioned that this proposal was one of three received through the RFP process. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the proposal for the equipment. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Mr. Provo asked the Board to approve the 2025-2026 calendar as created by the Discussions team. The start and end dates are similar to past calendars. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CORPORATION TO ECA**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the transfer of funds from Corporation to ECA account. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) HEARING**

Mr. Provo explained that school districts seeking E Rate funding are required by law to hold a public hearing to state internet filters are in place and active throughout the school district and board policy regarding school internet usage has been reviewed. There were no public comments. There was no action required by the Board; however, for documentation purposes, a motion was made by Mr. Sears to notate a review was made of the internet filters and usage. Mr. Kizzee seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF DONATION FROM THE MONROVIA FESTIVAL & ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Provo asked that the board accept the donation and publicly thank both the organizations for this special donation. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF FFA FIELD TRIP**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve this requested field trip. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF WRESTLING PRE-SEASON NATIONALS TRIP**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve this requested for an overnight/out of state trip. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

Mr. Provo shared the following:

**District:**

- Monrovia Mission Statement was presented by Mr. Andrew Grismore to the Board and the public. Mrs. Clements and Mr. Kennedy thanked Mr. Grismore for the work that went into developing the mission statement. In the development of the mission statement, it was mentioned that there was special attention directed to the students, parents and community.
- Community Event on October 9<sup>th</sup> on Learning How to Empower your Child to make Safe and Healthy choices Online.

**Monrovia Athletics**

- Mr. Phillips shared with the Board and made available to the public the newsletter with highlights for the month of September.

**Elementary School:**

- October 8th- Visiting Author- Jonathan Miller, the author and illustrator, will be sharing about his books and illustrations with our students. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with a published author and learn more about the creative process. Students will also have the chance to order books and have them signed by Jonathan Miller.
- Special teachers will take our second, third, and fourth graders on special field trips this month to give our grade-level teachers time for a day of curriculum planning.
- Parent Teacher Conferences - Thursday, September 24th, 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- Fall Parties- Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Grandparent's Day – Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Middle School:**

- Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, MS Principal, presented middle school highlights.

**High School:**

- Appeal on Wheels, State of Indiana on September 12, 2024
  - Was a great success
  - One of our senior students commented that stood out: "this day has been the most influential day so far in my high school career."
- GLAM Homecoming Dance on 10/21 was a huge success. Big thanks to GLAM sponsor Karen Alexander and the girls in GLAM for organizing the event.
- Mr. Willett and his Bulldog Brigade begins its State run on 10/5 at Whiteland HS
- FFA -
  - Placed Top 8 to go to State Soils Competition in Switzerland County.
  - Attended an event hosted by Sienna Alexander and her co-state officers at the leadership center in Trafalgar where students were able to participate in various leadership activities.

**Choir:**

- Oct. 10th - Fall Concert - 6:30 p.m. - 8th- 12th only

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Sears made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kizzee and the motion carried 4-0. The Board Vice President, Mrs. Clements, adjourned the meeting at 7:15 P.M.



Mr. Jack Elliott, Board President



Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board Secretary