

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Center for Performing Arts  
December 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 Center for Performing Arts Auditorium. 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 representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp and Mrs. 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. December 2024 award recipients were Declan Furr and Ellie Hinshaw from MES; Braydon Mattocks from MMS; and Wyatt Schloemer from MHS.

**DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS**

Mr. Provo introduced the following staff members to recognize their outstanding first semester accomplishments:

**Athletics**

- John Standeford (Graduate & Coach at MGSD)
  - Mr. Provo recognized Mr. Standeford for being selected by Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame as one of the members of the 2025 Men's Silver Anniversary Team.
- Cross Country – Mr. Matt Nagel
  - Colten Smith regional qualifier, all conference, all county, individual county champion
  - Harrison Rahn, regional qualifier, all conference, all county
  - Jacob Williamson, regional qualifier, all conference, all county
  - Zoie Walls, regional qualifier, all conference, all county
  - Lidia Tonner, regional qualifier, all conference, all county
  - Keeley Nees, regional qualifier, all county
- Football – Mr. Andy Olson
  - Team – Co-Conference Champions
  - Noah Bryant, all conference
  - Lane Whitney, all conference
  - Jozy Hand, all conference
  - Ryder Pool, all conference
- Golf – Girls – Mrs. Roni Fought
  - Avery Wolfe, conference champion, regional qualifier
- Soccer – Girls – Ms. Betsy McCrary
  - Team: Conference Champions, Sectional Champions & Regional Runner-Up
  - Emery Newlin, all conference, ICC player of the year
  - Nellie Standeford, all conference
  - Trinity Inglert, all conference
  - Sam Klumper, all conference

- Volleyball – Ms. Laura Rahn
  - Sidney Clements, all conference

Band -- Mr. Brian Willett

- Mr. Willett asked that all members of the band in the audience to come stand on the stage while he mentioned the following accomplishments:
  - 19th appearance at State Finals by a Monrovia Band; 5th most by any school in Class D
  - 13th appearance at State Finals in the past 15 years
  - 6th place finish in the 2024 ISSMA State Finals (with Distinction awards in Music, Effect, and Visual)
- Mr. Willett made special mention of the Indiana Bandmaster's Association All-District Honor Band: Trent Brack, Meadow Henderson, Alexis Squires, TJ Trudeau.

Choir -- Ms. Erin Slaven

- Musical – Shrek (November 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>)
  - Maeve Milless
  - Harper Hyatt
  - Hector Ryan
- Outstanding First Semester Singing Stars
  - Nash Turpin, Middle School
  - Payton Ross, High School
- November Singing Stars
  - 2nd period 6th Grade - Kylie Coffey
  - 3rd period 6th grade - Nash Rawlins
  - 6th period 7th grade - Parker Stanley
  - 7th period 6th grade - Jenna Williamson
  - Concert Choir - Hector Ryan
  - Shooting Stars - Abigail Frenz

Special Olympics/Unified Sports

- Mrs. Roni Fought / Ms. Debbie Snow
  - Morgan County Unified Track Event held in Martinsville:

Middle School –

- Ja'Khia Lloyd
- Skylar Newcomb
- Kaci Mantor

High School -

- Logan Fox
- Marshall Boesch
- Josephine Gipson
- Mairead Ryan
- Amber Virgile

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was one member of the audience that signed up for comment; however, at the time to speak the member was not present to give any comments.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve minutes for the Special Board meeting from November 6, 2024 and the Regular Board meeting from November 11, 2024. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$1,471,631.81; and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling \$1,196,504.72. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: \$640,839.91 from November 22, 2024, \$34,197.07 from November 25, 2024, and \$521,467.74 from December 6, 2024. Mr. Provo mentioned that included in the claims were two payments to Area 31 for our Career Services program. In addition, Mr. Provo stated that the payroll vouchers include stipends and retro payments for staff. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Provo mentioned there were two maternity leaves being covered as a long-term substitute position by Emma McLaughlin. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Provo mentioned that there were several ECA positions for the girls' basketball assistant coaches who were previously recommended that had a decrease in their stipend payment. This is due to the fact that they wanted to add more coaches than what was originally provided so those coaches must split the stipends of the positions available between the coaches. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH ALLIANCE ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

Mr. Provo asked that the Board approve this agreement with Alliance Environmental Group in order to administer testing of the second floor of the high school with future recommendation on the flooring removal process. Fanning Howey will be acting as the mediator on this project. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH OWNERS REGARDING APPRAISALS**

Mr. Provo asked that the board give Board Attorney, Steve Harris, permission to enter into discussions with the owner based on the two appraisals per state guidelines. It was mentioned that the second appraisal was due in the next few days. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OF FACILITY STUDY**

Mr. Provo asked for the Board's permission to send out a request for proposals for the completion of a facility study. This will help provide a road map to guide the school concerning future facility improvements and timelines. Mr. Provo stated he would like to send out an advertisement to architectural firms around the area/state to see if they would be interested in giving a short presentation. There are two presentation format options: (1) presentations could be given to the Administration team or (2) a work session meeting scheduled with the Board's participation. Mr. Elliott asked if the Board had any comments. Mr. Kennedy stated his preference was to be a part of the presentation format.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to pursue advertising for proposals for a facility study with board involvement in a future work session. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Elliott suggested that the Administration team select the top candidates.

**PERMISSION TO RECYCLE ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT**

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the athletic department to recycle three treadmills. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Mr. Provo asked the Board to approve an overnight stay for the girls' basketball team as they compete in the Niehaus Classic Holiday Tournament at Vincennes University on December 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The overnight stay would be on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**THANK YOU TO BOARD MEMBER FOR 8 YEARS OF SERVICES**

Mr. Provo made a public statement thanking Mrs. Celina Clements for her commitment of 8 years as a board member in servicing our staff, students and community. Mr. Provo mentioned the countless hours and dedication that comes with being a board member. Mrs. Clements stated her gratitude and appreciation for all the Monrovia staff, students and community for their support the last 8 years.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Mr. Provo mentioned the retirement of Mr. Matt Hankins after almost 8 years teaching at our high school in the business department.
- Mr. Provo gave an update on the LED Lighting project.
  - The elementary school areas have made great progress. Most of the hallways are completed along with several of the classrooms. The gym and cafeteria are still in the process to be completed.
  - The main gym at the high school has been completed, other than the occupancy sensors that need to be installed. They have started on the auxiliary gym.
  - Regarding the middle school gym, Mr. Provo stated he will be meeting with the lighting representative in December to do a walkthrough to develop future plans.
- Mr. Provo stated there was a successful sale of 2024 bonds on November 18<sup>th</sup> and the closing on those funds are scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup>.


- Mr. Provo mentioned the creation of a new monthly financial fund report. The report will state our finances and our different funds which will keep the board updated and be transparent with the public about our financial situation. This also helps our S&P credit rating when we try to sell bonds.
- Mr. Provo also asked the board if they would be interested in additional board training. Mr. Provo mentioned he has been in contact with two very reputable consultants that do board training and feels the Board would benefit working with them. This training would be conducted during an executive session that is permitted per the Indiana state code. Mr. Provo stated that this would prove helpful for our new board member who will be starting in January, along with keeping our current board members up-to-date on training. Mr. Elliott and Mr. Kennedy stated they were interested. Mr. Provo will proceed with next steps on this training.

**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 7:24 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Elliott.

  
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