
**MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES of the REGULAR BOARD MEETING
for the SCHOOL BOARD of TRUSTEES**

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2025 TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Administration Office

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. Ky Kizzee, at 6:30 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Kevin Blundell, Mr. Brock Sears, Mr. Jack Elliott and Mr. Tom Kennedy. 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. The March 2025 award recipients were Hudson Seger and Avery Tucker from elementary; Zoey Kivett from middle school; and Gavin and Isaac Ash from high school.

ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS

Mrs. Melissa York presented an overview of the elementary highlights. As part of Mrs. York's presentation, she went over the new state iRead2/iRead3 guidelines and summer school requirements. Mr. Kennedy asked about summer school preparation and what area(s) can be focused on to improve those numbers. Mrs. York stated the current numbers and mentioned that resources are the biggest need to help with improving these numbers. Mrs. York mentioned that our state standards have shifted and all grade level expectations have changed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Board President, Mr. Ky Kizzee, opened up the meeting for public comments. In pursuant to Board Policy 0167.3, the following individuals stated their name, home address, and were given five (5) minutes to share their comments with the Board:

- Ms. Laura Rahn - 1079 W. Ashton Lane; Mooresville, Indiana regarding her opposition to her non-renewal of coaching contract.
- Mr. Andy Rahn - 1079 W. Ashton Lane; Mooresville, Indiana
- Ms. Ashley Martin – 11267 W. Cooney Road; Mooresville, Indiana
- Ms. Debra Dotson – 11803 N. Hineaway Lane; Mooresville Indiana

Mr. Rahn, Ms. Martin and Ms. Dotson made comments regarding the ECA non-renewal and their support of Mrs. Rahn.

The comments were received; no Board action was taken.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting from February 10, 2025; Executive Session meetings on February 18, 2025 and February 20, 2025; along with the Work Session meeting from March 4, 2025. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$4,337,642.43 and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling \$882,815.15. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: \$431,334.12 from February 14, 2025, \$1,175.23 from February 27, 2025, and \$450,305.80 from February 28, 2025. Mr. Provo mentioned that included in the claims were a purchase of certificate of deposit for \$3 million and a payment for the LED lighting upgrades. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT NON-RESIDENT TRANSFER APPLICATION FOR 2025-2026

Mr. Provo asked the Board to approve the Student Non-Resident Transfer Application for 2025-2026 school year. There were some wording changes under the student's fees with regards to book fees, along with date changes. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH ENERGY HARNESS FOR UPGRADES TO LED LIGHTING

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendation to continue our LED lighting project. This phase would be for the softball, baseball, and soccer areas. In addition, this phase would be for refreshing any remaining exterior LED fixtures such as transportation center, outside athletic buildings and some exterior areas on our school buildings. Mr. Chaffee was present for any additional questions. This project will be funded from the bond. Mr. Provo stated the fixtures are able to be relocated. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD FOR URINAL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendation to award the project to HP Legacy. We received two bids on March 6th at 10:00 A.M. The bid from J.M. Rowland was received for \$175,000 and the bid from HP Legacy was for \$167,413. The bids came in under budget and will be funded out of the bond. Mr. Provo stated that the funds from the 2023 bond will be spent prior to starting the use of the 2024 bond funds. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BID AWARD FOR RENTING OF PROPERTY

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendation to award the property rental to Kivett Family Farms. We received two bids on March 3rd at 10:00 A.M. Bruce Hinshaw's bid was for \$3,000 and the bid from Kivett Family Farm was for \$4,050. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF NEXT PHASE OF FACILITY STUDY

Mr. Provo stated that on March 4, 2025 a work session meeting was held to have Gibraltar; Lancer and Associates; and Schmidt and Associates give a second presentation to the board on a facility study for our school corporation. Mr. Provo made the recommendation to the board to select Schmidt and Associates to conduct the study for M-GSD. As part of this recommendation, Mr. Provo ask that the Board approve Mr. Provo to sign the contract once it is received. Mr. Provo also mentioned that prior to the signing of the contract he would ask for the Board Attorney's approval. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the appointment of Schmidt and Associates and authorization of Mr. Provo signing of contract after Mr. Harris reviews and approvals. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE CORPORATION TO APPLY FOR DOE FLEXIBILITY WAIVER

Mr. Provo ask that the board approve the resolution to allow M-GSD to apply for a 1003 flexibility waiver with the state board of education. This would allow us to count minutes of instruction and not days. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO RECEIPT INVESTMENT & CHECKING INTEREST IN OPERATIONS FUND

Mr. Provo ask that the board approve the resolution to receipt investment and checking interest in the Operations fund. Mr. Kennedy asked whether the interest could be backdated. Mrs. Moriah Crane, Corporation Treasurer stated that this could not be backdated. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO OPERATIONS FUND

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donation to the operations fund from Community Foundation of Morgan County. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO DECA ECA ACCOUNT

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donation to the DECA ECA account from Home Bank. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT FOR LIVE STREAMING AT ATHLETIC EVENTS

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donation to the Athletic Department for live streaming at athletic events from Citizen Bank. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5th Grade Musical of Moana, Jr.
 - Mr. Provo stated that this presentation was wonderful and thanked all the staff and students that were involved in this musical.
- Meetings on April 8th & April 15th at 6:00 P.M.
 - Presentation to talk about our Core Values and Mission Statement.
 - On April 8th, the new HS Diploma requirements will also be discussed.
 - Mr. Provo mentioned that there was a video created by CIESC to go out to the community at a later date.
- Winter Sports have wrapped up with great success.
 - Highlights: Girls Basketball Sectional Champs; Boy Basketball had a good season; Wrestling – had great success with several students making it to regional and semi-state.
- Spring Sports have started and Mr. Provo wished them a successful season

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

In pursuant to Board Policy 0167.3, the following individuals made comments:

- Ms. Kate Billyard (6874 N. Tutterow Road) spoke regarding ECA non-renewal
- Ms. Laura Rahn was given the opportunity to finish her comments within the two-minute time allotment.
- Ms. Milissa Kostrzewski (5902 Benton Lane) spoke on previous personnel related issues.
- Ms. Amy Clark spoke on previous personnel related issues.
- Mr. Brock Sears spoke on the ECA non-renewal.
- Ms. Misty Hodge (5274 Upper Patton Park Road; Martinsville) spoke on previous personnel related issues.
- Ms. Kelly Dillon spoke on previous personnel related issues.

The above members of the public were given two (2) minutes to share their concerns with the Board.

The comments were received; no Board action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears and motion carried 5-0. The Board President, Mr. Kizzee, adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P.M.



Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board President



Mr. Jack Elliott, Board Secretary