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

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2025      TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Administration Office

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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 6:33 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 representative, Ms. Julie Dimmack was 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 April 2025 award recipients were Jace Shields and Elaina Kirkley from elementary; Wyatt Henry from middle school; and Max Dowell from high school.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

Mrs. Brandy Hyatt presented an overview of the middle school.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the minutes for the Executive Session and Regular Board meeting from March 10, 2025. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST STATEMENT**

The school is required by law to submit signed "Conflict-of-Interest" forms completed by Board members, Administrators, and any other pertinent staff who have business and/or personal relationships within the school district. Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the submitted conflict-of-interest. Mr. Provo stated that Mr. Blundell's assisted during an emergency that needed immediate attention. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kennedy confirmed that the conflict-of-interest statement only needs to be completed once a year.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$1,510,935.20 and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling \$844,422.08. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: \$419,339.88 from March 14, 2025 and \$425,082.20 from March 28, 2025. Mr. Provo stated that a payment for the LED lighting project was a part of the claims report. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Sears asked if all the LED lighting projects were completed by the same company. Mr. Provo confirmed that all projects were completed by the same vendor.

**CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Provo mentioned there was two resignations and thanked Mr. Richard Gist and Ms. Julia Diehl for their dedication to our student and wished them well in their future endeavors. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Provo stated that Ms. Sarah Ferguson has resigned and thanked her for her years of service. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the elementary summer school teachers and normal ECA recommendations. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kennedy asked if these two teachers would support the number of students needing summer school. Mrs. York stated that additional teachers may be needed; however, it will depend on the IRead results.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTED RECOMMENDATION**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the contract. This contract term will be until the end of the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Sears asked who would be responsible for classroom coverage if the teacher is unable to be present. Mr. Provo stated that M-GSD would be responsible for finding the classroom coverage.

**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 football areas and would be started once the other phases have been completed. This will be coming out of the bond funds. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Sears inquired about the initial process with the lease agreement. Mr. Provo explained the leasing process and the continual phases of the projects. Mr. Provo also mentioned reaching out to other school corporation that used Energy Harness for LED upgrades.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS**

Mr. Provo mentioned that the school district is interested in having appraisals conducted to assess approximately 14.3 acres parcel of real estate located next to existing M-GSD property. Per state guidelines, M-GSD must appoint real estate appraisers to assess the value and feasibility of the property. Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the resolution to proceed with the required appraisals. M-GSD have requested that the appraisers give a commercial highest and best use appraisals of the property including any buildings/structures. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION TO ALLOW SHOW CHOIR TO PURCHASE TRAILER FROM ECA ACCOUNT**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the purchase of a trailer from the ECA account for the show choir department. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH MATH TRACK INSTITUTE**

Mr. Provo explained that this agreement will provide M-GSD with professional development for our math departments and a transition to teaching pipeline for aides, and/or other staff, that are identified as good teaching candidates. In addition, this program would allow for an education pathway for students including dual credit courses. By adding CTE courses through the education pathways that would lead to extra funding for those CTE courses. This program would be paid out of Title II professional development grant. Mr. Grismore would be the lead on this project. Mr. Grismore will pursue other possible grants to fund this project. Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the contract. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER SCHOOL FOR ELEMENETARY**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve a two-week summer school program at the elementary. This will be for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders that did not pass IRead and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders that are at-risk based on IRead 2. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF SUMMER SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. Provo explained the high school will offer asynchronous summer school courses through Indiana Online from June 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Provo shared that failure to complete the course with a passing grade will result in a \$250 fee. Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the high school summer school program. Mr. Sears inquired on the parent monitoring options. Mr. Kennedy stated the student's parent will be notified of the student's productivity during the course time so the parent will know how the student is doing with the course along the completion process. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION TO RECEIVE DONATIONS FOR EMPLOYEE WALK/RUN**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donations received from several businesses for the Employee Walk/Run that will be held on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION TO RECEIVE ART SUPPLY DONATIONS**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the receipt of art supply donations from Morgan County artist, Sally Hedges. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF FIELD TRIP FOR CHOIR DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the choir department's field trip on May 10<sup>th</sup> where the student will be performing. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF DRAMA CAMP**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the drama summer camp on June 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

### **RESOLUTION FOR EARLY LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT GRANT**

The IDOE has made money available through the Early Literacy Achievement Grant to pay supplemental payment stipends to teacher, instructional coaches, and other school staff who were responsible for implementation and the delivery of literacy and reading instruction through grade three during the 2023-2024 school year and who maintain employment within the corporation on the date of distribution. Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the resolution for payment of these stipends. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

- Singing Stars for February
  - Concert Choir – Rayna Moryn
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir - Makinna Stevens
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Colson Pridemore
  - 6<sup>th</sup> period 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Paige Prater
  - 7<sup>th</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Jenna Williamson
  - Shooting Stars – Addison Murray
- Presentation on 04-08-2025 and 04-15-2025
  - Discussion on new core values, mission statement and High School Diploma requirements.
  - There will be a video available for viewing for those that were unable to attend.
  - For those parents/guardians that were unable to attend, there will be a google form available for completion.
- Facility Study Staff Input sessions
  - The input sessions will be made available to all staff that wish to participate.
- Coffee Talks with staff
  - The upcoming coffee talk meeting will talk more about the budget and how the budget process works within the education system.
  - Mr. Provo will also talk about how the Senate Bill will impact our school district.
- Live Streaming of Board Meetings
  - The board meetings will be live streamed in the near future.
- Upcoming Senior Important Dates
  - April 28<sup>th</sup> Top 10 Recognition at 6:00 P.M.
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> Senior awards at 9:00 A.M.
  - May 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior/Kindergarten Walk
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Practice
  - May 23<sup>rd</sup> Graduation at 7:00 P.M.

### **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

- Ms. Cena Bain (380 W Crosby) inquired on the plans for upcoming volleyball training, status of the reconsideration of the ECA non-renewal, Athletic representation, and spending verses equipment needs within the school.
- Mr. Jerry Pheifer (6824 N Tutterow Road) spoke regarding ECA non-renewal.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (con't)**

- Ms. Kim Hampton mentioned the Athletic Director was attending M-GSD athletic events this evening. In addition, she stated there were some athletic conflicts for some parents/guardians with regards to the April 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> meetings.

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. Blundell and motion carried 5-0. The Board President, Mr. Kizzee, adjourned the meeting at 7:38 P.M.

  
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Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board President

  
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Mr. Jack Elliott, Board Secretary