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

DATE: Monday, May 12, 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 6:31 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 May 2025 award recipients were Mia Asher and Phoebe Smiley from elementary; Joyce Gaymoore from middle school; and Maxwell Harris from high school.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Springer presented on the high school with highlighting some of our 2025 Seniors.

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:

- Terri Harris – 11856 N, Hideway Lane; Mooresville Indiana
 - Mrs. Harris spoke regarding academics, new core values, transfer students, teacher retention, staff/parent/community perception and communication opportunities. Mrs. Harris also spoke on the number of high school dual credit course options in comparison to other surrounding schools.
- Jenifer Schloemer – 3607 Renee Ct E; Monrovia Indiana
 - Mrs. Schloemer spoke on teacher morale and retention. Mrs. Scholomer invited the Board members to visit her classroom.

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 Executive Session and Regular Board meeting from April 14, 2025; along with the Executive Session meeting on May 6, 2025. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$646,264.20 and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling \$834,862.98. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: \$406,446.74 from April 11, 2025 and \$428,416.24 from April 25, 2025. Mr. Provo mentioned the following individual payments that were a part of this month's claim report: CIESC - Online Biology \$19,600.00, Vincennes University - Aviation Tech \$4,950.36 (CTE courses for students), PJ's Cosmetology - \$9,000.00 (CTE courses for students), Savvas - HS English Curriculum - \$24,279.36 (high school English curriculum adoption for next year), and Finals site - Tech Annual Renew - \$5,800.00 (Corporation Website). Mr. Kennedy inquired about the monthly financial fund report and asked when the debt services funds would be reflected in the report. Mrs. Crane stated those funds would be a part of the June report as those funds are received from property taxes. 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. Provo asked the Board to approve the recommendation and made a special note stating that there are two new position titles being created which are Assistant Principal position for Elementary and Multilingual Teacher position. Mr. Josh Flynn and Mrs. Amy Dunn will have a status change with regards to these new positions. Mrs. Leslie Gillie also had a status change and will be supporting the Multilingual department as the coordinator along with her previous duties. Mr. Kennedy confirmed that the Dean of Students position will be removed from the organizational chart with Mr. Provo agreeing with his statement. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendations as present. Mr. Provo thanked Karen Wagner for her years of service and wished her well in her retirement. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendations as present. Mr. Provo mentioned that after reallocating funds around in the contract during negotiations this stipend was agreed upon with regards to the Middle School Athletic Coordinator. These funds were originally paid out to Event Coordinators so there will be no additional cost. Mr. Kennedy inquired about the recruitment process for athletics. Mr. Provo explained that the position is posted on our job employment portal (Frontline), posted on the IHSAA website portal, an email is sent out to Athletic Directors across the state, and communicated to clubs across the state. Mr. Kennedy stated his concern with regards to only receiving one candidate after the recruiting efforts. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 4-1; with Mr. Kennedy dissenting.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATOR SALARY SCHEDULES

Mr. Provo ask that the board approve the salary schedule for Administrator as presented. This will allow for a clearer outline of salaries based on the schedule for Administrator positions. This would start with the contracts that start on July 1st. The total cost to place current staff on this schedule would be \$21,000 across the district. These individuals would not get any additional raises later in the school year as they have received in the past after the collective bargaining due to this the incremental cost would be around \$10,000 to 11,000. Mr. Kennedy offered additional clarification that these positions would not be getting stipends going into their next contract. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

*{At 7:13 P.M., the Board President temporarily suspended the Regular Board Meeting.}
{At 7:13 P.M., the Board President opened the Preliminary Determination Hearing.}*

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

Mr. Provo gave an overview of the hearing process and discussed how the bonds would be used to fund any transportation needs, land acquisitions, technology, and building renovations/improvements.

Mr. Luke Bruggeman with Stifel Public Finance conducted a presentation related to General Obligation Bonds of 2025. Mr. Kennedy asked that Mr. Bruggeman explain the property tax process and the impact with regards to the school district. 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 June 9, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

There were no public comments.

The attached excerpts are included as part of the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 12, 2025.

*{At 7:25 P.M., the Board President closed the Preliminary Determination Hearing.}
{At 7:25 P.M., the Board President reconvened the Regular Board Meeting.}*

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL FRONT DOORS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL FIRE DOORS

Mr. Provo recommended that the board approve the purchase of replacement doors for the middle school/high school areas from Automatic Door and Glass Specialists at a cost of \$56,332 which was the best quote received. Sunco Construction was \$30k more and that was just for the front high school door. There was an attempt to receive a third quote from Vortex. Bond funds would be used to purchase the doors. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE SEAT REPLACEMENTS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Mr. Provo recommended that the board approve the purchase of replacement seats in the middle school gymnasium from Lee Company at the cost of \$58,000. Educational Furniture's quote was for \$44,995.33. M-GSD reached out to Sharp School Services to get a quote; however, they only sell outside bleachers. Mr. Provo stated his recommendation to proceed with the higher quote is due to the quality and durability of the bleachers seats that Lee Company can provide. Mr. Provo had an available sample of one of the Lee Company bleacher seats for viewing. Bond funds would be used to purchase the replacement seats. There was mention that the district will be reviewing the needs for the high school bleachers. Mr. Kennedy asked what the life expectancy of these items. Mr. Provo stated that if you get a durable seat the life of the bleachers will be longer. Mr. Provo mentioned a school who used Lee Company bleachers that is currently going on their 13 years with no issues. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO REBUILD FIRE PUMP(S) AT ELEMENTARY

Mr. Provo recommend that the board approve the purchase from Envelop iQ Company Bond funds for \$57,030. M-GSD attempted to get quotes from BBC Pump and Ryan Fire Protection. BBC Pump would not quote the job because they are a subcontractor through Envelop iQ Company. Bond funds would be used to purchase the fire pump(s). Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE CHROMEBOOKS

Mr. Provo recommended that the board approve to purchase of 400 Chromebook from Howard Technology Solutions at a cost of \$130,600 which was the best quote received. Bluum's quote was \$142,000 and Trafera's quote was \$146,800. Bond funds would be used to purchase the Chromebooks. Mr. Sears made the motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Kennedy abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF FOOD SERVICE VENDOR CONTRACT FOR 2025-2026

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the contract with Taher, Inc as presented. Mr. Provo stated that all the state mandated steps have been followed and paperwork has been submitted. Mr. Provo mentioned that there is a 3% cost increase which is consistent from years past. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the generous donations to the Athletic Department football program from Caplinger Co., LLC. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO THE FFA ECA ACCOUNT

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donation to the FFA ECA account from Nancy's Hardware. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE DONATION(S) TO THE FFA ECA ACCOUNT

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donation(s) to the FFA ECA account. Mr. Steve Reeder has published a book about Monrovia history called "Our Town". Mr. Reeder would like to share some of the proceeds with the FFA program. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF VARSITY, JV, MS BOYS BASKETBALL SUMMER CAMP

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF WRESTLING TEAM SUMMER TOURNAMENT

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Provo thanks all of the staff for a productive school year and wished everyone a great summer of relaxation.

Mr. Kennedy spoke on perception of the school district by staff, parents and the community. Mr. Kennedy opened up a discussion on the topic to create more specific policy and/or guidelines on non-renewal procedures that includes performance reviews for athletic coaches. In regards to job opening, Mr. Kennedy suggested that the district have a policy and/or guidelines with regards to the recruitment/hiring process. Mr. Elliott agreed to reviewing of policies, procedures and/or guidelines and this is an area that should be clarified/consistent. Mr. Elliott also stated that the outside perception is not always as it seems. Mr. Kennedy stated that as a board member, policies and procedures are the areas to which the Board have responsibilities to consider and approve.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Kim Hampton
 - Mrs. Hampton signed up but stated she no longer wanted to speak.
- Terri Harris – 11856 N, Hideway Lane; Mooresville Indiana
 - Mr. Harris mentioned consistency in posting of positions on district social media.
- Tiffany Stewart – Parent of Student
 - Mrs. Stewart mentioned a situation with her elementary child with regards to an assault/bullying.

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 7:51 P.M.



Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board President



Mr. Jack Elliott, Board Secretary

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OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A special 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 May 12, 2025 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, Kevin Blundell, 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 in the Mooresville/Decatur Times on April 30, 2025, and was sent via certified mail with tracking to the Morgan County Clerk and to 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, equipment, real estate and buses (collectively, 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 facilities and equipment 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. Questions and testimony were given by several patrons.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.



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Secretary, Board of School Trustees

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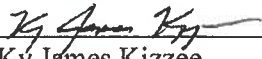
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