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

DATE: Monday, August 11, 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. In addition, MGTA representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp and Mrs. Julie Dimmack were also present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

{At 6:31 P.M., the Board President temporarily suspended the Regular Board Meeting.}

{At 6:31 P.M., the Board President opened the public hearing for Bargaining.}

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BARGAINING

Board President, Mr. Ky Kizzee opened up the Public Hearing to allow public testimony on the subject of teacher bargaining.

MGTA Representative and Bargaining Chair, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, spoke on behalf of the Monroe-Gregg Teacher's Association with regards to teacher resignations, anticipated student count decreases, current impact on public schools with the current legislation changes. Legislators are advertising the saving for the tax payers but not sharing the impact on the public schools with less funds from property tax being invested in the local schools. This is not a M-GSD challenge only but one that all Indiana schools are facing. Mrs. Honkomp shared that the teachers want to feel respected, heard, and a part of the planning process. In addition, Mrs. Honkomp, stated that in the last year, the district has been sharing more information with regards to the budget and specific details with our finances and school projects. There have been monthly discussion meetings held for staff to express their concerns and ideas. In uncertain times, communications will be very beneficial and will ensure accurate information is being received. Mrs. Honkomp stated she is looking forward to a productive bargaining this year.

Mr. Provo explained the process and stated that formal bargaining meetings will start after September 15th; however, finances and compensation will not be discussed until after the student count which is on October 1st. Mr. Provo stated that he is also looking forward to working with the bargaining unit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PUBLIC HEARING FOR BARGAINING

There were no other public comments.

{At 6:37 P.M., the Board President adjourned the public hearing for Bargaining.}

{At 6:37P.M., the Board President opened the Additional Appropriation Hearing.}

CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND RESOLUTION(S)

Mr. Provo shared that this is the final bond hearing for resolutions to issue bonds for facility improvements. Mr. Provo shared the process and the details are in the excerpts. There were no comments from the public.

*{At 6:42 P.M., the Board President adjourned the Additional Appropriation Hearing.}
{At 6:42 P.M., the Board President reconvened the Regular Board Meeting and went onto the next agenda items.}*

Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board President, asked if there was a motion from the board to approve the adoption of the Additional Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit A). Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Provo continue with the next item which was the Final Bond Resolution that provides for project costs, maximum interest rate and other financial terms of the bond.

Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board President, asked if there was a motion from the board to approve the adoption of the Final Bond Resolution (Exhibit B). Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The attached excerpts are included as part of the Minutes of the Meeting held on August 11, 2025.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting from July 14, 2025 and Executive Session meeting on July 16, 2025. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$726,065.26 and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling \$364,511.02. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: \$349,812.81 from July 18, 2025 and \$14,698.21 from July 25, 2025. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Provo shared information on the new hire recommendation, Mr. Damon Hyatt, who will be hired as a business teacher. Mr. Hyatt has business, marketing, and finance experience and will be obtaining an emergency teaching license and will work on his transition to teaching. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell 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. Provo expressed his appreciation for these members taking on these additional roles and their interest with working with our students. Mr. Provo stated there are some coaching positions that Mr. Jon Regashus has recommended. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 4-1; with Mr. Sears dissenting. Mr. Kennedy confirmed that the only addition to this report was for the new softball coach. Mr. Provo stated that was correct. Mr. Sears inquired about additional information on coach candidates.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve these recommendations as presented. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Sears asked if these positions were new positions. Mr. Provo stated that these were positions that were contracted in the past to help support students with special education services.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Provo expressed his appreciation for those who are interested in supporting in these substitute roles. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 3-0-2, with Mr. Sears and Mr. Kennedy abstaining. Mr. Sears inquired about the process. Mr. Provo stated that the individual applies for a specific position. In regards to substitute teachers, they will give their building preference.

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT ATHLETE HANDBOOK UPDATES

Mr. Provo stated that Mr. Regashus submitted the updates to the student athlete handbooks for approval. Mr. Provo stated there was some language changes and updates per the IHSAA. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the updates as presented. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO TRANSFER BRADFORD WOODS ECA ACCOUNT FUNDS TO STUDENT ACTIVITIES ECA FUND AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the transfer of ECA funds from Bradford Woods to Student Activities as the Bradford Woods event no longer takes place. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH SCHOOL CARE

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the use of the Smart Care platform for reimbursable Medicaid eligible nursing services. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kennedy asked if there were any fees incurred by the parent. Mr. Provo stated the parent incurs no fees. If the services are eligible for reimbursement from Medicaid, Smart Care receives a small portion of total and the school receives the remainder.

PERMISSION TO DISPOSE / SELL / DONATE OF HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the disposal, sell, and/or donating of ham radio equipment that is no longer being used. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO DISPOSE / DONATION OF APPLIANCE EQUIPMENT

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the disposal of three refrigerators that were replaced. These units are not worth selling due to the quality and need for repairs. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO ADOPT READING CURRICULUM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Provo explained that there is a new state requirement for a reading curriculum plan that goes through 8th Grade. Along with the new requirement, there is a component that states the curriculum must be a scientifically researched reading plan. The state provided a list of recommended curriculums. Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, along with English departments in both middle and high school have researched and are recommending the reading plan through Savvas. The cost of this curriculum will be 52,348.40. The curriculum will be picked up to save on shipping costs. Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kennedy asked if this would be coming from the education fund. Mr. Provo stated that curriculum would be paid from the education fund.

PERMISSION TO REPLACE WATER HEATER AT ELEMENTARY

Mr. Provo stated this is an item that the board was informed about prior to this meeting. Mr. Provo asked that the board retroactively approve the emergency replacement of our water heater equipment at the elementary. There was previously one large unit not working and that unit was replaced with two smaller, more energy efficient units. The total cost for this project was \$53,891.00 with Turnkey Mechanical & Electrical Corporation. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF WRESTLING TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the overnight trip scheduled for September 6th through the 7th and the out-of-state/overnight trip scheduled for October 23rd through 26th. Mr. Provo thank Coach. D.J. Smith for submitting these events in advance. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donation of \$804.85 by eleven people. Mr. Provo mentioned their names and thanked them for their support. Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kennedy stated that if these funds were collected for a specific earmark (i.e. transportation fees) that the donated funds should be applied to that earmarked account.

PERMISSION TO SELL BUSES TO TED EVERETT'S AUCTION

Mr. Provo asked the board to approve the sale of four buses to Ted Everett's Auction. These buses will be replaced with the new buses that were purchased last year. Mr. Provo stated that in the past the cash return, through the auction, has been more than selling the buses outright. Mr. Perry McCubbins, Transportation Director, stated that one of the buses that was taken to the auction last year was sold for 10,000. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- **Start of School:** Mr. Provo thanked everyone within the school district for a good start to the school year. There was a lot of work put in behind the scenes to get the start of the year up and running. Mr. Provo expressed his appreciation for all their efforts.
- **2026 Budget:** Mr. Provo stated that the 2026 budget has started and will be advertised in the next couple of weeks. The budget will be advertised in the local newspapers and will also be available for viewing on Gateway. There will be information posted on the m-gsd.org website. At the next regular board meeting, there will be a hearing on the budget.
- **Roof Project, Phase 1:** Mr. Provo shared that the roof replacement project, phase 1 will start in September which will be funded by previous bond funds. Mr. Provo shared that the contractors were on-site prior to help with a leak that could not wait until the September.
- **LED Lighting Project:** Mr. Provo stated that this project is still on-going. There have been some items on backorder which has caused a delay. There will be no disruption during the school day or extra-curricular activities.
- **Purchase Property Opportunities:**
 - New: Linda McFarland Property
 - 4.08 Acres – Mr. Provo stated this property adjoins the Monrovia Organized Baseball league. Ms. McFarland is interested in donating the property to the school with the stipulation that it always has to be used by the youth league. Mr. Steve Harris, Board Attorney, stated that the stipulation would have to be a part of the deed and would be permanent. If M-GSD choses to purchase, the district would own it but the use of it would only be permitted by the youth league. Mr. Elliott asked if there would be any liability with this type of arrangement. Mr. Harris stated currently there is a lease agreement between the owner and youth league that stated that the organization maintains the property and has insurance with an indemnity agreement so if anyone is injured the organization is responsible. There was a discussion with regards to the ownership with no actual ability for the school to use the property by the board. The board appreciated the willingness to donate the property to the school but feel this property would be better used by the organization.

- **Purchase Property Opportunities (con't):**

- New: Sam Shafer Property
 - Adjacent to our Property (off Chestnut-between ES/MS) - Mr. Provo stated that Mr. Shafer reached out to him during the summer to see if M-GSD would be interested in purchasing his property. Mr. Provo stated that he reviewed the property and the building that was on the property which is currently being remodeled. Mr. Shafer intends to turn the building into a laundromat if the school is not interested in purchasing. There was some discussion about appraisals, remodeling and possible overall costs. The board asked if Mr. Provo would make some more inquiries with regards to the owner's cost expectations before the board considers having appraisals conducted.
- Previous: Grindean Property
 - Mr. Provo stated that Ms. Grindean has been informed that the district would not be able to make an offer until the new bond funds were available. Our current bond funds have been allocated for other projects. Ms. Grindean stated she was open to this; however, there would need to have an agreement to stay on the property for a certain amount of time until they found a new property. Mr. Provo stated there would need to be some additional research with regards to the possible usage of the back part of the property. Mr. Provo stated he had a conversation with Schmidt and Associate with regards to the property during the facility study. They stated they could have an engineer review the property for usage and limitations. The board would like to have Schmidt & Associates review the property. Depending on the results of those findings, the board would like to schedule a time to view the property.

- **Facility Study**

- Mr. Provo stated that Schmidt and Associates plan to complete the study by end of August and would like to give a presentation at the September Board meeting.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sears made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Elliott and motion carried 5-0. The Board President, Mr. Kizzee, adjourned the meeting at 7:17 P.M.



Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board President



Mr. Jack Elliott, Board Secretary

**EXCERPTS OF MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Monroe-Gregg School District (the "School Corporation") was held at Superintendent's Office, 135 South Chestnut Street, Monrovia, Indiana, on August 11, 2025, at the hour of 6:30 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given to all members of the Board in accordance with Indiana Code § 5-14-1.5 and the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by the Secretary 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

The attorney for the School Corporation, was also present at said meeting.

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following):

The Secretary presented to the Board proofs of publication of the notice of the hearing to be held at this meeting on the matter of the additional appropriation proposed to be made on account of 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"), which proofs of publication show that the notice was published in The Reporter Times and in the Mooreville/Decatur Times on July 30, 2025.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the proofs of publication were ordered approved and made a part of the records of this Board.

The President of the Board then stated that the Board was ready to hear all taxpayers desiring to be heard in respect to the matter of the additional appropriation in the amount of \$6,000,000, plus investment earnings thereon, proposed to be made on account of the Project.

After hearing all taxpayers present who desired to be heard relative to the additional appropriation, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit A.

It was next stated that the firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis, Indiana, had been consulted relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed

bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. The Board was then presented with a form of resolution for adoption to authorize the issuance of bonds.

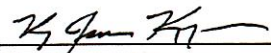
After due consideration of the final bond resolution, upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the same was adopted and is attached as Exhibit B.

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



Jack W. Elliott
Secretary, Board of School Trustees

APPROVED:



Ky James Kizzee
President, Board of School Trustees