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

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026      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 6:30 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, Mrs. Brandy Hyatt and Mrs. Melissa York were present. In addition, MGTA representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp, and Mrs. Julie Dimmack were also present.

**ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

Mrs. Melissa York, Mr. Josh Flynn, & Mrs. Brandy Hyatt presented an overview of the elementary and middle school highlights, along with discussion on plans for state testing results. Mr. Provo thanked the administrators and all those involved with compiling the detailed presentations. Mr. Provo also mentioned the future involvement of CIESC for teacher professional development opportunities. The members of the board expressed their appreciation for the information.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**REORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve Mr. Sears as President, Mr. Blundell as Vice-President, and Mr. Ky Kizzee as Secretary for the 2026 calendar year. Board member, Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

*{At 7:57 P.M. Mr. Ky Kizzee, turned the gavel over to the New Board President, Mr. Sears.}*

*{At 7:58 P.M., the new Board President temporarily suspended the Regular Board Meeting and called to order the Annual Board of Finance Meeting}*

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Board of Finance Officers to be the same as the M-GSD School Board. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Provo provided an overview of the Monroe-Gregg School District investments and asked the Board to approve Citizens Bank as the depository. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve Citizens Bank as depository. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kizzee and carried 5-0. In addition, Mr. Provo shared financial data for the district along with discussing the DUAB (Distressed Unit Appeals Board) that can be accessed at the following web address: <https://www.in.gov/duab/fiscal-indicators-committee/school-corporation-fiscal-indicators2/>. Mr. Provo spoke on the fund report along with the cash balance account.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kennedy and motion carried 5-0. The Board President, Mr. Sears, adjourned the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

*{At 8:12 P.M., the Board President reconvened the Regular Board Meeting.}*

**APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION TREASURER**

Mr. Provo recommended the Board approve Mrs. Moriah Crane as Corporation Treasurer. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATION DEPUTY TREASURER**

Mr. Provo recommended the Board approve Ms. Jessica Elliott as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY**

Mr. Provo recommended the Board approve Mr. Steve Harris as the School Board Attorney for the 2026 calendar year. Mr. Harris has served as attorney for the district for over 40 years. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting from December 8, 2025. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$1,982,740.00 and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling \$793,691.10. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: \$414,801.80 from December 12, 2025 and \$378,889.30 from December 26, 2025. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Provo mentioned Mrs. Roni Fought's resignation and her replacement of Mr. Jennifer Shake. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Provo explained Mr. Brett Everett's status and retirement as of January 29<sup>th</sup>, along with thanking Mr. Everett for his years of service. Mr. Provo also recommended Mr. Perry McCubbin as the interim Maintenance Director. Mr. McCubbins would continue with his current responsibilities as Lead Mechanic/Grounds Director, along with taking on the interim position. Mr. McCubbins's stipend will be paid for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, unless a replacement is found before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Kennedy expressed his appreciation for the added information on the ECA renewals.

**CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST STATEMENTS**

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. The forms are submitted to Indiana Gateway for government units. Mr. Blundell, Mr. Kizzee, Mrs. Kratzer, Mr. Sears, and Mrs. York each submitted a form for approval. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the conflict-of-interest forms as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN FUNDS**

Mr. Provo ask that the board approve the resolution that allows the treasurer to transfer appropriations within funds, where allowed. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION TO RECEIPT INVESTMENT & CHECKING INTEREST TO OPERATIONS FUND**

Mr. Provo asked the Board to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the resolution allowing the investment and checking interest to be receipted in the Operations fund. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD COMPENSATION**

Mr. Provo ask that the board approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Provo mentioned with the new laws, members of the board are permitted to be paid up to ten percent of the lowest teacher salary which would be up to \$4,500. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the resolution which pays the members of the board \$2,000 per year for their service on the M-GSD board. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF IRS MILEAGE RATE INCREASE**

Mr. Provo recommended an increase to the standard mileage rate based on IRS guidance which has the new rate of 72.5 cents per mile. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the increase. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION TO CANCEL/VOID OUTDATED CHECKS**

Moriah Crane, Corporation Treasurer, submitted a list of checks recommended for cancellation and/or voiding of outdated corporation checks. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION FOR CORPORATION TREASURER TO PAY BILLING ITEMS IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO MEET BILLING TIMELINES**

Mr. Provo asked the Board to approve the Corporation Treasurer to pay time sensitive billing items in advance in order to meet timelines and avoid any delays in service or service fees. Some examples would be insurance payments, credit card payments, utility payments and any other items that have a hard deadline and could incur interest. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**PERMISSION TO RECEIVE DONATION TO THE RAINY DAY FUND**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the donation to the Rainy-day Fund for \$50,000 from Google. Mr. Provo stated that the additional \$125,000 is required to be deposited into a 501(c)(3) entity due to state tax requirements for which M-GSD is not. In order to meet the state tax requirements, the additional funds were deposited through the Morgan County Foundation and can be accessed at any time. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the \$50,000 donation. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF DECA STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE TRIP**

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the overnight career development trip for DECA. Mr. Provo discussed his experience as a judge at the District DECA competition and the caliber of job skills this program gives to our student is a great access. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**All District Events/Activities:**

- Strategic Plan / Community Meeting (with 2025 Facility Study component)
  - Location: Monrovia Elementary Cafeteria
  - Time: 6:30 P.M.
  - Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (if needed – backup date)

- RFQ – Surveillance Cameras
  - 01-26-26 @ 1:00      Opening of Proposals
- RFQ – Facility Management Services
  - 01-30-26 @ 2:00      Opening of Proposals

**Monrovia Elementary**

- Monrovia Elementary PTO – new look in the MES Gym and MES Cafeteria area.

**Monrovia Middle/High School**

- Singing Stars for November
  - Concert Choir – Kylinne Wilkerson
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir - Jaxon Tuttle
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Violet Chadd
  - 5<sup>th</sup> period 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Brooke Williams
  - 6<sup>th</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Jane Standeford
  - Shooting Stars – Emerson Hyatt
- Singing Stars for December
  - Concert Choir – Alyssa Stephens
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir - Elijah Evans
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Abigail Gourley
  - 5<sup>th</sup> period 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Greyson Shaver
  - 6<sup>th</sup> period 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir – Jennayah Balthazar
  - Shooting Stars – Ja'den Wise

**Monrovia Sports**

- Elementary Wrestling:
  - The Monrovia Bulldogs are your 2026 Elementary State Champions!
- Girls Wrestling
  - Ava Elliott had a wonderful season along with other members of the girls' wrestling team
- Boys Wrestling
  - In December, the team went 2-1 at the Columbus North Duals..
- Girls Basketball
  - Currently 14-4 for the season
- Boys Basketball
  - Currently 6-4 for the season

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The board wanted to thank the elementary and middle school administrators for all the information that was shared earlier in the meeting. The board also share their appreciation for our teachers and all they do for our students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Blundell and motion carried 5-0. The Board President, Mr. Sears, adjourned the meeting at 8:36 P.M.



Mr. Brock Sears, Board President



Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board Secretary