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

DATE: Monday, February 9, 2026 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. Brock Sears, at 6:31 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Tom Kennedy, Mr. Kevin Blundell, Mr. Ky Kizzee, and Mr. Jack Elliott. Superintendent, Mr. Trent Provo 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 Midwest Auction honored each student with a local gift card. The February 2026 award recipients were Bryson Kilgore and Matthew Green from elementary; Brooke Williams from middle school; and Jacob Henry from high school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting from January 12, 2026 and Executive Session meetings on February 2, 2026. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Provo presented outstanding claims in the amount of \$960,045.35 and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling \$715,462.80. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: \$323,627.17 from January 9, 2026 and \$391,835.63 from January 23, 2026. Mr. Kennedy 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 stated Kori Shields has submitted her resignation as of the end of the school year and expressed his thanks to Mrs. Shields for servicing our students. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Provo thanked those who sponsor and/or coach our students. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

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

BID AWARD FOR OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendation to award the project to Parks Outdoor. We received three bids on February 2nd at 12:00 P.M. The bid from Parks Outdoor was received for \$32,400, from Taylor Lawn for \$59,800 and Starnes Outdoor Solutions for \$31,500. The difference between the two lowest bids was \$900. The recommendation was to go with Parks Outdoor over the lowest bidder as this contractor knows our campus and has serviced our district for a number of years in great standing. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation to award the bid to Parks Outdoor. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Sears abstaining.

BID AWARD FOR SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendation to award the project to Workplace Technologies. There were several bids received on January 26th at 1:00 P.M that ranged from \$140,000 to \$260,000. The bid from Workplace Technologies was received for \$186,430.53 which was not the lowest bid. Mr. Provo stated reasons for going with Workplace Technologies were because they could offer more 4K camera (wiring, servers, etc.) equipment across the district which will future proof the district moving forward. The lower bids came in using lower megapixel cameras. Mr. Kennedy mentioned that this was an item that was listed as a high-priority item in the facility study report. Mr. Provo stated this project will be purchased with bond fund. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations to award the bid to Workplace Technologies. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR EVER-DRIVEN

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendation for a contract with Ever-Driven. The district would only use this company in the event of a McKinney-Vento situation where the school is mandated to provide transportation to the students' school of origin. In some cases, this transportation is needed for longer distances such as an hour or more away. Mr. Provo stated the school would not pay this company unless the district uses them. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR PAINTING

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the recommendation for a contract with Flora Brothers to paint the Branch McCracken (high school) and middle school gymnasiums during the summer. There were three quotes received. Mr. Provo interviewed each company to discuss our expectations with regards to colors and graphics and to received information about their services, along with the products that would be used. Flora Brothers was not the lowest bid; however, was chosen due to the services they could provide with regards to the paint colors, products used, and the imagining that could be provided. The lowest bidder used a product that was not recommended for use on our walls. Mr. Provo reached out to the references given by each company for which the Flora Brother's came back impeccable. As a part of the Flora Brothers quote, the ducts and ceiling will be painted in MMS gymnasium and in the MHS gymnasium the ducts will be painted; the ceiling did not need painted. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE CHROMEBOOKS

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the purchase of Chromebooks which will be used as a refresh for our 3rd grade students. There was an attempt to receive three quotes. There was a quote received from Trafera; however, after the district received their first quote (\$90,900) Trafera sent a second quote (\$98,400) to replace the original quote. This made their quote the higher quote after the change so the recommendation was to go with the lowest quote received which was Howard Technology Solutions for \$91,200. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Kennedy abstaining.

CONSIDERATION OF WRESTLING SEMI-STATE TRIP

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the overnight trip. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF GIRLS' BASKETBALL SEMI-STATE TRIP

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve the overnight trip for the girls' basketball team. This is a proactive request, as if needed, the trip will need to take place between the dates of board meetings. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Mr. Provo asked that the board approve an overnight trip for a softball tournament on April 10th in Evansville. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO RECEIVE A DONATION TO THE 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.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Monrovia Middle School

- 8th Graders have been presenting their college and career presentations to community members each week. This is part of their Preparing for College and Careers Class.
- Shooting Stars Show Choir Preview Night was a success!

Monrovia High School

- Communication Department
 - 8 years ago, our Communications program consisted of 1 class with 10 students. The program has grown to close to 70 students across 6 classes.
 - Their annual Super Bowl Preview Show has grown in quantity and quality, thanks to amazingly talented students! The judges were: Scott Sander, Greg Rakestraw and Lance Scheib for their time and offering great career and education advice!
- Shooting Stars:
 - On this past Saturday, Kaeley Burch was awarded "Best Performer" at the South Mount competition.
 - There next performance will be this Saturday, February 14th at 12:45 in Plainfield
- January Singing Stars
 - Concert Choir - Nash Turpin
 - 2nd Period 6th grade boys - Jaxten Parrish
 - 3rd Period 6th grade girls - Tempe Hurt
 - 7th Grade - Brooke Williams
 - 6th period 6th grade girls - Brookelynn Burns
 - Shooting Stars - Allison Moore

Monrovia Sports:

- Girls' Basketball won Sectional this past Saturday.
 - Parke Heritage in the Regional at Terre Haute North on Saturday, February 14th at 4:00 P.M.
- Boys' Basketball
 - On this past Saturday, the boys' basketball team won another close conference game against Indian Creek.
 - They are now 11-6 and will travel to Tri-West on Tuesday night.
- Boys' Wrestling:
 - On January 17th, won Hoosiers Legends Conference Championship.

- Boys' Wrestling (con't):
 - On Saturday, February 7th, the following wrestlers advanced to Regionals:
 - 113 pounds- Nathaniel Sanders (3rd place)
 - 126 pounds- David Bowman (Runner-up)
 - 144 pounds- Payton Hall (Runner-up)
 - 157 pounds- Braeden Myers (3rd place, and the match of the day as he broke a 4-4 tie with a reversal with 5 seconds to go in order to win his 3rd place match 6-4)
 - The following wrestler advanced to Semi-State: 126 pounds- David Bowman
 - He will take a 30-2 record with him to Evansville this weekend

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Sarah Ragsdale, 909 N. Gold Rush Dr. Mooresville Indiana
 - Subject Item for Comment: Attendance and ADM count
 - Mr. Sears stated that there are two ADM counts which are student enrollment numbers taken during each school year.
- Brooke Williams, M-GSD Student
 - Subject Item for Comment: Proposed that the start of school be later in the morning and the end time stay the same time.

The above members of the public were given two (2) minutes to continue sharing her comments with the Board.

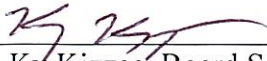
The comments were received; no Board action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blundell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Kizzee and motion carried 5-0. The Board President, Mr. Sears, adjourned the meeting at 7:03 P.M.



Mr. Brock Sears, Board President



Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board Secretary