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

DATE: Monday, March 23, 2026 TIME: 6:00 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 6:00 P.M. in the Administration Office. Additional board members in attendance included Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Ky Kizzee, and Mr. Tom Kennedy. Superintendent, Mr. Trent Provo; Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Moriah Crane; and School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, were present, along with several members of the administrative staff. Board member, Mr. Kevin Blundell was not in attendance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Mr. Provo explained the purpose of the work session meeting was to discuss strategic plans, current, and projected finances; along with discussing options of possible cost savings going into the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Provo presented information on a three-year target residential and non-residential ADM growth goal as a way to create revenue by increasing student enrollment numbers for the district.

In addition, Mr. Provo spoke on three possible options for cost reduction savings. These were broken-down into the following: significant, moderate, and minimal cost reductions. Within each option, there were reduction goals and budget mitigation steps discussed along with the estimated savings amounts within the education and operation funds.

Mr. Chad Blacklock from Stifel was present to share information and answer question with regards to the current budget and future budget projections. Mr. Blacklock also spoke briefly on the impact of a referendum and the eight-year cycle. Mr. Dustin Robinson, Special Education Director spoke on some of the special education obligation. Mrs. Moriah Crane, Corporation Treasurer, spoke on several uncontrollable cost increases such as insurance (87%), utilities (31%), and transportation (30%) within the operations fund, along with the financial reductions due to the legislation changes.

At the April 13th board meeting, the board has requested that Mr. Provo present a \$600,000 to 750,000 cost reduction plan, along with pursuing a taxable bond.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sears, Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:54 P.M.



Brock J. Sears, Board President



Ky J. Kizzee, Board Secretary