MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES of the REGULAR BOARD MEETING
for the SCHOOL BOARD of TRUSTEES
DATE: Monday, September 14, 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 6:30 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Tom Kennedy, Mr. Kevin Blundell, and Mr. Ky Kizzee. Superintendent, Mr. Andrew Grismore and School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, were present. The following administrators, Mrs. Katie Fulayter and Mrs. Melissa York, were present. In addition, MGTA representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp and Mrs. Julie Dimmack, were also present. Board member, Mr. Jack Elliott, was not present.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni Association each month. In addition, the Midway Auction honored each student with a local gift card. The September 2026 award recipients were Brynlee Gable and Rae Asher from elementary; Jenna Williamson from middle school; and Megan Gudaitis from high school.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA TOPICS

There were no public comments.

{At 6:31 P.M., the Board President temporarily suspended the regular board meeting.}
{At 6:32 P.M., the Board President opened the public hearing for 2027 Budget.}

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Mr. Grismore mentioned that the budget was advertised (http://budgetnotices.in.gov/Unit_View.aspx?unit_id=2617) on Gateway as required per the Department of Local Government of Finance (DLGF) on the notice to taxpayers' publication, along with our M-GSD website (m-gsd.org/our district/finance). Mr. Grismore reviewed the 2027 projected costs on our school budget/tax rate/tax levy, bus replacement plan, and capital projects. There were no public comments. Mr. Blundell made a motion to adjourn the public hearing for the 2027 Budget and open the public hearing for the Additional Appropriation. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

{At 6:37 P.M., the Board President adjourned the public hearing for 2027 Budget.}
{At 6:37 P.M., the Board President opened the public hearing for Additional Appropriation.}

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

During the public hearing, Mr. Grismore stated that M-GSD will make a request to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) for an additional appropriation of $500,000 for our operations fund, if needed. There will be a review of our cash balances during this process to assure available funds for the appropriation. The adoption resolution will be presented at the October board meeting. There were no public comments. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to adjourn the public hearing for the Additional Appropriation and reconvene the regular board meeting. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Grismore mentioned the notice was uploaded (http://budgetnotices.in.gov/Unit_View.aspx?unit_id=2617) on Gateway as required per the Department of Local Government of Finance (DLGF), along with our M-GSD website (m-gsd.org/our district/finance/public notice).

{At 6:39 P.M., the Board President adjourned the public hearing for Additional Appropriation.}
{At 6:39 P.M., the Board President reconvened the regular board meeting.}

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES
A motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the minutes for the Regular Board meeting from August 10, 2026; along with the Special Board meeting from August 19, 2026. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS
Mr. Grismore presented outstanding claims in the amount of $919,733.62 and payroll vouchers in the amount totaling $958,952.68. The individual payroll vouchers were for the following amounts: $276,150.52 from August 7, 2026, $308,215.52 from August 21, 2026, and $374,586.64 from September 4, 2026. Mr. Grismore made a note that the August 7, 2026 payroll was added to the board member's packet and the public docket prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the claims and payroll vouchers as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Grismore spoken on the item related to contract adjustments for recently hired employees with regards to base salaries and supplement payments. Mr. Blundell made a motion to approve the recommendations, as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Kennedy asked for implementation of an internal control for future hiring. Mr. Grismore stated this will be a point of conversation prior to future hiring.

CONSIDERATION OF CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Grismore mentioned the resignation of Ms. Jill Fletcher and thanked her years of service for our student and district. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ECA PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACTED RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

PERMISSION TO PURCHASE BUSES
Mr. Grismore asked the board to approval the purchase of three buses for $525,873.00 through CIESC cooperative purchasing from Midwest Transit. The prices for educational bus transport vehicles have increased and are anticipated to continue to increase in future months. There was a brief discussion with regards to future bus purchases and plans for the replaced buses. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the recommendation, as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2026-2027 M-GSD SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN UPDATES
Mr. Grismore stated that Mr. Jared Smith, Safety Director, made one major update to the behavioral threat assessment, along with some other minor language/name changes. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the updates as presented. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF IRS MILEAGE RATE INCREASE
Mr. Grismore recommended the increase to the standard mileage rate based on IRS guidance which has the new rate of 76 cents per mile. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the increase. Mr. Blundell seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO RENEW/EXTEND AGREEMENT WITH SCHOOLCARE
Mr. Grismore asked that the board approve the amendment to our annual agreement with SchoolCare which is a partnership with our nursing service to bill for Medicaid reimbursement. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the recommendations as presented. Mr. Kizzee seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENT CURRICULUM

Mr. Grismore asked the board to approve the supplement curriculum with Intangled Learning which has curriculum for our principals to teaching pathway. Mr. Kizzee made a motion to approve the increase. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Mr. Grismore spoke on the following old and new business items:

Old Business

- Google funding the solar project which is current in the permit approval stage.
- Clarification on the athletic passes for 2026-27 seasons:
  - There is an option for a K-12 sports pass for purchase of $40
- Updates on the previous discussion with regards to the Veterans Memorial on M-GSD property.
- Status of the bid process for the rental of M-GSD property:
  - Currenting advertising in newspapers and uploading to the www.m-gsd.org website under public notices.
  - The bid submission and opening will October 2nd at 9:00 AM.
- Update on the sewer system testing.

New Business

- Singing Stars
  - Concert Choir - Aubrey LaPorte
  - 6th graders - Emery Ritter, Deklan Bowers, and Lydia Swenson
  - 7th grader - Zayne Napier
  - Shooting Stars - Sophia Stewart
- Athletics fall sports are currently underway, along with homecoming week and home football game.
- There will be a Google Community Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the middle school gymnasium.
- The board asked if the district could look into the school signs in the community and get prices for replacement of the signs that are displaying weather wear.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Carl Gilbert, 554 West State Road 42; Mooresville Indiana.
  Mr. Gilbert shared some comments with regards to procurement of quotes for repairs for the district, along with mentioning some needed repairs to an athletic area.

The above member of the public was given two (2) minutes to share their comments with the Board.

The comments were received; no Board action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kizzee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Blundell and motion carried 4-0. The Board President, Mr. Sears, adjourned the meeting at 6:56 P.M.

Mr. Brock Sears, Board President

Mr. Ky Kizzee, Board Secretary