

Monroe-Gregg School Board Report  
January 2020 Meeting

Election of Officers and appointments to various positions were among the items on the Monroe-Gregg School District January agenda.

Long-time board member Jack Elliott will serve as President, Celina Clements Vice-President and Tom Kennedy is Board Secretary. The trio will serve in those same positions on the Corporation's Board of Finance. Steve Harris will continue as School Corporation Attorney. Kelly Dillon continues as Treasurer with Christy Carter as Deputy Treasurer.

The board heard from parent Danene Clements. She expressed concern over what she called a lack of leadership within the varsity football program which she says has carried over into the weight training classroom. She levied accusations of bullying from a teacher, harassment, intimidation, manipulation being directed toward her son and says she's received similar stories from other parents and students. She had met prior to the school board meeting with Athletic Director Todd Evers and High School Principal Mike Springer. A number of parents and students were on-hand for the meeting, but only Clements was on the agenda to speak. No member of the Coaching staff or Faculty was named. Board President Jack Elliott thanked her for her concern and input. High School Principal Mike Springer, acting as the Corporation lead Administrator during the Medical leave of Superintendent Dr. Kirk Freeman, said community members are always welcome to express concerns and as it pertains to the matter pledged the Corporation will give it due diligence.

As far as financial matters, Director of Finance Kelly Dillon reported just under 77-thousand dollars in interest earned through investments and the corporation checking account. Citizens Bank was approved as the districts Banking Institution. Dillon shared fund balances, Deficit/Surplus numbers, and General Fund Numbers. Claims just over 2.1 million were also approved.

In personnel matters, Caitilin Mahan will fill a leave of absence at Monrovia Middle School. Bethany Brown was hired as a Middle School Instructional Aide. A couple of ECA positions were filled and it was announced that Wavelyn Bettenhausen will retire at the end of the school year after 44 years of service to Monroe-Gregg Schools.

Finally, well-wishes were extended to Monroe-Gregg Schools Superintendent Dr. Kirk Freeman who is recovering from recent heart bypass surgery. All wished Dr. Freeman a speedy recovery. High School Principal Mike Springer will serve in an upper-level Administrative role while Dr. Freeman is away. The next Monroe-Gregg School Board meeting is Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

By Mark Jaynes