

# Monroe-Gregg School District

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## WORK SESSION MINUTES MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATION CENTER

March 7, 2017

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by School Board President, Mr. Jack Elliott at 6:30 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Chris Williams, Mr. Tim Pridemore and Mr. Tom Kennedy. Also in attendance, Dr. William Roberson, School Superintendent; Mr. Steve Harris, School Board Attorney; several staff and community members were present.

The meeting began with Dr. Roberson giving a brief explanation regarding the work session. This is for the School Board and Superintendent to discuss and plan the best options for the school district. The Board cannot vote on any item during a work session. They can however express their consensus on issues and topics. This is a public meeting that anyone can attend.

Chris Williams asked about the upcoming town meeting regarding the sidewalks they are wanting the school to install. The town has expressed their concerns regarding a lack of sidewalks. They would like the school to install sidewalks running north from the public library to state road 39 and south from the public library to the elementary school. Dr. Roberson stated that sidewalks will begin in the 2018 budget.

If the school receives approval from the town at the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, construction will begin March 20<sup>th</sup>. The building corporation has approved both projects. The process is complicated and the documents are full of legal jargon which is why we have attorneys to handle the process and look out for the school's interests.

The district will be adding Building Trades as an option for the 2017-2018 school year. The students will travel to Mooresville for the class. Kevin Bradshaw will be teaching this class. Dr. Roberson highlighted all the new curriculum that has been added in the last four years.

2. Hearing

Hearing on Projects and Preliminary Determination Hearing

Adopt project resolution

Adopt preliminary determination resolution

Dr. Roberson and Mr. Harris addressed questions regarding the renovation project and the process required when selling bonds. This project will not exceed 2 million dollars and will not raise taxes. This is a separate project from the Performing Arts Center.

3. Consideration of Minutes – 2 corrections were needed before approval on the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
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4. Consideration of Claims – for future regular monthly Board meetings, the claim document will be sent to the Board by 12 noon on Thursday prior to the regular monthly meeting.
5. Student of the Month Recognition sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni Association
6. Consideration of Personnel Recommendations – following discussion, questions and consensus, the Board will be provided with a copy of the current Administrative Guideline regarding Vacancies and Transfers for review. Personnel items for March were reviewed and it was the consensus of the Board to approve all items as presented.
7. Public Comments on Agenda Items – this section of the agenda will be moved to the top of the agenda. This will allow the public to express their thoughts regarding Board agenda items.
8. Consideration for 2017 Summer School – Dr. Roberson is seeking permission to administer summer school for 2017. Details will be presented at the April meeting.
9. Consideration of Retirement Incentive for Teachers – Dr. Roberson discussed this with the M-GTA and would like the Board to approve an incentive for current staff who meet the requirements to retire. All Board members were in positive agreement.
10. Consideration of HS Student Handbook Update for 16-17 – an additional item is being added to the current handbook, stating that hats will not be worn in the building.
11. Consideration of Student Handbook Changes for 17-18 – all three buildings will present their 2017-2018 student handbooks for approval. Changes to each handbook are highlighted.
12. Consideration of Top 10 Trip to Cincinnati, Ohio – no discussion
13. Consideration of Donation to Monrovia Girls Basketball Program – the program and the events provided by the youth league is a benefit to the community and school.
14. Consideration of Transfer Student – Board consensus was yes to accept transfer student.
15. Consideration of Summer School Band & Summer Band Camp – reminder: the swing into jazz event is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
16. Consideration of Middle School Field Trip to Chicago – consensus from Board is yes.
17. Consideration of Grounds Mowing & Trimming – Dr. Roberson explained how contracting the majority of the mowing and trimming to an outside company would benefit the school district. A quote and an overall plan of action was presented and discussed. There were no questions at this time. The board agreed to approve at the March meeting.
18. Board Policy Updates (first read) – no discussion at this time.

19. Other – Dr. Roberson discussed the following items with the Board:

The power will be off during Spring Break – lines, poles, cables and fiber will be moved to prepare for construction. The planning commission meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>. They would like for the school to install sidewalks and additional parking before they agree to the project. Ground breaking is set for March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

Dr. Roberson and the Board will meet in a work session prior to each regular monthly board meeting at 5:30 or 6 PM for discussion of agenda items.

Board Retreat date needs to be determined.

Update on the coming project: this project will be to renovate some classrooms, extend the cafeteria, move the weight room and wrestling rooms, construct a greenhouse and add a virtual learning center.

Hadley Letter: after questions and discussion, Dr. Roberson was instructed by the Board to work with the Hadley family to find an agreeable solution for both parties.

20. Adjournment – 8:06 PM



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Dr. Jack Elliott, Board President



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Mr. Tim Pridemore, Board Secretary