

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
January 14, 2019**

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 current Vice-president, Mr. Tom Kennedy at 6:30 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room.

OATH OF OFFICE

School District Treasurer, Kelly Dillon administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members Mr. Brock Sears and Mr. Tim Pridemore. All Board Members were present.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Board Member, Mr. Tim Pridemore made a motion to approve Mr. Tom Kennedy as President; Mr. Jack Elliott as Vice-president; and Mrs. Celina Clements as Secretary for the 2019 calendar year. Board Member, Mr. Brock Sears seconded; motion passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER AND DEPUTY TREASURER

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve Kelly Dillon as Corporation Treasurer and Christy Carter as Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD ATTORNEY & CONTRACT

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve Mr. Steve Harris as the School Board Attorney. Motion was made by Mrs. Clements to approve Mr. Harris' contract as presented, seconded by Mr. Elliott and passed 5-0.

TEMPORARILY ADJOURN

Vice-president, Jack Elliott made a motion to temporarily adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Pridemore seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

Mrs. Clements made a motion calling the Board of Finance meeting to order. Mr. Sears seconded and the meeting opened at 6:35 P.M.

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve the same Board as the M-GSD School Board. Mr. Kennedy as President; Mr. Elliott as Vice-president; and Mrs. Clements as Secretary; Mr. Pridemore and Mr. Sears to serve as officers for the Finance Board for the 2019 calendar year. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sears; motion carried 5-0.

Director of Finance/Corporation Treasurer Kelly Dillon provided a brief overview of the investments regarding the Monroe-Gregg School District and asked the Board to approve Citizens Bank as the depository. Mrs. Dillon also asked for permission to pursue CD investment options for the district in order to secure a higher interest rate for district funds. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve Citizens Bank and the investment request as presented. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Clements and carried 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Pridemore to adjourn the Finance Meeting, seconded by Mr. Sears. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M. followed by a motion from Mr. Elliott to reconvene the regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Pridemore; the regular meeting reconvened at 6:40 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments on agenda items.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Pridemore to approve the executive session and regular board meeting minutes of December 10, 2018 as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve claims #1 through #161 as presented in the amount of \$2,253,424.45. Seconded by Mrs. Clements, the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the updated Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sears and passed with a vote of 5-0.

NEW MILEAGE RATE

Mrs. Clements made the motion to approve the new mileage rate of 58 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2019. Mr. Pridemore seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AMERGAS SCHOOL DAYS PROGRAM

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the AmeriGas School Days Program as presented. Each school will have the potential to earn up to \$2,000 per year by saving and submitting propane receipts from AmeriGas. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS

Mrs. Clements made the motion to approve transfer of appropriations; seconded by Mr. Sears. The motion carried 5-0.

PERMISSION TO TRANSFER REVENUE TO RAINY DAY FUND

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve the resolution allowing the transfer of revenue to the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE LAND AND APPOINT APPRAISERS

School Attorney, Steve Harris explained the steps required to purchase approximately 17 acres east of the High School Football Field. This property is currently owned by Mr. Steve Hadley. A resolution is needed in order for the property to be surveyed and for the appointment of two appraisers.

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the resolution as presented by Mr. Harris. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF GRADUATION PATHWAYS AT MONROVIA HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve the new Graduation Pathways at Monrovia High School as presented and recommended. Dr. Freeman thanked High School Principal, Mr. Mike Springer and the High School Counselors for their hard work and dedication to kids. Mr. Sears seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION FOR DECA STUDENTS TO ATTEND STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITION

A request for students to attend and compete in the upcoming state and national DECA competitions from High School Teacher, Mr. Matt Hankins was presented. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Elliott. The motion carried 5-0.

OTHER

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to accept a \$500 donation to Monrovia Elementary from the Monrovia Festival and Civic Association. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.


Dr. Freeman commended Assistant Principal & Safety Director Kyle Swafford and Middle School Principal, Rebecca McPherson for the work they have done with safety in the district. The state conducted a site visit to evaluate the district's plans and procedures. The district passed on the first go around.

Dr. Freeman shared a letter he received from Beech Grove Schools commending the Monrovia High School Basketball Teams and Coaches, Kyle Swafford and Kevin Rounds for their exemplary behavior at the recent basketball games hosted by Beech Grove High School.

Dr. Freeman recognized and commended the hard work of Mr. Perry McCubbins, Mr. Brett Everett, Mr. John Hawkins, Mr. Randy Cross and Mr. Brian Clayton. During the recent winter weather Indiana is experiencing, these employees have gone above and beyond to ensure the buildings and grounds are well cared for.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Elliott. Mr. Kennedy, Board President adjourned the meeting at 6:55 P.M.


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board President


Mr. Celina Clements, Board Secretary