

**Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Administration Office
May 13, 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 School Board President, Mr. Tom Kennedy at 6:36 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mrs. Celina Clements, Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Tim Pridemore and Mr. Brock Sears. Also in attendance, Dr. Kirk Freeman, School Superintendent; Mr. Steve Harris, School Board Attorney; Mr. Mike Springer, High School Principal; Mrs. Melissa York, Elementary Principal; Mrs. Rebecca McPherson, Middle School Principal; Maintenance Director, Brett Everett; and Director of Finance, Kelly Dillon.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH REGOGNITION

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni each month. May 2019 award recipients were Lincoln Blankenship – MES; Aubrie Pierson – MES; Sam Allen– MMS; Seth Wertz – MHS; and Grace Beaman – MHS.

Also recognized was High School Student Lexi Reed. Miss Reed was awarded the DAR Scholarship for 2019.

FFA PRESENTATION BY SHELBY GORE

Ag Science, Teacher Shelby Gore shared all the new and exciting things students are learning in the Agricultural field. FFA has returned to Monrovia High School and the program under Miss Gore's leadership is thriving. Dr. Freeman thanked Miss Gore for her enthusiasm and hard work with the students.

ILEARN PRESENTATION BY MRS. YORK

Elementary Principal, Mrs. Melissa York is the district testing coordinator. Mrs. York shared the ups and downs regarding the recent ILEARN student testing mandated by the state of Indiana. Daily adjustments to the schedule had to be made and it was very time consuming. The students and staff did a great job adjusting and completing the testing during the allotted time frame.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public at this time. Board Secretary, Jack Elliott took a moment to remind all who were present, the Baccalaureate is scheduled for May 23rd. at 7:30 P.M. in the Performing Arts Center.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the following minutes as presented:
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Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve claims #624 through #778 as presented in the amount of \$1,415,993.03. There being no changes or additional claims, Mr. Sears seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to accept the Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve all personnel items as listed in the report. Mrs. Clements seconded; and the motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT FOR 2020

The 2020 Safety Grant Proposal was submitted by High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Swafford for approval. Mr. Pridemore made a motion to move forward with the grant as presented, seconded by Mr. Sears, motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ELEMENTARY SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAM

Elementary Principal, Mrs. York asked the Board for permission to offer "Monday Funday" at the elementary. This is an outreach program started in 2018 that benefited many elementary students through the summer months. Mrs. York asked for approval to provide this service again for the 2019 summer. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Clements. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF TEXTBOOK AND CURRICULUM ADOPTION

Mr. Sears made a motion to approve calculus textbooks for the High School and Bridges math series for the elementary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pridemore and passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION TO SELL SURPLUS COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve the sale of communication equipment as presented by the Radio/TV Broadcasting Teacher, Mark Jaynes. Mrs. Clements seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMON SCHOOL LOAN

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the Common School Loan as presented. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Sears. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AUDITORIUM FACILITY RENTAL AGREEMENT

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the changes for the auditorium facility rental agreement. The changes are minor and pertain mostly to the payment process for employees. Mrs. Clements made a motion to approve as presented; seconded by Mr. Pridemore. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Mrs. Clements made a motion to forward with the outdoor maintenance projects. The projects will include parking lot resurfacing, pressure washing building exterior and landscaping. Mr. Elliott seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF CROSSING SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEUSHIP

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve the contract agreement for 2019-2020 with the Crossing School of Business and Entrepreneurship. Mr. Sears seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

OTHER

Middle School Students, who will be traveling to Washington, DC, will have the option of to stay overnight in the school prior to leaving on the chartered bus. Mrs. Whitney Reeder is sponsoring this event and will host a student lock-in prior to departure. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve as presented. Mrs. Clements seconded; motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Freeman shared with the Board the amount of scholarship money received by the 2019 graduates. This year's scholarship money totaled over \$91,000 plus four years of tuition money for Jared Poston, Lily Endowment winner. Dr. Freeman stated "this is outstanding when you consider the size of our school".

Mrs. Clements thanked Miss Shelby Gore for all her hard work and the excitement she has created among the student body with FFA and the Agriculture classes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Clements. Board President, Tom Kennedy adjourned the meeting at 7:09 P.M.


Mr. Tom Kennedy, Board President


Mrs. Celina Clements, Board Secretary