

## Monroe-Gregg School Board Report

July 13, 2020

Monroe-Gregg Superintendent Dr. Kirk Freeman says the 2020 Graduation Ceremony will take place Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at Gordon Hadley Field. In order to meet guidelines mandated by the Morgan County and State Health Departments, each student is allowed 4 admission tickets. The Graduates will be socially distanced while seated and will need to wear face coverings when receiving their diplomas. Class officers, the Salutatorian and Valedictorian will address the audience. Neither the band nor choir will perform. While it isn't an ideal ceremony, given the circumstances relating to COVID-19, High School Principal Mike Springer went to great lengths to ensure the Class of 2020 will receive the best celebration possible.

In regular business, just over 4.3 million in claims were approved. The board okayed the addition of a seventy-dollar technology fee which means every student in the district will have the use of a Chrome Book when the school year begins. The Principals were able to make changes to previous fees in order to keep the overall fee about the same. The contract with the Crossing to provide educational services was approved. It is a renewal of an already existing program. Pre-school program was shifted to a four-day week last year and the board okayed that to continue. A donation was accepted in memory of former teacher Rich Dimmack. The middle school and high school media centers will receive a little over seven-hundred and forty dollars. Social distance violations were added to the high school handbook and the Athletic Department received the okay to purchase two Square Reader Credit Card terminals which will allow touchless payments at sporting events.

In personnel matters, Melissa Waterfill retired from her position as a High School English Teachers after 9 years with the corporation. She is being replaced by Heidi Conger. Deb Stewart retired from her position as a Math Teacher at Monrovia Middle School after 17 years of service. Several changes were approved to the ECA staff. Deb Stohler was hired as a Middle School Paraprofessional and a job title change for Cory Lewis was approved. He is now Human Resources and Education Data Reporting Coordinator for the district. Shawn Swopes moves from Athletic Department Secretary to daytime supervisor/custodian at Monrovia Elementary. ECA Treasurers were approved in all three buildings: Amy Cox, Terri Harris, and Judy Mobley.

Permission was granted to accept the Budget Calendar and advertise the 2021 budget and the board voted not to hear student expulsion appeals.

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