

Monroe-Gregg School Board Report

August 10, 2020

A light agenda for Monroe-Gregg School Board members. It began with a brief mandated Public Hearing for Bargaining. Once the regular meeting resumed, the minutes from a regular session and special session were approved. The board approved just over 1.2 million in claims. In the personnel report, 7 instructional aides were hired at the high school and elementary school. Class sponsors were approved and new coaching hires include Betsy McCrary as Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach and Doug Thrasher as JV Boys Basketball Coach.

Superintendent Dr. Kirk Freeman requested the board add bus drivers to Health Insurance eligibility per the classified staff handbook under the 30 or more per week rate. Drivers currently on the plan end up paying more than the amount they are compensated for their services. Dr. Freeman says drivers are increasingly more difficult to find and the move would help keep the current stable of driver in-tact. The motion was made to approve and then passed.

Changes to the Athletic Handbook were approved. Those included offenses involving vaping devices and dress code guidelines. It was announced the Varsity Volleyball and Girls' Basketball are working together to use funds from their programs to renovate the girls locker-room. Renovations were done to the boys' locker room a few years ago and the effort will provide outstanding locker room facilities for girls and boys athletics. Catherine Hendricks donated 250 dollars to Monrovia Elementary. Principal Melissa York says the donor told her to spend the donation where and how it is needed.

Finally, Dr. Freeman commended his Administrators, faculty, staff and students for a very smooth start to the school year. There were a few traffic issues with students being dropped off the first couple of days, but that process is improving. Freeman credits everyone with following social distancing procedures and is proud of how everyone has projected such a positive attitude under very difficult circumstances.

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