

**MONROE-GREGG SCHOOL BOARD REPORT
MARCH 2020 MEETING**

From Communications Director, Mark Jaynes

Monrovia High School Principal Mike Springer announced Monrovia High School received its A/F State School Accountability Grade recently. Factors used to determine the grade include 10th grade English and Math ISTEP Mastery and Growth; Graduation Rate; College and Career Readiness which is tied to AP and dual credit courses. Mr. Springer was happy to report Monrovia High School earned a grade of A for the first time since school grades began in 2011. Mr. Springer thanked his hard-working faculty, staff and students for their efforts in securing the monumental achievement.

Mr. Springer also announced the adaptation of the “One Town, One Book,” reading program. It is designed to better connect the High School and community through reading. The program is headed up by MHS English Teacher Julie Dimmack.

Matt Hankins was honored along with his DECA Club students from Monrovia High School. The group earned numerous honors recently at the State DECA Competition. Student Wyatt Harvey qualified for the International Competition later this school year.

Finally, High School Social Studies Teacher Steve Reeder received unanimous Board support for a resolution leading to the application for Monroe-Gregg Schools to become a Purple Star School. The designation means Monroe-Gregg Schools would establish a trained point of contact in each building to support military families and connect them with the resources they need.

The Monrovia Middle School Teachers will take part in a nationwide research study through WeAreTeachers. The project helps researchers gather information to create new technology that will enable teachers to record and monitor small group discussions with their classrooms. Up to 100 hours of classroom discussion can be recorded and if a certain amount of hours have been recorded, the school can receive a grant of up to \$5,000.

In regular business, the Board approved the minutes from the previous meeting. A little over 1.3 million in claims were approved. All Administrators, Directors and Central Office staff were given the same raise and benefit package teachers received earlier this year. In the personnel report, resignations were accepted from Kevin Rounds as Girls Varsity Golf Coach and he will be replaced by Don Pearson; Nathan Akers resigned as Varsity Football Coach; Elisha Barmes resigned as Middle School Math teacher, effective at the end of the School year. Several other ECA hires were approved in Middle School Sports.

The Monrovia Alumni Association saluted Students of the Month from all three Buildings. Malcolm Reich and Noah Mills were honored by Middle School Principal Melissa York. Middle School Principal Rebecca McPherson welcomed Tristan Hinshaw and High School Principal Mike Springer honored Tatum Boswell.