Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees Minutes of the Regular Meeting Administration Office June 14, 2021

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, Mrs. Celina Clements at 6:31 P.M., in the Administration Office conference room. Board members in attendance were: Mr. Jack Elliott, Mr. Tim Pridemore and Mr. Tom Kennedy. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman; Mr. Steve Harris, School Attorney; and MGTA Representative Mrs. Casey Honkomp were also present. Vice-president, Mr. Brock Sears was unable to attend.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments on agenda items.

# **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The motion was made by Mr. Elliott to approve the executive session and regular board meeting minutes of May 10, 2021 and work session minutes of May 26, 2021 as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve claims #4281 through #4447 as presented in the amount of \$1,968,376.16. Seconded by Mr. Pridemore, the motion carried 4-0.

# **CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Freeman recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve with no changes, seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Motion carried 4-0.

# PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

Mr. Elliott made a motion allowing administrators permission to apply for state and federal grants as they become available throughout the year. Mr. Pridemore seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

# **CONSIDERATION OF FOOD SERVICE BUDGET**

Food Service Director, Liz Malone submitted the 2021-2022 Taher Food Service Budget for approval. Dr. Freeman stated that Taher does a great job for our students and staff. The only change this year in pricing is due to a Federal mandate. Schools are required by law to increase the cost of an adult lunch to compensate for the loss of income from student lunches. The cost of an adult lunch for the 2021-2022 school year will be \$4.60 per meal.

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve the budget as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

# **CONSIDERATION OF CONSIDERATION OF FOOD VENDORS**

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the food service vendors for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pridemore and passed 4-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF PEPSI BOTTLING GROUP LLC AGREEMENT**

Athletic Director, Todd Evers submitted the Pepsi Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. This contract will allow the athletic department to continue their partnership with Pepsi Bottling Group, LLC. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Pridemore. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES**

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve Board Policy 6325 as presented with all changes and corrections as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ESSER III MONEY**

Mr. Pridemore made a motion to approve the application pursuit of ESSER III Grant money by Dr. Freeman. The \$892,642.04 will be used to fund social workers, interventionists, teacher mentors and classroom technology. Mr. Elliott seconded and the motion passed 4-0. The public was given the opportunity to make any comments. No comments were made.

#### CONSIDERATION OF TEXTBOOK ADOPTION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve textbook adoption as recommended by Middle School Principal, Mrs. Rebecca McPherson. Mr. Pridemore seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

# CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONAL TOUCHLESS PAYMENT DEVICES FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Athletic Director, Mr. Todd Evers submitted a request to purchase additional touchless payment devices for extracurricular activities. Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Pridmore. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF BAND TRIP TO WALT DISNEY WORLD**

Band Director, Mr. Brian Willett requested permission to pursue a trip to Walt Disney World. Mr. Pridemore made the motion to allow the band to pursue an opportunity to perform at Walt Disney World in 2022. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion for approval. The motion passed 4-0.

# **OTHER**

Dr. Freeman stated he would share the district re-entry plan for the 2021-2022 school year at the July Board Meeting. At this time, we are waiting on direction from the Morgan County Health Department before final plans can be established.

Also Dr. Freeman shared good news from Band Director, Brian Willett. Mr. Willett has been selected as a Grammy Music Award Quarter Finalist. This is a national award and an honor for Mr. Willett, the students, and the Monroe-Gregg School District.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pridemore. Mrs. Clements adjourned the meeting at 6:51 P.M.

Mrs. Celina Clements, Board President

Mr. Tim Pridemore, Board Secretary