Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees Minutes of the Regular Meeting Administration Office September 12, 2022

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. Brock Sears, at 6:31 P.M. in the Administration Office. Board members in attendance included Mr. Tom Kennedy, Mr. Jack Elliott, and Mr. Tim Pridemore. Superintendent, Dr. Kirk Freeman, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, and School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris were present. In addition, Corporation Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly Dillon and MGTA Representatives, Mrs. Casey Honkomp and Ms. Julie Dimmack were also present. Building principals, Mr. Mike Springer, Mrs. Brandy Hyatt, and Mrs. Melissa York were present as well.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Student recognition awards are sponsored by the Monrovia Alumni Association each month. September 2022 award recipients were Eugene Mensah and Brookelynn Burns- MES; Zoie Walls- MMS; and Max Gillie- MHS.

#### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

At 6:38 P.M., Board member, Mr. Tim Pridemore, made a motion to call the 2023 Budget Hearing to order, seconded by Mr. Elliott. Mrs. Kelly Dillon presented the Proposed 2023 School Budget. There were no comments in the public hearing. Board President, Mr. Brock Sears adjourned the hearing at 6:43 P.M.

#### PUBLIC HEARING TO ISSUE OBLIGATORY BONDS

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, discussed school improvements including the elementary roof replacement project to be funded by the proposed bond. Mr. Luke Bruggeman with Stifel Financial conducted a presentation related to 2022 General Obligatory Bonds. School Board Attorney, Mr. Steve Harris, opened the hearing for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve the Project Resolution (Exhibit A). Mr. Pridemore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve the Preliminary Bond Resolution (Exhibit B). Mr. Pridemore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Exhibit C). Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion, and the motion carried 4-0.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

## **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The motion was made by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Executive Session and Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mr. Elliott seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

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#### **CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS**

Mr. Pridemore made the motion to approve claims #6401 through #6540 as presented in the amount of \$1,329,710.63. Seconded by Mr. Kennedy, the motion carried 4-0.

## CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS & STIPENDS

Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve all personnel recommendations and stipends. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pridemore. The motion carried 4-0.

## CONSIDERATION OF ELEMENTARY ROOF CONTRACT

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. John Crum, presented the commissioning services proposal from Moisture Management to replace the Monrovia Elementary School roof. Mr. Elliott made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pridemore and carried 4-0.

## CONSIDERATION OF 2022-2023 SCHOOL SAFETY MANUAL

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the 2022-2023 Monroe-Gregg District Safety Manual as submitted by Safety Director, Mr. Bryan Magennis. Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve the plan as presented. Mr. Pridemore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

## **CONSIDERATION OF 2022-2023 ATHLETIC HANDBOOK**

Dr. Freeman asked the Board to approve the 2022-2023 Athletic Handbook as submitted by Athletic Director, Mr. Nick Purichia. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve the handbook as presented. Mr. Pridemore seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

#### CONSIDERATION OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES & UPDATES

School Board policy updates and changes were presented to the Board in the August meeting for review and approval. The changes were brought to the Board again for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read and approval. The policies are as follows:

- Anti-Harassment Policies- 1662, 3362, 4362, 5517
- Nondiscrimination Policies- 1422, 2260, 3122, 4122
- Section 504/ADA Policies- 1623, 2260.01, 3123, 4123
- Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information Policies- 1422.02, 3122.02, 4122.02
- Wellness Policy 8510
- Public Participation at Board Meetings Policy 0167.3

Mr. Kennedy made the motion to approve the changes. Seconded by Mr. Pridemore, the motion passed 4-0.

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Dr. Freeman shared that this has been the best start to a school year that we've had for a while. He thanked our teachers, staff, administration team, custodians, and maintenance personnel for a job well done. In addition, he mentioned fall extra- curriculars are going well, and outdoor projects will continue. Over fall break, he anticipates updates to facilities by the football field/track, as well as, more improvements to our lighting across campus. Dr. Freeman acknowledged the hard work of Mr. Perry McCubbins and Mr. Brett Everett.

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Elliott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pridemore. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M. by School Board President, Mr. Brock Sears.

Mr. Brock Sears, Board President

Mrs. Celina Clements, Board Secretary