

**Minutes**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Montrose Community Schools**  
**March 20, 2023 6:30 p.m.**  
**KHMS Media Center**

**Members Present:** Chuck Wright, Coetta Adams, Ron Loafman, Barry Gross, Daniel Hill, Mary Kreider

**Members Absent:** Chris Zolinski

**Other Participants:** Linden A. Moore, Ph.D., Kelly Reinhardt, Cassandra Jackson, Cassy Wright, Casey Schaub, Shaun Brewer

**Guests:** 29

<b>Call to Order</b>	Chuck Wright called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
<b>First Call for Citizen Comment</b>	None
<b>Presentation</b>	Casey Schaub Shawna Birchmeier Spotlight on Instruction and Achievement
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO CONSIDER AND DECLARE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES WITH ANY ACTION ITEM</b>	
<b>Recommended Actions</b>	A motion was made by Chair to approve the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the February 27, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Approval of Financial/Secretary Report and Bills as Presented</li> <li>• Approval of Proposed Agenda</li> </ul> <p><i>Support: Dan Hill</i></p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<b>Consider Appointing Delegate and Alternate for the GISD 2023-2024 Budget Hearing</b>	As specified by the Michigan School Code, intermediate school districts must submit their general education budget to constituent districts prior to June 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year. To that end, the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) has requested that each local School Board select one delegate and alternate to attend the budget meeting scheduled for April 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. that will be held at the Innovation Zone of the Genesee Career Institute. <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b></p> <p>The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the selection of <b>Chuck Wright</b> as the Montrose Community Schools Board of Education delegate to the GISD 2023-2024 Budget Meeting and <b>Mary Kreider</b> as the designated alternate.</p> <p>Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<b>Consider Approval of Purchase New Tractor</b>	On November 28, 2022, Montrose Community Schools sought quotes for a new Compact Utility Tractor to replace our current tractor. Quotes were sought through the MiDEAL state website for governmental pricing.

	<p>We received 3 bids for comparable Compact Utility Tractors: John Deere 4044R, Kubota L4060-HSTC, and Massey Ferguson 2850 M. All bids met the minimum specifications and included the additional attachments we requested.</p> <p>The quotes we received were as follows:</p> <p>Massey Ferguson (Card Brothers Equipment – Chesaning, MI) - \$56,450.00</p> <p>Kubota (Flint New Holland – Burton, MI) - \$59,997.00</p> <p>John Deere (Tri County Equipment – Sandusky MI) - \$60,053.42</p> <p>Based on the above quotes, I recommend that we purchase the Massey Ferguson 2850M from Card Brothers Equipment in Chesaning for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lowest quote by \$3,547</li> <li>• All specs were met</li> <li>• The Massey Ferguson has a higher implement pump output than the Kubota</li> <li>• The Massey Ferguson has higher hitch capacity lift than the Kubota</li> <li>• The Massey Ferguson has higher PTO horsepower than the Kubota</li> </ul> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b></p> <p>The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of a tractor from Massey Ferguson (Card Brothers Equipment – Chesaning, MI) for the amount of \$56,450.00.</p> <p>Motion: Barry Gross Support: Dan Hill</p> <p>Roll Call: Coetta Adams, Mary Kreider, Chuck Wright, Dan Hill, Barry Gross, Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p><b>Consider Approval of Behavior Rubric for Carter Elementary</b></p>	<p>*Please see attached</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b></p> <p>The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the Behavior Rubric for Carter Elementary as presented.</p> <p>Motion: Chair Support: Coetta Adams</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p><b>Consider Approval of Acceptance of SRO Grant and Service Provider</b></p>	<p>The school district received a grant from the Michigan State Police for a total of \$159,090.00 to be spread out over 3 years. These funds will need to be used as matching funds to provide the district with a full time liaison officer through February 2026.</p> <p>Dr. Moore has met with the Township Police Chief, Jamie Cochran, who has secured an officer for the position. The Montrose Township Police Department will provide the services for the school liaison officer.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b></p>

	<p>The Montrose Schools Board of Education gratefully accepts the grant funding and approves utilizing the services of the Montrose Township Police Department for providing the liaison officer.</p> <p>Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Ron Loafman Roll Call: Ron Loafman, Barry Gross, Dan Hill, Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Coetta Adams <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p><b>Approval of First Day of School for the 2023-2024 School Year</b></p>	<p>The MEA Master Agreement does not contain a school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Leaders of the Montrose Education Association and Administration have met a number of times and are still negotiating the final details of this calendar. So far the calendar contains a pre-Labor Day start for students. The pre-Labor day start is allowed due to the GISD receiving a waiver from MDE for a pre-Labor day start for students. The master agreement says “the calendar for each new school year will be developed cooperatively by the Administration and teaching staff no later than March 30 each year.” To that end, the administration will continue to negotiate with the teachers until a full calendar is developed.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> The Montrose Schools Board of Education approve the Draft Version School Calendar for 2023-2024 subject to further cooperative discussion with the Montrose Education Association consistent with Article 5, Section N of the Master Agreement. The Superintendent shall have the authority to finalize the 2023-2024 calendar consistent with Article 5, Section N.</p> <p>Motion: Coetta Adams Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p><b>Consider Approval Of Hire</b></p>	<p>Mr. Shayne Mishler is pleased to recommend Mr. Benji Cates to be the next KHMS Track and Field Coach. Mr. Cates is the HS Choir Director, and is currently the KHMS Quiz Bowl and HMHS Competitive Gaming Coach. Coach Cates has volunteered with track in the past, and would like to take over for Mr. McPherson. It is my privilege to recommend Mr. Benji Cates for this position.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the hire of Mr. Benji Cates as the KHMS Track and Field Coach.</p> <p>Motion: Dan Hill Support: Barry Gross <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p><b>Consider Approval Out of State Field Trip</b></p>	<p>Mrs. Tracey Whittey (7th grade teacher at KHMS) has requested permission to take 100 students (along with 4 chaperones) to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on Tuesday, May 30, 2023. Students and parents have conducted numerous fundraiser activities throughout the year to defray the cost of this trip with students responsible to pay any expenses beyond the funds already earned.</p>

	<p>Students will be traveling via school district via charter bussing and will leave the district at 7:00 a.m. with an anticipated return time of 11:00 p.m. the same day.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the out-of-state field trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 and reserves the right to cancel the trip in the event of severe weather or potentially dangerous world conditions. All staff, students, and parents involved in this trip are cautioned that the district will not assume any financial responsibility for funds lost due to the cancellation of this trip and may want to consider trip insurance to guard against such a possibility.</p> <p>Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Ron Loafman</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p> <p>Mrs. Hailey Walsh (prom rendezvous coordinator) has requested permission on behalf of the Prom Rendezvous Committee to take 100 students (along with 12 chaperones) to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Students and parents have conducted numerous fundraiser activities throughout the year to defray the cost of this trip with students responsible to pay any expenses beyond the funds already earned.</p> <p>Students will be traveling via school district buses (2) and will leave the district at 7:00 a.m. with an anticipated return time of 11:00 p.m. the same day.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b> The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the out-of-state field trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on May 13, 2023 and reserves the right to cancel the trip in the event of severe weather or potentially dangerous world conditions. All staff, students, and parents involved in this trip are cautioned that the district will not assume any financial responsibility for funds lost due to the cancellation of this trip and may want to consider trip insurance to guard against such a possibility.</p> <p>Motion: Coetta Adams Support: Ron Loafman</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p><b>Information Items</b></p>	<p>1. <b>Administrative Reports - Attached</b>  <b>Cassy Wright, Special Education:</b>  <b>Shaun Brewer, Carter Elementary</b>  <b>Shawna Birchmeier, Kuehn-Haven Middle School:</b>  <b>Casey Schaub, HMHS Principal/CHOICE Principal:</b>  <b>Shayne Mishler-Sporting Event</b></p> <p>2. <b>Superintendent Report-</b></p>

	<p>I would like to have a presentation after meeting with the facility committee meeting after break with an update on projects throughout the district. Would get input from teachers and students to have the best classroom environment.</p> <p><b>Board Calendar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April - State Testing</li> <li>• May – GISD Budget</li> </ul> <p><b>3. School Board Requests for Information</b></p> <p><b>4. For the Good of the Order</b></p>
<b>Future Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 24 - Early Release</li> <li>• March 27-31 - Spring Break</li> <li>• April 5 - Early Release Parent Teacher Conferences K-7</li> <li>• April 6 - Early Release Parent Teacher Conferences 8-12</li> <li>• April 7 - No School Staff and Students</li> <li>• April 24 - Regular Board Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	Chair moved to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

- Minutes recorded and prepared by Kelly Reinhardt, Executive Secretary
- Submitted by Ron Loafman, Board Secretary