

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
January 22, 2024 6:30 p.m.
KHMS Media Center

Members Present: Chuck Wright, Ron Loafman, Barry Gross, Daniel Hill, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura

Members Absent: Chris Zolinski

Other Participants: Linden A. Moore, Ph.D., Angie Florian, Cassandra Jackson, Cassy Wright, Casey Schaub, Shaun Brewer, Shawna Birchmeier

Guests:

Call to Order	Dr. Moore called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He further explained that the meeting also serves as the Board's organizational meeting in which Board officers are elected. As such, he would preside over the meeting until a Board President has been elected.
First Call for Citizen Comment	Patricia Birchmeier, 10421 Seymour Road Montrose, MI 48457
Presentation	Student Recognition - Casey Schaub, Shawna Birchmeier, Cassy Wright Tracey Roberts – Board Appreciation Presentation Spotlight on Instruction and Achievement
BOARD MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO CONSIDER AND DECLARE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES WITH ANY ACTION ITEM	
Recommended Actions	A motion was made by Dr. Moore to approve the: • Approval of the December 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes • Approval of Financial/Secretary Report and Bills as Presented • Approval of Proposed Agenda <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Election of Officers	Inasmuch that the evening's meeting was also designated as the Organizational meeting in which officers are elected, Dr. Moore opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Ron Loafman nominated Chuck Wright for President. A motion was made by Ron Loafman to elect Chuck Wright to the position of President. Motion supported by Barry Gross. <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i> The meeting was turned over to the President. President Chuck Wright opened the floor for nomination for Board Vice President Barry Gross nominated Dan Hill for Vice President. A motion was made by Barry Gross to elect Dan Hill to the position of Vice President. Motion supported by Ron Loafman. <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>

	A motion was made By Dan Hill to elect Ron Loafman to the position of Secretary. Motion supported by Barry Gross. <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i> Vicki VanCura nominated Mary Kreider for Treasurer. A motion was made by Vicki VanCura to elect Mary Kreider to the position of Treasurer. Motion supported by Ron Loafman. <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Purchase Playground Equipment for KHMS	After reviewing proposals from Snider Recreation, Columbia Cascade Company, and Sinclair Recreation, it is the recommendation of myself and Shawna Birchmeier that we proceed with the purchase of Proposal 5 from Sinclair Recreation at the cost of \$95,607.50. Option 5 comes after many reviews and input by the students of Kuehn-Haven Middle School and contains elements specifically selected by them. This purchase is through the MiDEAL State of Michigan Purchasing System which guarantees the lowest price and thus does not require the use of the bid process. This price does include all equipment and instillation. After review of the proposed site by Sinclair, no site prep will be needed. Construction and instillation will begin this summer for completion prior to the 2024-25 school year. RECOMMENDATION: The Board of education approves the purchase of playground equipment for KHMS from Sinclair Recreation at the cost of \$95,607.50 through MiDEAL State of Michigan Purchasing System. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Ron Loafman Roll Call: Chuck Wright, Ron Loafman, Barry Gross, Daniel Hill, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider to Appoint Liaison and Alternate to the GCASBM Executive Board	Section 4.1 Executive Committee. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Executive Committee composed of one member representing each local board of education and intermediate board of education that is a member of this Association. Each board of education shall elect or appoint its Representative to the Executive Committee. Each board of education also may appoint an alternate to act for its designated Representative in the absence of that Representative. Board members should have attained minimum MASB certification level to be considered qualified. Section 4.2 Executive Committee's Terms of Office. The term of office for each representative shall be at the discretion of the board making the appointment, however the suggested term is two years. A vacancy of office shall be filled at the next regular meeting by election process of members present. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the selection of <u>Vicki Van Cura</u> as the liaison to the GCASBM Executive Board <u>Chris Zolinski</u> as the alternate. Motion: Dan Hill

	Support: Barry Gross <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>																		
Consider Approval of Overnight Field Trip	The Special Olympics Winter Games will be held in Traverse City, Michigan from January 30 – Feb. 2, 2024. Students will depart from the middle school on January 30, travel to Clio to meet the Lapeer Special Olympics team, and then travel to Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City, Michigan. They will return to Montrose on February 2, 2024. There will be 5 students participating and 3 chaperones attending. Overnight field trips need to be Board approved per policy. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education Approves the overnight (3 nights) trip for the Special Olympics team to attend the Special Olympics State Winter Games at Traverse City, Michigan from January 30 through February 2, 2024. The students and chaperones will be staying at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse city, Michigan 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 may want to pursue trip insurance to guard against such a possibility. Motion: Ron Loafman Support: Dan Hill <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>																		
Consider Approval of Architect for Bond Project	The District must choose an architect to work with to complete the voter approved bond project. The administration recommends the district continue to work with IDI on this project. They have been a good partner throughout the HVAC project. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves Dr. Moore, with the use of legal counsel, to complete contract negotiations with IDI as the architect for the 2024 Bond Project. Motion: Vicki VanCura Support: Mary Kreider <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>																		
Consider Approval of Updated Policies – January Update	Working with NEOLA, the Board of Education has reviewed numerous policies that have been modified or created in response to emerging issues and/or legal mandates (see list below). These policies require two public readings before formal approval. Once adopted by the Board, the policies will be sent to NEOLA for revisions as needed and then added to the district bylaws and policies that are posted online. <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">POLICY & BYLAW, ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES, AND FORMS</th></tr> <tr> <th colspan="2">R = Revised, N = New</th></tr> <tr> <th>Policy/Bylaw Number</th><th>Topic</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0122</td><td>Board Powers</td></tr> <tr> <td>1420</td><td>School Administrator Evaluations</td></tr> <tr> <td>3120</td><td>Employment of Professional Staff</td></tr> <tr> <td>3130</td><td>Placement</td></tr> <tr> <td>3131</td><td>Staff Reductions-Recalls</td></tr> <tr> <td>3132</td><td>Vacancies</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	POLICY & BYLAW, ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES, AND FORMS		R = Revised, N = New		Policy/Bylaw Number	Topic	0122	Board Powers	1420	School Administrator Evaluations	3120	Employment of Professional Staff	3130	Placement	3131	Staff Reductions-Recalls	3132	Vacancies
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		3139	Staff Discipline
		3140	Termination and Resignation
		3142	Probationary Teachers
		3220	Professional Staff Evaluations
	RECOMMENDATION:		
	The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the revisions of policies as presented.		
	Motion: Barry Gross		
	Support: Ron Loafman		
	<i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>		
Information Items	Administrative Reports		
	Superintendent Report- Board Calendar		
	• February - Selection of Delegates for GISD Budget Hearing • March - 2022-23 District Calendar Review		
	School Board Requests for Information		
	For the Good of the Order		
Future Business	• February 7 - Early Release Teacher PD • February 16 - Early Release • February 19 - No School • February 26 - Regular Meeting		
Adjournment	Dan Hill moved to go into Closed Session @ 7:34 p.m. Support: Ron Loafman Chair moved going into open sessions @ Adjourned 7:54 p.m.		

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