

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
February 26, 2024 6:30 p.m.
KHMS Media Center

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

Members Absent: Barry Gross, Chris Zolinski

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

Guests: 30

Call to Order	Chuck Wright called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
First Call for Citizen Comment	None
Presentation	Student Recognition - Casey Schaub, Shaun Brewer, Cassy Wright Mid-Year Star Scores Review – Administration Team
BOARD MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO CONSIDER AND DECLARE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES WITH ANY ACTION ITEM	
Recommended Actions	A motion was made by Chair to approve the: • Approval of the January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes • Approval of Financial/Secretary Report and Bills as Presented • Approval of Proposed Agenda <i>Support: Dan Hill</i> <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Continuity of Learning Plan for MCS February 2024	The Federal Government requires that school districts review their Continuity of Learning Plan every six months. Montrose Community Schools intends to continue to offer face-to-face instruction. Students still have the option to take online courses as outlined in section 21(f) of the Michigan School Code. Hill-McCloy High School students may request to enroll in a maximum of two online courses each semester as a part of their daily schedule. Course providers include Edgenuity and the GenNET online learning portal (provided the student and the course meet the requirements outlined in MCL 388.1621f). Dual enrollment courses do not count toward the two online courses maximum. As Hill-McCloy High School continues to transition from pandemic learning, students will not be permitted to enroll in more than two online courses in a semester as a part of their schedule. In the event a student would like to enroll in more than two online courses in a semester and would like to remain in the Montrose Community School district, he/she should see the principal about transferring to Montrose Choice Alternative.

Students enrolled in more than two online courses during the 2023-2024 school year may remain a student in Hill-McCloy High School provided they meet one of the following criteria:

(A) The student is on track to graduate before the start of the 2024-2025 school year and remains on track to graduate each semester.

Grade	Credit Requirement Start of 1 st Semester	Credit Requirement Start of 2 nd Semester
Freshmen	0	2.5
Sophomore	4.0	7.0
Junior	10.0	13.0
Senior	16.0	19.0

(B) OR the student's Individualized Education Plan has determined that online programming is the appropriate placement for the student.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the Continuity of Learning Plan for Montrose Community Schools.

Motion: Vicki VanCura

Support: Ron Loafman

The motion carried with all members present voting yes.

**Consider Approval
Overnight Field
Trip (2)**

ITEM:

Consider Approval of overnight trip for Robotics to Midland Dow High School.

BACKGROUND:

The Robotics team will be attending a competition in Midland, Michigan from March 21 – March 23, 2024. They will be staying at an Airbnb in Midland, Michigan. (please see attached letter and itinerary)

RECOMMENDATION:

The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the overnight (2 nights) trip for Robotics team to attend the FIRST Robotics Competition in Midland, Michigan from March 21 through March 23, 2024. The students and chaperones will be staying at an Airbnb in Midland, 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: Dan Hill

Support: Ron Loafman

The motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Consider Approval Overnight Field Trip (2)	ITEM: Consider Approval of overnight trip for College Bound Seniors visit at Grand Canyon University. BACKGROUND: Mrs. Vicki McGlaughlin, Career Prep/Senior Seminar teacher, is asking approval for college bound seniors to attend a two-night stay at Grand Canyon University in Arizona on April 5-7, 2024 where they will participate in social activities with other seniors, take tour of facility, meet with professors and coaches and have the opportunity to ask questions about degree programs, classes and offerings. This two-night trip is paid for by the Discover Grand Canyon University program and includes meals, lodging, airfare and transfer from airport to the University. The cost for students and parents is \$0.00. (please see attached letter and itinerary and information) RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the overnight (2 nights) trip for college bound seniors to attend Grand Canyon University in Arizona from April 5-7, 2024. The students and chaperones will be staying on sight in the dorms 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: Chair Support: Dan Hill <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i> <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval Employee Honorarium Declaration of Retirement or Return for the 2024-2025 School Year	Hiring and maintaining employees has been a difficult task over the last few years. It becomes increasingly difficult for administration to hire people when they find out late in the school year that they are losing someone. To that end, the administration team is recommending every district employee and third party employee through METS, GECS, and DM Burr for the 2024-25 school year receive an honorarium of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on the second pay in October. Additionally, the administration team is recommending every district employee and third party employees through METS, GECS, and DM Burr that intends on retiring at the end of the 2024-2025 school year will receive an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on the last pay in June, provided they submit their letter of separation from the district for retirement to the Montrose Community Schools Central Office by Friday, March 15, 2024. The cost of this is estimated at \$184,000. The funding for this payment will be from the General Fund.

	RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the honorarium as presented. *Table for Board Approval at March 18, 2024 meeting Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Resolution to Authorize Sale of Bonds Completion	Please see attached Ratification Resolution RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the attached Resolution to Authorize Sale of Bonds Completion as presented. Motion: Vicki VanCura Support: Mary Kreider <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Information Items	• Administrative Reports – Attached Cassy Wright, Special Education: Shaun Brewer, Carter Elementary Shawna Birchmeier, Kuehn-Haven Middle School: Casey Schaub, HMHS Principal/CHOICE Principal: Shayne Mishler-Sporting Event Superintendent Report- Board Calendar: • March – 2024-2025 District Calendar Review • April - State Testing School Board Requests for Information
Future Business	• March 15 - End of Marking Period K-7 • March 18 - Regular Board Meeting
Adjournment	Chair moved to go into closed sessions for contract negotiations @ 7:37 p.m. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Dan Hill Open Session @ 8:45 p.m. Chair Adjourned 8:45p.m.

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