

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
March 18, 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., Kelly Reinhardt, Cassandra Jackson, Cassy Wright, Casey Schaub, Shaun Brewer

Guests: 34

Call to Order	Chuck Wright called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
First Call for Citizen Comment	None
Presentation	Casey Schaub Shawna Birchmeier 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 Chair to approve the: • Approval of the February 26, 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 Appointing Delegate and Alternate for the GISD 2024-2025 Budget Hearing	As specified by the Michigan School Code, intermediate school districts must submit their general education budget to constituent districts prior to June 1st 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 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. that will be held at the Innovation Zone of the Genesee Career Institute. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the selection of Chuck Wright as the Montrose Community Schools Board of Education delegate to the GISD 2024-2025 Budget Meeting and Mary Kreider as the designated alternate. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Approval of First Day of School for the 2024-2025 School Year	The MEA Master Agreement does not contain a school calendar for the 2024-2025 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. Please see attached Draft 1.2 and Draft 1.3 RECOMMENDATION: 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 2024-2025 calendar consistent with Draft 1.2 or Draft 1.3. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Acceptance of Resignation	Ms. Emily Huffman has resigned from her position of Carter Elementary 3rd Grade teacher (see attached letter). RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ms. Emily Huffman. We appreciate her 4 years of service and dedication to the district and wish her well. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Mary Kreider <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Summer Playground Sidewalk Project	On January 12, 2024 Montrose Community Schools solicited bids for the construction of sidewalks on the Carter and Kuehn-Haven playgrounds and the bike rack pad at the High School. Bids were received from eleven (11) companies and opened on March 1, 2024. Bids were received from: • ~~MDT construction, Flushing - \$60,328.80~~ – Bid withdrawn by vendor • Gross Construction, New Lothrop - \$97,500 • Osborn Inc, Clio - \$98,828 • T&B Elite, Flint - \$101,659.39 • D2 Contracting, Brighton - \$102,547 • Powell’s Sand and Soil, Montrose - \$104,336.50 • Delta Industrial, Chesterfield - \$116,000 • Steve Gross Construction, Clio - \$117,383 • Better 2 Enterprises, Clio - \$119,422 • Green Building, Flint - \$121,585 • Streeter Brothers, Burton - \$172,240 On March 18, 2024 MDT withdrew their bid. Based on cost, completion time, and reference checks, I recommend the contract be awarded to Gross Construction for the following reasons: • Gross Construction was the low bidder by \$1,328 over the next lowest bid. • Gross Construction’s timeline fits within our window for project completion.

	- MDT has a successful history of cement projects with New Lothrop Schools, Byron Schools, and Corunna Schools - All of Gross Construction's references praised them for exceptional work and quality of service Based on the above, I would recommend the Board of Education award the Playground Sidewalk Project to Gross Construction in the amount of \$97,500.00 RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the Playground Sidewalk Project to Gross Construction in the amount of \$97,500. Motion: Chair Support: Dan Hill Roll Call: Ron Loafman, Dan Hill, Chuck Wright, Vicki VanCura, Barry Gross <i>The motion carried with 5 members present voting yes, Mary Kreider abstained from the vote</i>
Consider Approval Food Service Contract 2024-2027	The District and the Food Service Contract successfully negotiated a new Master Agreement through 2027. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2024-2027 Master Agreement with Food Service as presented. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Vicki VanCura Roll Call: Vicki VanCura, Mary Kreider, Chuck Wright, Dan Hill, Barry Gross, Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Bus Drivers Contract 2024-2027	The District and the Bus Drivers have successfully negotiated a new Master Agreement through 2027. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2024-2027 Master Agreement with the Bus Drivers as presented. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Barry Gross Roll Call: Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura, Ron Loafman, Barry Gross, Dan Hill <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Employee Honarium for 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 22, 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. Motion: Ron Loafman Support: Vicki VanCura Roll Call: Barry Gross, Dan Hill, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura Ron Loafman and Chuck Wright abstained due to family connection. <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Information Items	1. 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 2. Superintendent Report- Board Calendar • April - State Testing • May – GISD Budget 3. School Board Requests for Information 4. For the Good of the Order
Future Business	• March 22 - Early Release • March 25-29 - Spring Break • April 3 - Early Release Parent Teacher Conferences K-7 • April 4 - Early Release Parent Teacher Conferences 8-12 • April 5 - No School Staff and Students • April 22 - Regular Board Meeting
Adjournment	Chair moved to going into closed session at 7:22 p.m. due to discipline issue. Open session @ 8:15 p.m. Case: 2324 – 1 It is the will of the Board the student be suspended for the remaining of the year. Chair moved to adjourn.

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