

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

Guests: 32

Call to Order	Chuck Wright called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.								
First Call for Citizen Comment	None								
Presentation	Casey Schaub Shaun Brewer Instructional Coach Presentation								
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 March 18, 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 Special Liquor License Application for Montrose Blueberry Festival	Each year the District must consider the Montrose Blueberry Festival's application for a special liquor license since their entertainment tent operates within 500 feet of the school district. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2024 Special Liquor License Application for the Montrose Blueberry Festival. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>								
Consider Approval of Policies Vol. 38 No. 2 – First Public Reading	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" data-bbox="409 1816 1466 1969"> <tr> <th colspan="2">POLICY & BYLAW, ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES, AND FORMS</th></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">R = Revised, N = New</td></tr> <tr> <th>Policy/Bylaw Number</th><th>Topic</th></tr> <tr> <td> </td><td> </td></tr> </table>	POLICY & BYLAW, ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES, AND FORMS		R = Revised, N = New		Policy/Bylaw Number	Topic		
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	1240	Evaluation of the Superintendent (R)
	2410	Rescind - Prohibition of Referral or Assistance
	2414	Reproductive Health and Family Planning (R)
	2418	Sex Education (R)
	3220	Technical Correction - Professional Staff Evaluations –
	6320	Technical Correction - Purchasing
	6321	School Construction Renovation (New)
	6325	Technical Correction – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
	6520	Payroll Deductions (R)
	8390	Technical Correction – Animals on District Property
	8800	Religious /Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances (R)
	RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the first public reading of policies as presented. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>	
Consider Approval of Elementary Mathematics Materials and Resources	During the 2022-2023 school year, the elementary math materials review committee explored curriculum materials from The Math Learning Center, Savvas, HMH, McGraw-Hill, and ORIGO. Throughout this process, the committee narrowed the pool from the original five to two resources that they spent the second semester piloting in the classroom setting. At the conclusion of the pilot, the committee determined that Envision (from Savvas Learning) and Number Corner (from The Math Learning Center) would be the best fit for Kindergarten – Fifth Grade mathematics due to the rigorous content and thoughtful questioning (in Savvas) and the engaging hands-on activities that establish the foundational number sense (in Number Corner). At the completion of the pilot in June of 2023, the committee requested a 1-year renewal ONLY from Savvas so they could determine how the two programs (Number Corner and Envision) worked together for during the 2023-2024 school year and then make an informed decision regarding the use of Savvas as a primary resource after a full year of instruction. In the spring of 2024, the pilot team determined this combination was the best option for a 6-year adoption. Number Corner was adopted in June of 2024 for 6 years and the committee is recommending a 6-year adoption of Savvas materials as well. The cost of materials for Grades K-5 for 6 years (24-25 through 29/30) is \$111,466.02 which includes the 2024 version of print and digital materials, teacher resources, and initial professional development. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of elementary mathematics materials and resources from Savvas Learning for 6 years at the cost of \$111,466.02.	

	Motion: Dan Hill Support: Vicki VanCura Roll Call: Ron Loafman, Barry Gross, Dan Hill, Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Elementary Social Studies Materials and Resources	During the 2023-2024 school year, the elementary social studies materials review committee explored curriculum materials from Savvas, Social Studies School Service, McGraw-Hill, GIANTS, and TCI. Throughout this process, the committee narrowed the pool from the original five to two resources that they spent the second semester piloting in the classroom setting. At the conclusion of the pilot, the committee unanimously determined that TCI would be the best fit for Grades K, 1, 2, and 4 due to the rigorous content, thoughtful questioning, and engaging activities. It should be noted that grade 5 adopted TCI materials last year for a 6-year cycle and grades 6-7 are currently piloting TCI. The committee also determined that the best fit for Grade 3 is Savvas due to their Michigan history specific material offerings (which was not offered through any of the other companies explored). The cost of materials for Grades K, 1, 2 and 4 for 6 years (24/25 through 29/30) costs \$44,182.95 which includes print materials, digital materials, teacher resources, and initial professional development. The cost of materials for Grade 3 for 6 years (24-25 through 29/30) costs \$12,012.00 which includes print materials, digital materials, teacher resources, and initial professional development. The total cost of materials K-4 for 6 years is \$56,194.95. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of elementary social studies materials and resources from TCI and Savvas for 6 years for the cost of \$56,194.95. Motion: Chair Support: Barry Gross 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 the Administrators Contract 2024-2027	The District and the Administrators successfully negotiated a new Master Agreement through 2027. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2024-2027 Master Agreement with the Administrators as presented. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman Roll Call: Barry Gross, Dan Hill, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura, Ron Loafman

	Chuck Wright abstained due to relationship with administrator. <i>The motion carried with 5 members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of the School Calendar 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, Administration, and other calendar committee members have met a number of times and offered two calendars. The MEA membership voted “no” on the first calendar that was approved by the board of education. After meeting with the committee again, a calendar that matched up with previous years was developed. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approve the school calendar presented for 2024-2025 school year. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with 5 members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval Overnight Field Trip	Mr. Beach (Golf Coach) has requested permission on behalf of the Golf Team to take his team to Bad Axe the night before their regional competition on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. The team has fundraising activities to pay the cost of this trip. Students will be traveling via school van. The itinerary is attached. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the overnight field trip to Bad Axe on May 28, 2024 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. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Vicki VanCura <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of an Update to the Board Meeting Schedule in June	Due to a scheduling conflict would like to consider moving the June board meeting to a week earlier. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves moving the June 24th regular meeting to June 17th. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of a Conflict of Interest Waiver Agreement	Thrun Law represents both Montrose Community Schools and the Genesee Intermediate School District. While submitting payroll, an error occurred that caused the district to pay a penalty. The Genesee Intermediate School District is responsible for the penalty, they will pay the fee. Thrun Law is creating the contract for the district.

	RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the superintendent to sign the conflict of interest waiver. Furthermore, the superintendent has discretion to make any final edits on the agreement with the GISD. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Out of State Field Trip	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 Sunday, May 12, 2024. 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. 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. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the out-of-state field trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio on May 12, 2024 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. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Dan Hill <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 Shayne Mishler- CHOICE Principal/Sporting Event 2. Superintendent Report- Board Calendar • May – GISD Budget • June – Final Budget Revisions 3. School Board Requests for Information 4. For the Good of the Order
Future Business	• May 20 - Regular Board Meeting • May 27 - No School Staff and Students
Adjournment	Chair moved to adjourn @ 7:34 p.m. _____

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