

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
June 17, 2024
Kuehn-Haven Media Center

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

Members Absent: Chris Zolinski

Other Participants: Linden Moore, Ph.D., Cassandra Jackson, Kelly Reinhardt, Amy Smith

Guests: 0

Call to Order	Chuck Wright called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
First Call for Citizen Comment	
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 May 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes • Approval of Financial/Secretary Report and Bills as Presented • Approval of Proposed Agenda Support: Dan Hill <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of 2023-2024 Budget-Final	The final amendment for the 2023-2024 budget reflects financial adjustments made according to changes in revenue and expenditures since the budget's last adoption in June 26, 2023. The changes to the final budget was presented during the Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. this evening during the Truth and Taxation hearing. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the final budget amendment for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Mary Kreider 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 2024-2025 Budget-Phase 1	Based upon the known information and assumptions presented, the phase 1 budget reflects financial projections for the 2024-2025 school year. The budget was presented to the Board at the Special Board meeting held at 6:00 p.m. this evening. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 Budget - Phase 1 as presented. Motion: Vicki VanVCura Support: Mary Kreider 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 Resolution Regarding the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application and Millage Recalculation	Each year the School Board is asked to approve a resolution regarding the application for the annual loan and repayment. This application expresses the debt millage rate to be levied, the amount of debt owed to the School Bond Loan Fund, the estimated amount to be borrowed from the School Bond Loan Fund, as well as the estimated accrued interest on the debt and the estimated ending balance on June 30 of each ensuing year. If approved, this application must be signed by both the Board Secretary and the Superintendent. ANNUAL MILLAGE RECALCULATION: Legislation now requires districts to perform an annual millage recalculation to determine if they are levying a sufficient debt millage to repay any School Bond Loan Program loans by their Final Mandatory Repayment Date (FMRD). An increase in millage may be necessary if annual projections indicate that these loans cannot be repaid by the FMRD. The recalculation is done in conjunction with the annual application packet. The annual application and this recalculation are due on August 1, 2024. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the resolution regarding the annual loan and repayment activity application and annual millage recalculation for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman 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 2024 Tax Rate Request	As a matter of organizational practice, the School Board annually approves the request for the tax rate to be levied in the ensuing school year. Once approved, this request must be signed by the Board President and Secretary and then submitted to the County Clerk(s), Equalization Department(s), as well as each Township or City Clerk. This year, Board members are also asked to review the material provided in regards to the millage impact of PA 437. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2024 tax rate request as presented. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Acceptance of Resignation for	Bea Moore has submitted her retirement letter to the Montrose Community Schools effective June 30, 2024. Bea has 34 years of service and has been a valuable employee for the district. (see attached letter).

Retirement Purposes	RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Ms. Bea Moore. We appreciate her 34 years of service to the district and wish her well. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Mary Kreider <i>The motion carried with all member' present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Hire (2)	Mrs. Shawna Birchmeier is pleased to recommend Mr. Edward Railling for the 4th grade teaching position at Kuehn-Haven Middle School. Mr. Railling is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University and Michigan State University. He has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Master's Degree in Natural Science. He has an Elementary Education K-5 all subjects (ZG), English K-8 (BA), and Science (DX) K-8 teaching certification. Mr. Railling has been a teacher at Chesaning Union Schools for the past 22 years. He taught mostly 4th grade and one year of science. He has a passion for science and would love to start a science club. Due to life changes he was looking for a new position. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the hire of Edward Railling for the 4th grade teaching position at Kuehn-Haven Middle School. Motion: Vicki VanCura Support: Mary Kreider <i>The motion carried with all member's present voting yes.</i> Casey Schaub is pleased to recommend Miss Madison Oleyar for the Digital Media - ELA teaching position at Hill McCloy High School. Madison is a Hill McCloy graduate and graduated from Saginaw Valley University with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a minor in Youth Services. Madison has successfully held the position of the District Substitute Teacher for the past two school years. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the hire of Madison Oleyar as the Digital Media - ELA teaching for HMHS. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Dan Hill <i>The motion carried with all member's present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Overnight Field Trip	The Montrose Girls Basketball Team would like to attend the Northwood Girls Basketball Camp, June 21-23, 2024. Northwood hosts many high school basketball teams throughout Michigan. Hundreds of players and coaches participate in team drills, scrimmages, team and team bonding events. Please see itinerary. School administration will ensure that District policies regarding field trips will be followed and the required forms for travel in private vehicles are completed (Forms 8660 F1 and 8660 F2). RECOMMENDATION:

	The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the overnight (2 nights) trip for the Montrose Girls Basketball Team to attend the Northwood Basketball Camp in Midland, Michigan June 21-23, 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 may want to pursue trip insurance to guard against such a possibility. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Ron Loafman <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Cooperative Agreements Between Montrose and GISD for ELD II Courses for the 2024-2025 School Year	Approve ELD II Course for Identified EL Students Grades 9-12 During the 2023-2024 school year, the Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD) made available an additional PILOT course, English Language Development (ELD) II, sponsored by Carman-Ainsworth School District. The ELD II course had favorable results and supported new comers at the secondary level. These identified students were also able to receive credit for this virtual course. With Board approval for ELD II, this course would be offered for identified high school students. Board approval is required prior to students enrolling in class per the MDE Pupil Accounting Manual and Section 5-O-A Distance Learning Requirements. ELD II is specifically for identified English Learner (EL) students in grades 9-12; enrolled as a participating GISD ESOL Program district; and demonstrating the need for WIDA Level 2 English Language Development instruction. Placement into level 2 is demonstrated via successful completion of ELD I course completion and/or the student's most recent WIDA English Language proficiency assessment. Identified students can take ELD II for up to 1 credit (.5/semester) as part of their regular class schedule. Districts are able to include ELD II in their attendance and pupil accounting documentation. The ELD II course is part of the Language Assistance Program Services provided to EL students. Its inclusion supports local districts' transition plan with the Michigan Department of Education to get to a comparable ratio. As with all required Language Assistance Program Services, offered services may be waived by the parent. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the Cooperative Agreements between Montrose and GISD for ELD II courses for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Vicki VanCura <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of the Second Reading of the Montrose Community Schools Reproductive Health Committee Recommendations	The Reproductive Health Committee met 2 times during the spring of 2024 (April 15, 2024 and May 6, 2024) to review the current K-12 Reproductive Health Curriculum. The committee is recommending the following modifications to the current Reproductive Health Curriculum: • Shift from Grade 4 to Grade 5 – Students will explain how animal and human life begins. • Shift from Grade 5 to Grade 6 – ○ Students will explain the anatomy and functions of the male and female reproductive systems.

	○ Students will view <i>Marissa's Story</i> (Video) as a part of their HIV/AIDS Education. ● ADDITION in High School Health – Explicit instruction regarding sexting, sextortion, and human trafficking. The committee including District parents, clergy, community health professionals, administrators, and teachers voted to make the afore mentioned changes during the May 6th meeting. At this time, the committee also voted in favor of a few procedural changes which include: ● Modifications to the parent/community survey and a process to ensure widespread distribution of the survey. ● Administration of the student survey annually at Grade 3, Grade 7, and in the HS health course. ● Creation of a Reproductive Health resource document linked to the parent letter distributed prior to the start of the Reproductive Health instruction. ● Creation of a Sexting, Sextortion, and Human Trafficking resource document to be shared with HS health students and their families. A special thanks to the committee for their time, efforts, and commitment in ensuring our Reproductive Health Curriculum is factually accurate and relevant. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Board of Education approve the Second Reading of the Montrose Community Schools Reproductive Health Committee Recommendations as presented. Motion: Vicki VanCura Support: Mary Kreider <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of the Emergency operations plan	Please see attached changes to the Emergency Operations Plan for the 2024-2025 school year. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the changes to the EOP as presented. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Dan Hill <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Secondary Mathematics Materials and Resources	During the 2023-2024 school year, the high school mathematics review committee explored curriculum materials from Carnegie Learning, HMH, Illustrative Mathematics, McGraw Hill, and Savvas. Throughout the 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 Carnegie Learning would be the best fit for Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra II due to the rigorous content, thoughtful questioning, and engaging activities.

	The cost of materials for 6 years (24/25 through 29/30) is \$85,643.52 which includes print materials, digital materials, teacher resources, and initial professional development. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of high school mathematics materials and resources from Carnegie Learning for 6 years for the cost of \$85,643.52. Motion: Chair Support: Mary Kreider Roll Call: Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura, Ron Loafman, Barry Gross, Dan Hill, Chuck Wright <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Consider Approval of Middle School Social Studies Materials and Resources	During the 2023-2024 school year, the 6th and 7th grade social studies teachers explored curriculum materials from TCI. At the conclusion of the pilot, the teachers determined that TCI would be the best fit for Grades 6 & 7 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 the board approved an adoption of TCI in grades K, 1, 2, and 4 at the April 2024 board meeting. We are pleased to have students in all grades K-7 (with the exception of Grade 3 which will be using the Michigan specific materials provided by Savvas) using the same program to ensure cohesiveness and smooth transitions for students as they navigate the material. The cost of materials for Grades 6 & 7 for 6 years (24/25 through 29/30) costs \$21,928.00 which includes print materials, digital materials, teacher resources, and initial professional development. RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of middle school social studies materials and resources from TCI for 6 years for the cost of \$21,928.00. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Ron Hill 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 of Approval to Purchase and Install Band Lockers	In March of 2024 MCS solicited quotes for instrument lockers in the band room. There are currently no locker system for our students to secure their instruments. Quotes were solicited from companies that participate in Omnia Partners, TIPS, or MiDeal purchasing systems so as to guarantee the lowest price. Purchases made through these systems are exempt from the requirement to solicit bids through the State of Michigan bid website. The quotes were reviewed and refined by our Band Director to assure they were correct number, style, and color. Four companies were contacted and provided quotes: • AGS – 87 lockers with installation - \$51,140. Cost per locker is \$587.82

	- Wenger – 241 lockers with installation - \$77,431.19 Cost per locker is \$321.29 - Melhart – 61 lockers with installation - \$47,623. Cost per locker is \$780.70 - Bradford Systems - 232 lockers with installation by Professional Installations Systems - \$59,077.88 + installation \$3,500 installation. Cost per locker is \$269.43 RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education award the project to Bradford Systems for the total cost of \$62,577.88. Motion: Vicki VanCura Support: Dan Hill 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 Re-Roofing HMHS Cafeteria, HMHS Interconnect, HMHS Section 3	Based on work orders from the 2023-2024 school year, these 3 locations, HMHS Cafeteria, HMHS Interconnect, and HMHS Section 3 are where the most leaks occur. The interconnect seems to be the worst offender as we have replaced ceiling tiles in that section multiple times this year. The brown streaks on the kitchen walls attest the multiple leaks we have had to work with during this year. Lastly, the roof over the Art room continues to leak and cause issues with art supplies and student projects. Jim Ply is recommending we continue to use Sweers Roofing who will use the Duro-Last system that they have applied in other locations around our district. Prices have been established through our membership in TIPS purchasing group and therefore do not require public bidding. Prices are as follows: - Hill McCloy/K-H cafeteria - \$101,482.94 - HMHS Interconnect (Science rooms and Hall) - \$71,392.63 - HMHS Section 3 (Art and Chior rooms) - \$30,406.74 RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approve the Re-Roofing project to Sweers Roofing who will use Duro-Last system for the total of \$203,281.74. Motion: Chair Support: Dan Hill Roll Call: Barry Gross, Ron Loafman, Vicki VanCura, Mary Kreider, Chuck Wright, Dan Hill <i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i>
Informational Items	Superintendent Report: Board Calendar July - Organizational Meeting for 2024-2025 School Board Requests for Information For the Good of the Order

Future Business	July 22-First meeting of the 2024-2025 School Year (KHMS Media center)
Adjournment	Chair adjourned @ 7:11 p.m. <i>The motion carried with all member's present voting yes.</i>

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