

Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
January 27, 2025 6:00 pm
KHMS Media Center

Members Present: Chuck Wright, Barry Gross, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura, Dan Hill, Chris Zolinski, Trevor Jones

Members Absent:

Other Participants: Dr. Linden Moore, Cassandra Jackson, Jennifer Sutton, Casey Schaub, Shaun Brewer, Shawna Birchmeier, Cassandra Wright, Angie Florian

Guests: 38

Call to Order	Dr. Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm 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.
Presentation	Student Recognition VFW Teacher of the Year
First Call for Citizen Comment	
BOARD MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO CONSIDER AND DECLARE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES WITH ANY ACTION ITEM	
Recommended Actions	<p>A motion was made by Dr. Moore to approve the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of the December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes• Approval of Financial/Secretary Report and Bills as Presented• Approval of Proposed Agenda <p><i>The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.</i></p>
Election of Officers	<p>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.</p> <p>Chris Zolinski nominated Chuck Wright for President. Support: Barry Gross Vicki VanCura nominated Dan Hill for President. Support: Mary Kreider</p> <p>Trevor, Chris, Barry and Chuck voted for Chuck Wright.</p> <p>Dan, Mary and Vicki voted for Dan Hill.</p> <p>Chuck Wright was elected President.</p> <p>The meeting was turned over to the President.</p> <p>President Chuck Wright opened the floor for nomination for Board Vice President.</p> <p>Vicki VanCura nominated Dan Hill for Vice President. A motion was made by Vicki VanCura to elect Dan Hill to the position of Vice President. Motion supported by Mary Kreider.</p>

	<p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p> <p>Mary Kreider nominated Barry Gross for Secretary. Support: Chris Zolinski Dan Hill nominated Vicki VanCura for Secretary. Support: Trevor Jones</p> <p>Mary, Barry, and Chris voted for Barry Gross.</p> <p>Dan, Vicki, Trevor, and Chuck voted for Vicki VanCura.</p> <p>Vicki VanCura was elected Secretary.</p> <p>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 Dan Hill.</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p>Consider Approval of Overnight Trip for Special Olympics Team to Traverse City</p>	<p>The Special Olympics Winter Games will be held in Traverse City, MI from February 4-7, 2025. Students will depart from the middle school on February 4, travel to Clio to be picked up by another school district, and then travel to Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City, MI. They will return to Montrose on February 7, 2025. There will be 9 students participating and 5 chaperones attending. Overnight field trips need to be Board approved per policy.</p> <p>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, MI from February 4-7, 2025. The students and chaperones will be staying at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Traverse City, MI 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.</p> <p>Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Dan Hill</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p>Consider Approval of Critical Incident Maps, Fire/Weather Maps & Placards for District</p>	<p>In looking at updating and/or replacing safety placards around the buildings, the district received a quote from The Lockout LLC in the amount of \$147,251.25. This quote is for critical incident maps, fire/weather maps and placards to be posted around the district.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p>

	<p>The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves that Lockout LLC be awarded the Critical Incident Maps, Fire/Weather Maps and Placards project in the amount of \$147,251.25.</p> <p>Motion: Chris Zolinski Support: Barry Gross</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p>Consider to Appoint Liaison and Alternate to the GCASBM Executive Board</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the selection of Vicki VanCura as the liaison to the GCASBM Executive Board Mary Kreider as the alternate.</p> <p>Motion: Dan Hill Support: Barry Gross</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
<p>Consider Approval of Renewal of the Non-Homestead Millage</p>	<p>The current levy for the Non-Homestead Operating Millage is set to expire after the December 2025 collection.</p> <p>This is not a new millage (in fact, it has been around for nearly three decades since voter's approved Proposal A back in 1994) and only effects industrial, commercial, some agricultural, and non-primary residences or "second homes." It does not include a family's primary residence. Most importantly, this Non-Homestead Millage (17.3904-mills) generates \$861,647 annually for our school district. Should the millage not pass, the State will not replace the funds.</p> <p>In order to get this language placed on the May 6 ballot, the district must submit a certified copy of the ballot proposition language that has been approved by the Board of Education to the Genesee County Clerk no later than February 10, 2025.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the Non-Homestead Operating Millage renewal ballot language resolution as presented.</p> <p>Motion: Mary Kreider</p>

	<p>Support: Vicki VanCura</p> <p>Roll Call: Trevor Jones, Dan Hill, Barry Gross, Vicki VanCura, Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Chris Zolinski</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
Consider Approval of designating School Coordinating Agreement Signee	<p>The GISD will be hosting a meeting of the Genesee County School Coordinating Committees on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Dr. Moore will be attending to represent Montrose Community Schools District.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION: The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves designating Dr. Moore as the designee for Election Coordination Meeting of February 5, 2025.</p> <p>Motion: Vicki VanCura Support: Mary Kreider</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all members present voting yes.</i></p>
Information Items	<p>Administrative Reports: Attached Superintendent Reports Board Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February – Selection of Delegates for GISD Budget Hearing <p>School Board Requests for Information For the Good of the Order</p>
Future Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 29 – Early Release Day • February 14 – Early Release Day • February 17 – No School – President’s Day • February 19 – Early Release Day • February 24 – Regular Meeting
Adjournment	<p>Chair moved to adjourn the meeting @ 6:52 pm</p> <p><i>The motion carried with all member’s present voting yes.</i></p>

- Minutes recorded and prepared by Jennifer Sutton, Executive Secretary
- Submitted by Vicki VanCura, Board Secretary