Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
June 23, 2025 6:00 pm
HMHS Room 105

Members Present: Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Vicki Van Cura, Dan Hill, Trevor Jones, Barry Gross
Members Absent: Chris Zolinski
Other Participants: Dr. Linden Moore, Cassandra Jackson, Jennifer Sutton, Kelly Stearns
Guests: 2

Call to Order	Chair called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Presentation	
First Call for Citizen Comment	
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 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes • Approval of Financial/Secretary Report and Bills as Presented • Approval of Proposed Agenda Support: Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of the 2024-2025 Budget - Final	The final amendment for the 2024-2025 budget reflects financial adjustments made according to changes in revenue and expenditures since the budget's last adoption in June 17, 2024. The changes to the final budget was presented during the Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. this evening during the Truth in Taxation hearing. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the final budget amendment for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Mary Kreider Roll Call: Vicki Van Cura, Chuck Wright, Barry Gross, Mary Kreider, Dan Hill, Trevor Jones *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget – Phase 1	Based upon the known information and assumptions presented, the phase 1 budget reflects financial projections for the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 Budget – Phase 1 as presented. Motion: Trevor Jones Support: Barry Gross

	Roll Call: Dan Hill, Trevor Jones, Mary Kreider, Barry Gross, Chuck Wright, Vicki Van Cura *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of the Resolution Regarding the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application and Annual 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 thy 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, 2025. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the resolution regarding the annual loan and repayment activity application and annual millage recalculation for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion: Vicki Van Cura Support: Dan Hill Roll Call: Barry Gross, Dan Hill, Vicki Van Cura, Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Trevor Jones *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of the 2025 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 2025 tax rate request as presented.

	Motion: Dan Hill Support: Barry Gross *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Middle School Mathematics Materials (Grades 6 & 7)	During the 2024-2025 school year, two middle school mathematics teachers extensively explored curriculum materials from Carnegie Learning and Illustrative Math. Throughout this process, the committee piloted the materials in the classroom setting. At the conclusion of the pilot, the committee unanimously determined that Carnegie Learning's math materials would be the best fit for grades 6 and 7 due to the rigorous and relevant materials. It should be noted that Carnegie Learning's materials were adopted for high school mathematics last year thus the middle school adoption will provide some continuity in grades 6-12. The cost of materials for grade 6 and 7 for 5 years (25/26 through 29/30) is $31,640.71 which includes print materials, digital materials, teacher resources, and professional development. The 5-year adoption (instead of 6) is meant to get the middle school mathematics team on the same curriculum adoption cycle as high school mathematics team. The **total** cost of mathematics materials for grades 6 and 7 for 5 years is **$31,640.71**. (Quote included for review) **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of mathematics materials and resources for grades 6 and 7 from Carnegie Learning for 5 years at the cost of $31,640.71. Motion: Trevor Jones Support: Barry Gross Roll Call: Trevor Jones, Mary Kreider, Vicki Van Cura, Chuck Wright, Barry Gross, Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Acceptance of Resignation for Retirement Purposes (2)	Gina Rumsey has submitted her retirement letter to the Montrose Community Schools effective June 30, 2025. Gina has 22 years of service and has been a valuable employee for the district. (see attached letter) **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mrs. Gina Rumsey. We appreciate her 22 years of service to the district and wish her well. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*

	Wanda Daniels has submitted her retirement letter to the Montrose Community Schools effective June 30, 2025. Wanda has 25 ½ years of service and has been a valuable employee for the district. (see attached letter). **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mrs. Wanda Daniels. We appreciate her 25 ½ years of service to the district and wish her well. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Barry Gross *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Acceptance of Resignation – First Grade Teacher	Mrs. Kylene Taylor has informed Mr. Brewer of resigning from her First Grade Teacher position at Carter Elementary School. Mrs. Taylor has worked at the district for three years. (See attached letter) **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mrs. Kylene Taylor. We appreciate her 3 years of service and dedication to the district and wish her well. Motion: Trevor Jones Support: Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Hire for Summer Painting Position	An internal posting for Summer Painting Position went out on June 3, 2025. Dr. Moore is pleased to recommend Ms. Mickie Gifford for this position. Ms. Gifford has done various painting jobs around the district over the past few summers. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the hire of Ms. Mickie Gifford for the position of Summer Painting. Motion: Vicki Van Cura Support: Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Hire for KHMS Physical Education/Health Teacher	The posting for a KHMS Physical Education/Health Teacher went out on May 25, 2025. Four people were interviewed for the position. Mrs. Shawna Birchmeier is pleased to recommend Mr. Tyler Blackburn for the position. Mr. Blackburn has worked in the district as the KHMS Student Success Coordinator for two years. He has received his PE and Health Teacher certificate and a Bachelor's degree in Leadership from Northern Michigan University. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the hire of Mr. Tyler Blackburn for the position of KHMS Physical Education/Health Teacher.

	Motion: Barry Gross Support: Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Overnight Field Trip – HS Cross Country	Mr. Anthony Peel is requesting permission to have a 5 day long cross-country camp for our Cross-Country team from August 9th-13th at Timberwolf Young Life Camp in Lake City, Michigan. I am expecting 15-20 students, 2-3 coaches and 3 parent volunteers to attend. I will be inviting the High School boys' and girls' cross-country teams. (please see attached) **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the overnight field trip to Lake City, Michigan August 9th through August 13th, 2025 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: Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of New Football Stadium Scoreboard	As part of the new football stadium project, Jim Ply is recommending that we purchase a new scoreboard from Daktronics for $36,004.00. Daktronics has supplied all of our current scoreboards which will allow us to use our other control units as backups if needed. Shayne Mishler, Denny Reinhart, and the Daktronics Rep have spent considerable time making sure the selection of scoreboard meets the needs of our athletic program. We have also secured a monetary sponsorship for the scoreboard from GFL and possibly a second source. See attached recommendation letter **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of a new scoreboard for the football stadium. Motion: Vicki Van Cura Support: Mary Kreider Roll Call: Mary Kreider, Dan Hill, Barry Gross, Chuck Wright, Trevor Jones, Vicki Van Cura *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Elementary ELA Materials (K-5)	During the 2024-2025 school year, a team of ELA teachers with representatives from each grade (K-5) extensively explored curriculum materials from *HMH – Into Reading* and *McGraw Hill – Wonders*. Throughout this process, the committee piloted the materials in the classroom setting. At the conclusion of the pilot, the committee

	unanimously determined that *McGraw Hill's Wonders* ELA materials would be the best fit for grades K-5. In addition to offering rigorous and relevant content, *Wonders* stood out for its strong alignment to state standards, its comprehensive support for foundational literacy skills, and its embedded instructional resources that promote differentiation and student engagement. The program also offers a well-structured progression across grade levels, supporting both intervention and enrichment, while integrating digital tools to enhance instructional delivery and support blended learning environments. The **total** cost of materials for grades K-5 for 6 years (25/26 through 30/31) is **$155,731.98** which includes print materials, digital materials, teacher resources, manipulatives, and professional development. QUOTE **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of ELA materials and resources for grades K-5 from McGraw Hill for 6 years at the cost of $155,731.98. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Barry Gross Roll Call: Barry Gross, Trevor Jones, Chuck Wright, Dan Hill, Vicki Van Cura, Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Information Items	**Superintendent Reports** **Board Calendar** ○ July – Organizational Meeting for 2025-2026 **School Board Requests for Information** **For the Good of the Order**
Future Business	• July 28 – First Meeting of the 2025-2026 School Year
Consider Going into Closed Session for Employee Review	Dan Hill motioned to go into **closed** session at 6:54 pm Support: Chair *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Consider Going into Closed Session for Contract Negotiations	Chair motioned going into **open** session at 8:34 pm Support: Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Adjournment	Chair moved to adjourn the meeting @ 8:35 pm *The motion carried with all member's present voting yes.*

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