Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
November 24, 2025 6:00 pm
KHMS Media Center

Members Present: Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Vicki Van Cura, Dan Hill, Barry Gross, Trevor Jones
Members Absent: Chris Zolinski
Other Participants: Dr. Linden Moore, Cassandra Jackson, Jennifer Sutton, Casey Schaub, Shawna Birchmeier, Shaun Brewer, Angie Florian, Cassandra Wright
Guests: 33

Call to Order	Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Presentation	Student Recognition MiMTSS Recognition Award
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 October 27, 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 Hire for General Education Homebound Tutor	The internal position for a HMHS General Education Homebound Tutor was posted on November 3, 2025. Mr. Casey Shuck has been recommended for this position by Mr. Casey Schaub. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the hire of Mr. Casey Shuck for General Education Homebound Tutor. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Vicki Van Cura *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Hire for Carter Special Education Teacher	The posting for a Carter Special Education Teacher went out on April 5, 2024. Ms. Danielle Davenport, who has been a long-term substitute in the classroom, expressed interest in the position. Mrs. Cassandra Wright is pleased to recommend Ms. Danielle Davenport for the position. Ms. Davenport has worked as a paraprofessional, as well as a substitute in the district, for many years. She has received her Interim Teaching certificate and a bachelor's degree from Grand Canyon University. **RECOMMENDATION:**

	The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the hire of Ms. Danielle Davenport for the position of Carter Special Education Teacher. Motion: Barry Gross Support: Trevor Jones *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Latchkey Personnel Agreement for 2025-2028	The District and the Latchkey Personnel have successfully negotiated a new Master Agreement through 2028 (see attached summary). **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2025-2028 Master Agreement with the Latchkey Personnel as presented. Motion: Trevor Jones Support: Dan Hill **Roll Call:** Vicki Van Cura, Mary Kreider, Barry Gross, Trevor Jones, Chuck Wright, Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider State School Aid Act Section 31aa Funding	Public Act 15 of 2025 amended Section 31aa of the State School Aid Act to provide 2025–26 funding for school safety, student mental health, and competitive grants. To receive these funds, districts must opt in through the Michigan Department of Education and agree to specific conditions, including submitting to a comprehensive investigation and waiving certain legal privileges—such as attorney-client privilege—in the event of a "mass casualty event" as defined in law. The Board has been fully briefed on the legal, financial, and practical implications of this waiver, including potential risks to confidentiality, legal exposure, operational impact, and the likelihood of increased insurance rates resulting from reduced protections. While the Board strongly supports initiatives that promote student safety and mental health, it recognizes that accepting this funding under the current waiver requirement could compromise the District's legal and financial stability. Therefore, the Board's position is that it cannot accept 31aa funding unless the waiver is removed or modified to preserve the District's legal privileges; however, the Board remains committed to investing in school safety and will allocate an equivalent amount of local funds to support safety measures even without accepting the 31aa dollars. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or designee to submit a conditional opt-in form to MDE solely to preserve eligibility for Section 31aa Funding, with the understanding that this opt-in is automatically rescinded unless the Legislature or a court removes or invalidates the privilege-waiver requirement, and that no privilege— including attorney-client privilege—is waived by this action. If the waiver requirement remains in effect as of the Rescission Deadline, the Superintendent has no authority to accept the funding, the District retains all rights to challenge the law, future Board action may be taken if conditions change, this resolution does not apply to

	events occurring before the Opt-In Deadline, and the language is based on the template provided by Thrun Law Firm, P.C. (attached) Motion: Dan Hill Support: Mary Kreider **Roll Call:** Barry Gross, Dan Hill, Chuck Wright, Vicki Van Cura, Trevor Jones, Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Information Items	**Administrator Reports** **Superintendent Reports** **Board Calendar** o December – GCASBM Holiday Dinner **School Board Requests for Information** **For the Good of the Order**
Future Business	• November 26-28 – No School/Thanksgiving Break • December 15 – Regular Board Meeting • December 19 – Early Release Day K-12 • Dec. 22-Jan. 4 – No School/Winter Break • January 5 – School Resumes
Consider Going into Closed Session for Purposes of Student Discipline	Mary Kreider motioned to go into **closed** session at 6:42 pm Support: Barry Gross Dan Hill motioned going into **open** session at 7:48 pm Support: Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Adjournment	Chair moved to adjourn the meeting @ 7:53 pm *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*

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