Minutes
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Montrose Community Schools
May 18, 2026 6:00 pm
KHMS Media Center

Members Present: Chuck Wright, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura, Dan Hill, Trevor Jones, Nina Priest, Barry Gross
Members Absent:
Other Participants: Dr. Linden Moore, Cassandra Jackson, Jennifer Sutton, Casey Schaub, Shaun Brewer, Shawna Birchmeier, Cassandra Wright, Angie Florian
Guests: 42

Call to Order	Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Presentation	Student Recognition
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 April 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes • Approval of the August 27, 2024 Special 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 Resolution in Support of Proposed 2026-2027 Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD)	Each constituent school district is asked annually to consider a resolution in support of the GISD budget for the upcoming school year. The GISD budget references five different funds: General Fund, Special Education, Career Technical Education, Enterprise, and Other. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the resolution in support of the proposed GISD budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Barry Gross Roll Call: Dan Hill, Nina Priest, Vicki VanCura, Barry Gross, Chuck Wright, Trevor Jones, Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Policy Updates Volume 40, No. 2, February 2026 – First 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.

POLICY & BYLAW, ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES, AND FORMS – Initial Review	
R = Revised, N = New	
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Policy/Bylaw Number	**Topic**
0100	Definitions
1410	Staff Ethics
2370.01	Online/Blended Learning Program
2418	Sex Education
3120.09 **Rescind**	Volunteers
4120.09 **Rescind**	Volunteers
4210	Staff Ethics
5136	Wireless Communications Devices (WCDs)
5336	Care of Students with Diabetes
6320	Purchasing
6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
7540.09	Artificial Intelligence (AI)
8120.09	Volunteers
8402	Emergency Operations Plan
8655	Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs
4123	Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
4362 **Rescind**	Anti-Harassment

RECOMMENDATION:
The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the first public reading of policies as presented.

Motion: Barry Gross
Support: Trevor Jones

The motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Consider Approval of Continued Probationary and Tenure Teacher Status

The teachers shown in the table below have met the employment and professional development requirements of the State of Michigan and have been recommended for continued probationary status and tenure status for the 2026-2027 school year by their respective principals (see attached letters).

RECOMMENDATION:
The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the continued probationary teacher status for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Teacher	School	Probationary Status 2026-2027
Alisha House	Carter Elementary	2nd yea
Sydney Hunt	Carter Elementary	2nd year
Jacqueline Bauders	Carter Elementary	3rd year

Tyler Blackburn	Kuehn-Haven Middle School	2nd year
KatieAnne Evans	Kuehn-Haven Middle School	2nd year
Kerry Munsey	Kuehn-Haven Middle School	2nd year
Mandy Cooper	Kuehn-Haven Middle School	4th year
Sebastian Pasquini	Kuehn-Haven Middle School	4th year
Dane Dean	Hill-McCloy High School	2nd year
Madison Oleyar	Hill-McCloy High School	3rd year
Madison Burr	Hill-McCloy High School	4th year
Zachary Nash	Hill-McCloy High School	4th year

Motion: Trevor Jones
Support: Vicki VanCura

The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.

The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves tenure teacher status for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Teacher	School
Alyssa Cole	Carter Elementary
Tracy Roberts	Carter Elementary
Jennifer Szwed	Carter Elementary
Andrew Bess	Kuehn-Haven Middle School
Marie Proctor	Kuehn-Haven Middle School
Edward Railling	Kuehn-Haven Middle School
Trevor Beach	Hill-McCloy High School
Jaimie Bigger	Hill-McCloy High School
Daniel Moreno	Hill-McCloy High School

Motion: Trevor Jones
Support: Barry Gross

The motion carried with all members present voting yes.

Consider Approval of Continued Membership in MHSAA for the 2026-2027 Year

Each year, school districts are required to pass a Board resolution to declare their continued membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). As members of the MHSAA, schools agree to comply and enforce established rules, regulations, and qualifications concerning eligibility, game rules and policies, procedures and schedules.

Boards must pass a membership resolution for both its middle schools and its high schools and submit said resolution(s) signed by the Board Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION:

	The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the resolution for continued membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for both Kuehn-Haven Middle School and Hill-McCloy High School for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion: Mary Kreider Support: Vicki VanCura *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of the School Essential PRO Plus package for Secondary ELA	During the 2024-2025 school year, the KHMS and HMHS ELA departments explored a variety of curriculum materials. Throughout this process, the committee piloted the materials in the classroom setting. At the conclusion of the pilot, the committee unanimously determined that CommonLit 360 would be the best fit due to the ease of use for teachers and the rigorous and relevant student materials. During the 2025-2026 school year, the district purchased a 1-year subscription for the digital platform and ongoing professional development support. Before making a long-term commitment to the paid materials, we wanted teachers to use them for a year to determine the benefit. It has been determined that the professional development along with the variety of assessment tools, resources, and materials make this a valuable purchase. As such, we are recommending the purchase of the School Essentials PRO Plus package for KHMS and HMHS for the next 5 school years (26/27 through 30/31). The 5-year cost of the CommonLit 360 School Essentials PRO Plus package is $53,225.00 which includes a plethora of digital materials, formative and summative assessments, teacher resources, and professional development. **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of the School Essential PRO Plus package for Secondary ELA from CommonLit 360 for 5 years for the cost of $53,225.00. Motion: Dan Hill Support: Trevor Jones Roll Call: Trevor Jones, Chuck Wright, Barry Gross, Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura, Nina Priest, Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Overnight Field Trip – HS Wrestling	Mr. Jason Perrin is requesting permission to attend a 4 day long wrestling camp for our wrestling team from June 10-13, 2026 at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace, Michigan. I am expecting 20 students, 4 coaches and volunteers to attend. (Please see attached) **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the overnight field trip to St. Ignace, Michigan on June 10-13, 2026. The Board 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 Overnight Field Trip – HS Cross Country	Mr. Tim Hobson is requesting permission to have a 5 day long cross-country camp for our Cross-Country team from August 10th-14th at Mill Creek Campground in Mackinac City, Michigan. I am expecting 15-20 students, 2-4 coaches and 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 Mackinac City, Michigan August 10th through August 14th, 2026. The Board 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: Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members present voting yes.*
Consider Approval of Central Office Personnel Contract Agreement	The District and the Central Office Personnel have successfully negotiated a new Master Agreement through 2026-2029 (see attached summary). **RECOMMENDATION:** The Montrose Schools Board of Education approves the 2026-2029 Master Agreement with the Central Office Personnel as presented. Motion: Trevor Jones Support: Vicki VanCura Roll Call: Mary Kreider, Vicki VanCura, Trevor Jones, Nina Priest, Barry Gross, Chuck Wright, Dan Hill *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Information Items	**Administrative Reports: Attached** **Superintendent Reports** **Board Calendar** ○ June – Final Budget Revision ○ July - Organizational Meeting for 2026-2027 **School Board Requests for Information** **For the Good of the Order**
Future Business	• May 22 – No School • May 25 – No School/Memorial Day

	• May 27 – Senior Honors Night • May 28 – Alternative Education Graduation • May 29 – HMHS Graduation • June 4 – Early Release Day (8^{th}-12^{th}) / Full Day (K-7^{th}) • June 5 – Early Release Day – Last Day of School • June 22 – Truth in Taxation Hearing/Regular Meeting
Consider Going into Closed Session to discuss Student Discipline	Mary Kreider motioned to go into **closed** session at 6:39 pm Support: Dan Hill Dan Hill motioned going into **open** session at 7:06 pm Support: Mary Kreider **Case #22526-06** It is the will of the Board that the student is suspended for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. Upon completion of the suspension the student will be reassigned to the Montrose Alternative Education Program. Furthermore, should the student be found in violation of any policies resulting in suspension, the student will receive a 180-day suspension. Following that suspension, the student must petition the school for reinstatement. Motion: Chair Support: Dan Hill Roll Call: Nina Priest, Dan Hill, Mary Kreider, Chuck Wright, Barry Gross, Vicki VanCura, Trevor Jones *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.* **Case #2425-05** In reference to student discipline hearing Case #2425-05, the student was expelled from Montrose Community Schools in May 2025. Student has submitted a petition for reinstatement and the Board, being appropriately advised of the matter, requests a motion to reinstate the student pursuant to Michigan Revised School Code 1311(6). The student must be on track to graduate to attend the Hill-McCloy High School. Motion: Chair Support: Dan Hill Roll Call: Dan Hill, Vicki VanCura, Trevor Jones, Barry Gross, Chuck Wright, Nina Priest, Mary Kreider *The motion carried with all members' present voting yes.*
Adjournment	Chair moved to adjourn the meeting @ 7:10 pm *The motion carried with all member's present voting yes.*

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