

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #15

September 8, 2026

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Our Mission Statement:

Monroe Public Schools will empower each student to achieve their full potential through rigorous and engaging academics, a culture of excellence, belonging, and perseverance, a community of kindness and inclusivity, and unique opportunities that inspire lifelong learning.

Our Vision Statement:

Unlocking the potential of each student through academic excellence, unique opportunities, and a sense of authentic belonging.

Purpose of our Meeting

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There are times set for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda items (VI) and 10 (X). Members of the audience who wish to address the Board of Education in person this evening are asked to complete the public commentary forms, located on the table at the back of the room. Once filled out, please return to the Administrative Secretary to the Board prior to public comment.

A. Opening Items

Audio Recording

Video Recording

1. Call to Order

President Heck called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: President Tom Heck, Vice-President Darla Myers, Secretary Mary Vincent, Treasurer Kerri Williams, Parliamentarian Brian Sabbadini, Trustee Gary Jenkins, Trustee Stacey Terrasi

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Heck	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Jenkins	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Myers	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Sabbadini	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Terrasi	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Vincent	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Williams	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Board Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Andrew Shaw, Cassie Shook, Holly Scherer, Terry Joseph, David Payne, David Malolepszy

Administrators Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Revisions/Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Sabbadini; support by Ms. Myers to add New Business Item B.3.e – Building Temperature Policies Interior.

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mrs. Terrasi to approve the agenda for September 8, 2026, with the addition of New Business Item B.3.e Building Temperature Policies Interior.

No Discussion

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

4. Superintendent Comments

Audio recording timestamp 2:52 until 33:14

Recognition and Presentation of Diploma to Erika Parvin
Presentation on Knabusch Center by Nicole Shaughnessy

5. Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

None at this time.

B. Board Discussion and Action Items

1. Reports

- Staffing Report
- Contracted Services Report
- Resignations Report

Audio recording timestamp 33:22 until 44:41

2. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Jenkins; support by Mrs. Vincent that Agenda Items in B.2.a be considered as a Consent Agenda, and the Consent Agenda items be approved as recommended.

No Discussion

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

a. Approval of Minutes

- August 24, 2026 – Work Session
- August 25, 2026 – Board Meeting #14

3. New Business – Action/Discussion Items

a. **Delegate for 2026 MASB Delegate Assembly**

Motion by Mr. Jenkins; support by Mrs. Williams to select Mary Vincent to serve as the voting delegate for the October 15, 2026, MASB Delegate Assembly.

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 45:58 until 47:22

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

b. **Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy Amendments - po5530 - Drug Prevention - Zero Tolerance**

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mrs. Williams to approve the following policy revision effective September 8, 2026, as presented.

- po5530 - Drug Prevention - Zero Tolerance - REVISION

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mrs. Williams to add the verbiage “The Code of Conduct for this section of the policy cannot be changed without Board approval” to letter D in the policy and approve policy po5530 – Drug Prevention – Zero Tolerance – Revision as presented.

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 47:22 until 49:47

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

c. **Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy Amendments**

Motion by Mr. Sabbadini; support by Ms. Myers to approve the following policy revisions effective September 8, 2026, as presented,

Motion by Mrs. Terrasi; support by Mr. Sabbadini to approve the following policy revisions effective September 8, 2026, with the technical correction to Policy po4162 - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Drivers and Other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions as identified during discussion:

- po1623 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment - TECHNICAL CORRECTION ONLY
- po2210 - Curriculum Development - REVISION
- po2260.01 - Section 504 ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability - TECHNICAL CORRECTION ONLY

- po2412 - Homebound Instruction Program - REVISION
- po3123 - Section 504 ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment - TECHNICAL CORRECTION ONLY
- po4123 - Section 504 ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment - TECHNICAL CORRECTION ONLY
- po4162 - Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Drivers and Other Employees Who Perform Safety Sensitive Functions - REVISION
- po5120 - Assignment Within District - REVISION
- po5460 - Graduation Requirements - REVISION
- po7541 - Electronic Data Processing Disaster Recovery Plan - RESCIND

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 49:50 until 53:45

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

d. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading Curriculum Purchase

Motion by Mrs. Terrasi; support by Mr. Jenkins to approve the use of \$436,030 in 35m Per Pupil Literacy Funding to extend the Monroe Public Schools' current contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) Into Reading for grades K-5 for an additional two years, allowing the district to utilize the Into Reading curriculum through the 2030 school year. Funds for this purchase will come from the 35m Per Pupil Literacy Funding Grant.

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 53:47 until 1:11:32

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

e. Building Temperature Policies Interior - Discussion

Audio recording timestamp 1:11:45 until 1:16:55

4. Old Business

a. State Fiscal Monitoring Update – Discussion

Audio recording timestamp 1:17:01 until 1:18:49

b. SEL Discussion

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 1:17:01 until 1:18:49

c. Retention

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 1:17:01 until 1:18:49

5. Superintendent's Comments

Audio recording timestamp 1:18:54 until 1:22:29

Start of School Year

MPS Hiring Event

First Home Varsity Football game – Military and First Responders Night

Homecoming

Superintendent Evaluation

6. Public Commentary-Any Topic

Audio recording timestamp 1:22:29 until 1:34:29

Chantele Steffens: Teacher Shortage and Money/Budget

Yvonne Gnaedinger: What is MDE LRE? Intervention & Enrichment; FAPE MOCI – Acronyms!

Cantrick: A very small classroom with 28 students, no AC = 93 last week Did Erica who got diploma go to Orchard HS?

Steven Meyer: Protecting district assets

7. Board Member Commentary

Audio recording timestamp 1:34:29 until 1:48:00

Mrs. Terrasi: Knabusch Presentation, Suspensions

Mr. Jenkins: Cost of server data center relocation request, review of policy relating to teacher disrespect

Mrs. Vincent: review of policy po3231

Ms. Myers: Board Attorney, Chantele Steffens public commentary, strategic plan, policy po2120, student data

Mrs. Williams: Attendance data for students/staff during previous week weather, loss of MPS assistant

Mr. Sabbadini: MStep data, professional development last year vs this year for Envision data

Mr. Heck: MStep data, Superintendent Evaluation, policy review po2260, storms during 1st week of school, sponsorship or participation in Bed race fundraiser.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sabbadini; support by Mrs. Terrasi that the September 8, 2026, Board Meeting #15 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 hand vote at 8:52 p.m.

Mary Vincent, Secretary