

ISD 129 – MONTEVIDEO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting  
Held June 9, 2025 in Montevideo, MN

Chairman Stenson called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #129 to order at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, in the District Board Room of Montevideo Middle School.

Members present were Wibben, Shourds, Birhanzi, Miller, Norman, and Stenson. Mr. McKittrick, Chief Business Official, Adam Spray, Activities Director, Jesse Nelson, Principal, Sacharison, and Mr. Skjeveland were also present.

Director Shourds made the motion, and Director Miller seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

Activities Director Jesse Nelson provided an update on Activities.

Director Wibben made the motion, and Director Birhanzi seconded the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Motion carried unanimously.

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2025
- June Board Bills

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND**

GENERAL FUND	\$	170,206.09
FOOD SERVICE	\$	64,124.41
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$	5,145.86
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$	79,815.99
DEBT REDEMPTION	\$	-
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$	8,053.74
MINN RIVER VALLEY ED DIST	\$	27,528.40
MRVED COMMUNITY EDUCATION	\$	8,478.43
<b>TOTAL BY FUND</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>363,352.92</b>

- Treasure Report
- Budget Report
- Personnel Actions
  - Employment: Kelly Benard, medical leave of absence for the 25-26 school year.
  - Resignations: Ruth Comeaux resigned as a Special Ed Paraprofessional. Guillermo Terrazas resigned as a Special Ed Paraprofessional. Jessica Cantu resigned as a Library/Classroom Assistant. Lilya Ontiveros-Aase resigned as a Special Ed Paraprofessional. Christopher Giese resigned as Assistant Boys Tennis Coach. Maddie Sletta resigned as Varsity Softball Coach. Kathy Jessen resigned as an Elementary ELL Teacher.
  - Reassignments: Conner Hagen has been reassigned to the Hawks Nest as a Lead Classroom Teacher.
  - Terminations: Nancy Runia has been terminated as Academic Success Coordinator at the high school.

Approval of Fundraising Requests from June through December

- Resolution Accepting a Gift, Donation, Contribution, or Bequest – None
  - Superintendent's Report
  - Administrators Report

**Congratulatory Action and Recognition:** We want to congratulate the class of 2025 on their many contributions to our school district. The class contributed much to our district's culture and climate, and they will be missed as they head out to their post-graduation plans. We wish them all the best!

We also want to congratulate the recipients of Spring honors and awards. MHS students continue to excel and show their talents in a wide array of activities. Congratulations!

**Discussion Items:**

Superintendent McKittrick and Chief Business Official Adam Spray reviewed the RFP process for the food service contract with Taher, Inc.

**Action Items:**

Motion by Director Birhanzi and seconded by Director Shourds to approve the following staff for Tenure:

- Emily Ahrens - Elementary
- Kylee Heurung - High School
- Taylor Knutson - Middle School
- Morgan Lenning - Elementary
- Gabrielle Mazer - High School
- Nicole Meyer - ALC
- Ana Pineda - High School
- Kailee Sachs - Elementary
- Isaac Schreiner - High School
- Holly Spicer - Middle School
- Marissa Webb - ALC

The motion carried.

Motion by Director Wibben and seconded by Director Miller to approve appointing Emmery Birhanzi as the 2025-2026 Student School Board Representative. Members voting aye were Shourds, Wibben, Miller, Norman, and Stenson. Director Birhanzi abstained from voting. And the motion carried.

Motion by Director Birhanzi and seconded by Director Norman to designate Jamie Skjeveland, Superintendent of Schools, as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to MDE secure websites for the 2025-2026 school year. The board further confirms that, based on the job description and contract, the superintendent of schools has the authority to assign job duties within the local educational agency. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Miller and seconded by Director Birhanzi to approve the FY26 budgets in the amounts of \$28,032,790 in revenues and \$28,198,732 in expenditures. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Shourds and seconded by Director Wibben to approve the FY26 Little Thunder Hawk Care and Junior Thunder Hawk Care rates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Miller and seconded by Director Norman to approve the 2025-2027 Principal Association labor agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Birhanzi and seconded by Director Miller to designate Heidi Sachariason, Elementary Principal as LEA Representative for federal programs including Titles I, II, III, IV, V, Homeless Liaison and all other federal grants, as well as Jesse Nelson, Activities Director, as Title IX Coordinator for the 2025-26 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Birhanzi and seconded by Director Shourds to approve the June Payroll deductions. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Miller and seconded by Director Shourds to approve the 2025-2026 yearbook agreements with Dufault Publishing and Walter's Publishing. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Wibben and seconded by Director Birhanzi to accept, pending MDE approval, the bid of Taher, Inc. beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Motion by Director Birhanzi and seconded by Director Norman to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.