

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #4

February 24, 2026

5:30 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

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1. Call to Order

President Heck called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board Members Present: President Tom Heck, Vice-President Darla Myers, 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> </u>	<u> x </u>
Mrs. Williams	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>

Board Members Absent: Secretary Mary Vincent, Treasurer Kerri Williams

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

Administrators Absent: Cindy Flynn

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Revisions/Approval of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mrs. Terrasi to add New Business Item B.3.c – SEL Discussion and New Business Item B.3.d – Admin Sub Hiring to the agenda and approve the agenda as presented for February 24, 2026.

No Discussion

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

4. Superintendent Comments

Audio recording timestamp 2:30 until 16:37

CTE Month/CTE Ambassador Presentation

- Leah Morelli – Director of Career Technical Education
- Amelia Pillarelli – Drafting & Design Teacher/CTE Lab Facilitator
- Kinsey Arnold – 10th grade
- Gary Whitehouse III – 12th grade
- Seth Wozniak – 9th grade
- Rooney Scoles – 10th grade

5. Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only

None at this time.

B. Board Discussion and Action Items**1. Reports**

- Staffing Report
- Contracted Services Report
- Tenure Report

Audio recording timestamp 17:16 until 19:30

2. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Terrasi; support by Mr. Jenkins that Agenda Item 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 5-0 roll call vote.

3. New Business – Action/Discussion Items**a. MHS Orchestra Chicago Overnight Trip**

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mr. Sabbadini to approve the Monroe High School Orchestra trip to Chicago, Illinois, taking place from April 9, 2027, through

April 11, 2027, according to the terms and policies of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education.

No Discussion

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

b. MHS Spain Overnight Field Trip

Motion by Mr. Jenkins; support by Mrs. Terrasi to approve the Monroe High School World Language Department International Trip to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain, taking place from June 15, 2027, through June 22, 2027, according to the terms and policies of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education.

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 23:19 until 24:04

Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

c. SEL Discussion

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 24:26 until 1:06:14

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

d. Admin Sub Hiring

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 1:06:45 until 1:14:20

4. Old Business

a. Transportation Update – Discussion

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mr. Sabbadini to approve the purchase of one (1) new lift bus and seven (7) used school buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, the purchase of security video equipment & installation by Red Letter at a total cost not to exceed \$850,000.00 and to award the vehicle financing bid to Monroe Community Credit Union at the fixed rate of 3.58% and reject all other bids. This purchase includes all associated equipment necessary for safe and lawful operation, including installed camera systems, required safety features, and any related delivery or preparation costs. The purchase agreement will be funded through the general fund.

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 1:14:30 until 1:27:14

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

b. State Fiscal Monitoring Update – Discussion

Board Discussion, Q/A audio recording timestamp 1:27:20 until 1:32:23

5. Superintendent's Comments

Audio recording timestamp 1:32:42 until 1:33:20

Calendar Reminders
8th Grade Open House
Celebration of Children
National Reading Month

6. Public Commentary-Any Topic

Audio recording timestamp 1:33:35 until 1:36:04

Veronica Jennings: 1. Livestream – speak into microphones 2. Copy of strategic plan

7. Board Member Commentary

Audio recording timestamp 1:36:10 until 1:41:05

Mrs. Terrasi: Bus Purchase Approval
Ms. Myers: Child Advocacy Network from 11-2 on March 7th at the Mall of Monroe
Mr. Sabbadini: Appreciation of the presentation from the community partners
Mr. Jenkins: RAW Program, ESS Program
Mr. Heck: Collaboration with partners; vacation schedule

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sabbadini; support by Mrs. Terrasi that the February 24, 2026, Board Meeting #4 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 7:12 p.m.

Mary Vincent, Secretary