

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

January 13, 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. Roll Call**

### **Audio Recording**

### **Video Recording**

#### **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, 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>	_____
Mr. Jenkins	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Myers	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Sabbadini	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Terrasi	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Vincent	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Williams	<u>X</u>	_____

Board Members Absent:

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

Administrators Absent: None

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## **B. Discussion Items**

### 1. School Index Rating Review

*\*Audio recording timestamp 2:01 until 46:27\**

Ms. Kathy Berry from the MCISD provided the Board with an overview of Michigan's School Index system, explaining its historical context, purpose, and limitations, and emphasized that the Index is a statewide accountability tool used to identify schools for support under ESSA and not a school grade or standalone judgment of quality. Ms. Berry reviewed how scores are calculated using multiple weighted components such as achievement, growth, attendance, graduation rates, and subgroup performance, and stressed the importance of examining multi-year trends and disaggregated data rather than relying on a single overall score. Ms. Berry explained how to interpret high or low scores, noting that schools with strong scores may still have areas needing improvement and that schools showing growth from lower scores require deeper analysis beneath the surface. A Board Member asked how recent district restructuring affects the current trends, and another asked when the next set of School Index data will be released.

### 2. Student Data Presentation

*\*Audio recording timestamp 46:55 until 1:26:50\**

Mrs. Andrea Wylie, Curriculum Director for Monroe Public Schools shared a presentation on the district's i-Ready assessment data for reading and math, covering the past four academic years. The assessment data categorizes students into three tiers: Tier 1 (at or above grade level), Tier 2 (slightly below grade level), and Tier 3 (1+ years below grade level). Board Members commented on a request to track cohorts as well as grade-to-grade comparisons. Board Members asked questions regarding secondary math and science scores and requested more insight into building-level intervention plans and how progress is monitored, particularly at the middle and high school levels.

## **C. Public Commentary**

*\*Audio recording timestamp 1:27:18 until 1:37:17\**

Chelsey Robinson: Athletic Director

Roosevelt Barnes: Athletics

Aaron Lavender: MHS Director

**D. Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Williams; support by Mrs. Terrasi that the 5:30 p.m., January 13, 2026, Work Session of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 “hand” vote at 7:07 p.m.

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**Mary Vincent, Secretary**