

ISD 129 – MONTEVIDEO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting
Held May 11, 2026, in Montevideo, MN

Vice Chairman Shourds called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #129 to order at 6:03 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026, in the District Board Room of Montevideo Middle School.

Members present were Wibben, Shourds, and Birhanzl. Member Miller attended remotely, and Member Stenson arrived at 6:10 p.m. Superintendent Skjeveland, Matt Hammer, Principal Maethner, Chief Business Official Adam Spray, and members of the staff were also present.

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

Vice Chairman Shourds presented Emmary Birhanzl a certificate for her excellent representation as Student Board Representative for the 25-26 school year.

Matt Hammer with Ehlers provided an update on the Resolution Awarding the Sale of General Obligation School Building Bonds Series 2026A.

Chief Technology Officer, Scott Ripley, provided the board with an update on the recent power outages and the outcome of the outages as it pertains to our technology within the schools.

High School Principal, Tanya Maethner, provided an update on the high school.

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

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026
- May Board Bills

TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	\$	109,498.15
FOOD SERVICE	\$	152,719.42
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$	5,113.81
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$	49,593.28
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	\$	181,740.00
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$	8,890.24
MINN RIVER VALLEY ED DIST	\$	78,740.65
MRVED COMMUNITY EDUCATION	\$	990.00
TOTAL BY FUND	\$	587,285.55

- Treasure Report
- Budget Report
- Personnel Actions
 - Employment: Audrey Denhartigh, Infant Assistant, Little Thunder Hawks; Justin True, Band Director, MHS & MMS, beginning with the 26–27 school year; Tarin Yone, Special Ed. Paraprofessional, Sanford; Callie Zeidler, Library Assistant, Ramsey Elementary; Gabrielle Mazer, Varsity Dance Coach; Kathleen Rye, Special Education Paraprofessional/PT Library Assistant, Sanford.
 - Resignations/Retirements: Cheyenne Orvis, Special Ed Paraprofessional, Sanford; Kylee Heurung is resigning as PD/DAPE/HEALTH Teacher at High School at the end of the 25–26 school year.

- Reassignments: Zach Koepke will be reassigned as Special Education Teacher at the High School starting with the 26–27 school year.
- Resolution Accepting a Gift, Donation, Contribution, or Bequests –
The Dawson Designated Charities donated \$166 to the Community Ed—Adults with Disabilities.
The Montevideo Lions Club donated \$500 towards Community Ed summer rec T-shirts.
Laura Rubenzer of Edward Jones donated \$150 toward Community Ed summer rec T-shirts.
MDHA, Two Rivers Chapter, donated \$250 towards Community Ed summer rec T-shirts.
Jake's Pizza donated \$200 toward Community Ed. summer rec T-shirts.
J & D Construction donated \$100 toward Community Ed. summer rec T-shirts.
Co-op Credit Union donated \$250 toward Community Ed. summer rec T-shirts.
Benson & Helgeson Insurance donated \$50 toward Community Ed. summer rec T-shirts.
Motion by Director Birhanzl, and seconded by Director Miller, to adopt the resolution accepting the listed gifts, donations, contributions, and bequests. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.
- Superintendent's Report
- Board Report – Director Wibben provided an update on MRVED, and there was a brief update on the Health & Safety Committee.
- Student Representative Report
- Administrators Report
- Congratulatory Recognition: On May 6, the 67th annual Senior Scholarship Program was held. This year, 68 deserving seniors were awarded over \$180,000 in scholarships by local donors, including local businesses, families, organizations, memorials, and more! Congratulations to all the seniors on your hard work and accomplishments! Thank you to all the generous donors for making this possible.

Discussion Items:

Policies 625, Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence, and Policy 524, Acceptable Use of Technology, were brought forth for the first reading. These policies will be approved at the June 8th, 2026, board meeting.

Superintendent Jamie Skjeveland provided construction updates.

Members Birhanzl and Shourds lead a discussion about introducing an additional student representative to the school board.

Action Items:

Motion by Director Shourds and seconded by Director Birhanzl to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of James Radloff contract for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Shourds to approve policies 536, 709, and 721. The motion carried.

Motion by Director Wibben and seconded by Director Shourds to approve adopting the resolution awarding the sale of general obligation school building bonds, series 2026A. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Shourds and seconded by Director Wibben to approve the Accounting Policies and Procedures Manual for 2026. The motion carried.

Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Shourds to approve the Non-Bargaining Agreements. The motion carried.

Motion by Director Shourds and seconded by Director Wibben to approve appointing Taryn Stenson as the 2026-2027 Student School Board Representative. With Member Stenson abstaining, all other board members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Birhanzl, and seconded by Director Shourds, to approve the MHS Roof Project bid to Buttweiler's Do-All in the amount of \$376,650.00. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Shourds to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.