

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Work Session

January 12, 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, Trustee Gary Jenkins, Trustee Stacey Terrasi

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

Board Members Absent: Parliamentarian Brian Sabbadini

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 Bus Purchasing Options

Audio recording timestamp 1:04 until 1:00:21

Mrs. Patti McKelvie, Transportation Supervisor, and Ms. Karin Maurice, from TransDev, presented the Board with an overview of the district's transportation fleet, including bus age, current capacity, route length challenges, and historical purchasing practices, noting that 15 buses have been retired in recent years. They shared that current extended routes have resulted from increased ridership, limited buses, and the need to maintain spare vehicles for breakdowns and state inspections. Board Members asked questions regarding acceptable ride-time expectations, and the impact on students riding early morning and late afternoon routes. Additional Board Member questions focused on the feasibility of renting or leasing buses as a short-term solution, the cost and availability of diesel versus gas buses.

2. Band Instrument Discussion

Audio recording timestamp 1:00:35 until 1:20:57

As previously requested by the Board, the administration presented a proposal to allocate approximately \$100,000 annually to offset student costs associated with band, orchestra, and vocal music participation, outlining multiple distribution models for consideration. The discussion emphasized flexibility in use while ensuring funds directly support student participation. Board Members asked questions about how funds would be administered if a student withdraws from a program mid-year, whether unused funds would roll over or be forfeited, and how equity would be maintained between instrumental and vocal music students. Board Members spoke about the need for clear parameters and allowable-use guidelines, and the varying costs associated with different music programs.

3. Review of Upcoming Work Session Topics

Audio recording timestamp 1:21:17 until 1:26:42

Superintendent Shaw reviewed the draft list of upcoming Work Session topics intended to address both standing items, and Board-requested discussions over the coming months. He explained that this list remains fluid to allow for accommodation of any additional items that may need to be brought into a Work Session. Superintendent Shaw and Board President Heck will prepare a tentative schedule and share it with the Board once completed.

C. Public Commentary

None at this time.

D. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Jenkins; support by Mrs. Williams that the 5:30 p.m., January 12, 2026, Special Work Session of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 6-0 “hand” vote at 6:57 p.m.

Mary Vincent, Secretary