

MONROEVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting

The Board of Education, Monroeville Local School District, Huron County, Ohio, met on this date in the Monroeville Athletic Community (MAC) Meeting Room.

The regular meeting called to order by President, Betsy Ruggles,
Kristin Kaple-Jones, Superintendent and Paul DeMarco.

I. CALL TO ORDER (Time: 6:31 p.m.)

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. MISSION STATEMENT:

The vision of the Monroeville Local School Board is Excellence in Education for all students. Our district assures each student a well-rounded educational program leading to rewarding careers. In addition, our district will foster students who are critical thinkers, creative problem solvers and socially responsible individuals. Through the collaboration of school, home and community, every Monroeville graduate will be well prepared for the global challenges of the 21st century.

VI. ROLL CALL

Allen: present Bemis: present Helmstetter: present Ruggles: present Smith: present.

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V. APPROVE AGENDA:

M: Smith 2nd: Bemis

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC (Bylaw 0169.1) Public meeting notices are posted in the Central Office. If you are interested in being added to the Board's agenda under Public Participation, requests are to be made in the Central Office ***There shall be no negative public commentary directed at employees, Board members, students or members of the public in accordance

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with Board policy. Such comments will only be heard in Executive Session, if appropriate, and determined by the Board President or presiding officer of the Board pursuant with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1)***

- Nichole Whitacre – Presentation of Speech Device (donation)
 - Mrs. Whitacre displayed the speech device their family is donating to the district. Members of our staff are already familiar with this device and how to implement it.

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VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve the minutes of the February 3, 2025 Work Session and February 18, 2025 regular meeting

M: Helmstetter 2nd : Allen

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

none

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

none

TREASURER'S REPORT:

2025-45

- A.** Approve the financial reports as submitted for February 2025

M: Bemis 2nd : Ruggles

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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- B.** Accept the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Huron County Budget Commission for FY26 as Submitted.

M: Helmstetter 2nd : Allen

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. BUSINESS:

2025-47

1. Approve the following new/updated board policies:

- Challenged Library Materials Policy
- 1.09 Officers of the Board of Education
- 4.01 Employment of Substitute Teaching Staff
- 6.06 Enrollment of Resident and Nonresident Homeless and Foreign Exchange Students
- 6.26 Dangerous Weapons in the Schools Bomb Threats and Violent Conduct
- 6.60 Seizure Safety
- 7.17 Extracurricular Activities
- 7.27 College Credit Plus
- 7.33 Released Time for Religious Instruction - NEW
- 8.05 Cash in School Buildings
- 8.10 Uniform Federal Grant Guidance
- 8.13 Procurement with Federal Grants Funds
- 8.18 Inventory and Disposition of Equipment Obtained with Federal Awards
- 9.15 Food Sale Standards and Services
- 9.49 Parents' Bill of Rights - NEW

M: Bemis 2nd : Smith

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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2. Approve the service agreement for Kimmel Corp

M: Ruggles 2nd : Helmstetter

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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3. Approve the attached list of graduating seniors

M: Ruggles 2nd : Helmstetter

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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4. Approve 2025 - 2026 Kindergarten screening (proposal attached)

M: Allen 2nd : Helmstetter

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2025-51

5. Approve the Open Enrollment for the 2025 -2026 school year

M: Helmstetter 2nd : Allen

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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6. Approve the agreement with Owens Community College and Madison Local School District for College Credit Plus for the 2025 – 2026 school year

M: Bemis 2nd: Smith

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2025-53

7. Approve the following annual memberships:
- HPS, LLC (Then & Now PO 243158 - \$1,138.28)
 - Ohio School Boards Association (Then & Now PO 243147 - \$4,322.00)

M: Helmstetter 2nd : Ruggles

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2025-54

8. Approve Neil Scheid as Spring Baseball/Softball field maintenance. (\$2,500/annually)

M: Bemis 2nd : Helmstetter

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Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

9. Approve the agreement between the Monroeville Board of Education and the Village of Monroeville to use the baseball and softball fields at Clark Park for spring 2025 sports

M: Smith 2nd : Allen

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Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

B. EMPLOYMENT:

2025-56

1. Approve Dustin Durbin as the JH Intervention Specialist for the 2024 – 2025 school year (1 year contract), MA-Step 2 (contingent on submission of required paperwork)

M: Bemis 2nd : Allen

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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2. Accept the following resignations:
 - Michael Liptay, Esports Coach, effective at the conclusion of the current school year
 - Michael Liptay, Elementary Robotics Coach, effective at the conclusion of the current school year
 - Michael Liptay, High School Robotics Coach, effective at the conclusion of the current school year
 - Chloe Crawford, High School Assistant Cheer Coach
 - Jennifer Harvey, Head Senior Class Advisor, effective after the graduation ceremony on June 1, 2025

M: Bemis 2nd : Smith

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2025-58

3. Approve Gavin Hofstatter as a sub custodian (contingent on submission of required paperwork)

M: Allen 2nd : Helmstetter

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

C. DONATIONS

2025-59

1. Accept the \$2,000 donation from Berry Global, Inc for Robotics.

M: Helmstetter 2nd : Allen

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Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2025-60

2. Accept the donation of Talk Pad Wego 8 speech assistance device from Nichole and Anthony Whitacre.

M: Allen 2nd : Smith

Allen: aye - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

X. DISCUSSION:

Next Board Meeting: April 14, 2025 Work Session at 6:00 pm
April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm

During the Discussion session Mr. Lewis Allen addressed the Board. He was not given the opportunity to speak during Public Participation. Mr. Allen asked the Board if they were aware of an employee's history prior to being hired by the district. Mr. Allen shared his memories of events that took place while he was a student at Monroeville High School.

Mrs. Jodi Reising addressed the Board and wanted to know the status of the Title IX investigation. Mrs. Reising was advised that this could not be discussed in public session.

2025-61

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code permits discussion in executive session for the following specified purposes: The appointment, **employment, dismissal, discipline**, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employees or regulated individuals or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or regulated individual unless such person requests a public hearing.

TIME IN: 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Dan Lautar (Board Counsel) and Jodi Reising were invited into Executive Session with the Board, Dr. Kaple-Jones, and Mr. DeMarco

Moved by Bemis Seconded by: Allen

Allen: aye, Bemis: aye, Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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TIME OUT: 7:51 p.m.

M: Bemis 2nd: Smith

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Allen: - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2025-63

The Board went back into Executive Session to discuss the discipline of a public employee. Mr. Scott Bauer and Mr. Mike Mandeville were invited to this session along with Dr. Kristin Kaple-Jones and Mr. DeMarco.

TIME IN: 7:52 p.m.

Moved by Helmstetter Seconded by: Allen

Allen: aye, Bemis: aye, Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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TIME OUT: 8:16 p.m.

M: Bemis 2nd: Smith

Allen: - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

2025-65

The Board re-entered Executive Session to discuss building projects. Dr. Kaple Jones and Mr. DeMarco joined the Board.

TIME IN: 8:17 p.m.

Moved by Bemis Seconded by: Smith

Allen: aye, Bemis: aye, Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

TIME OUT: 8:22 p.m.

M: Bemis 2nd: Smith

Allen: - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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XII. ADJOURNMENT: 9:14 Time: p.m.

M: Bemis 2nd: Allen

Allen: - Bemis: aye Helmstetter: aye Ruggles: aye Smith: aye

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Attest:

Board President:

Treasurer:

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