

ISD 129 – MONTEVIDEO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting
Held March 9, 2026, in Montevideo, MN

Vice Chairman Shourds called the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #129 to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026, in the District Board Room of Montevideo Middle School.

Members present were Wibben, Norman, Miller, Birhanzl, and Shourds. The Member absent was Stenson. Superintendent Skjeveland and members of the staff were also present.

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

Kati Birhanzl provided an update on the high school CEO Entrepreneurship Opportunities Class.

Principal Huntley provided an update to the Board on the Hawk Pride Awards Program happening at the Middle School.

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

- Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026
- Special Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026
- March Board Bills

TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND

GENERAL FUND	\$	222,483.92
FOOD SERVICE	\$	170,934.76
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$	4,341.45
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$	31,763.88
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	\$	-
DEBT SERVICE	\$	5,250.00
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$	6,997.41
MINN RIVER VALLEY ED DIST	\$	46,316.98
MRVED COMMUNITY EDUCATION	\$	1,130.85
TOTAL BY FUND	\$	489,219.25

- Treasure Report
- Budget Report
- Personnel Actions
 - Resignations/Retirements: Valerie Garza, Special Ed Paraprofessional, Ramsey Elementary
Amanda Macziewski resigned as Head Coach of the Gold Duster Dance Team. Elizabeth Guertz is resigning as a Title 1 Teacher from Sanford Elementary at the end of the 25-26 school year.
Gabi VanSickle is resigning as Library/Media Assistant at the end of the 25–26 school year.
Allie Virnig is resigning as Library/Media Assistant at the end of the 25–26 school year.
 - Terminations: Michael Harrison, Custodian, High School
- Resolution Accepting a Gift, Donation, Contribution, or Bequest – Chappell Central donated \$3,000 toward the purchase of a CNC machine for the Welding department. Steve Birkey donated \$200 toward the Plasma cutter for the welding department. The Harlan Strand Trust has donated \$15,000 towards the Special Ed Department. Eric & Pam Baukol donated \$500 toward the welding department. 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 a report on the Curriculum Committee, Director Birhanzl provided a report on the Activities Committee.
- Student Representative Report
- Administrators Report

Discussion Items:

Director Shourds provided an update on the facilities project timeline. Director Wibben provided an update on the MSBA Day at the Capitol. Policy 534 has revisions and will be brought back for approval in April.

Action Items:

Motion by Director Miller and seconded by Director Norman to approve policies 516 and 516.5 as presented. The motion carried.

Motion by Director Norman and seconded by Director Wibben to approve the 26-27 Student Fees and Expenses as presented. The motion carried.

Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Miller to approve the Achievement and Integration Budget as presented. The motion carried.

Motion by Director Wibben and seconded by Director Norman to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract for Alyssa Granatir, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Norman and seconded by Director Miller to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract for Debbie Christians, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Miller and seconded by Director Birhanzl to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract for Mikaylah Zimmerman, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher 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 Wibben to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract for McKenzie Landmark, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Wibben and seconded by Director Norman to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract for Alex Ourada, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Norman and seconded by Director Miller to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the teaching contract for David Vane, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Motion by Director Miller and seconded by Director Birhanzl to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the contract for Rachel Smilovici, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher 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 Wibben to adopt by Resolution, the termination and non-renewal of the contract for Nicole Sannerud, a Non-tenured Probationary Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. After a roll call vote, all members voted Aye, and the motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Director Birhanzl and seconded by Director Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.