

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Work Session

May 11, 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>	<u> </u>
Mr. Jenkins	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Myers	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Sabbadini	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Terrasi	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Vincent	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Williams	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

Board Members Absent: None

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. 2026/2027 Budget Discussion

Audio recording timestamp 1:11 until 1:51:56

The Board continued discussion regarding the development of the 2026/2027 budget and reviewed information related to district operations, programs, and potential efficiencies supporting long-term financial planning. Administration provided updates and clarification regarding academic supports, school-based health services, childcare programming, athletics, transportation, and facility usage. Board Members asked questions to better understand the roles and responsibilities of academic support staff and health-related services available to students and families. Additional discussion focused on childcare programming, including program structure and opportunities for future sustainability. Board Members also commented on athletics and transportation considerations, asking questions about student participation, transportation models, and ways to maintain quality opportunities and access for students while supporting operational goals. The discussion also included facility use practices and additional areas for ongoing review as budget planning continues.

2. Trojan Academy

Audio recording timestamp 1:55:26 until 2:49:58

The Board received an update and participated in discussion regarding the ongoing development and future direction of the Trojan Academy program and its efforts to provide alternative pathways and supports for students. Administration shared information regarding program structure, student eligibility, staffing, growth, and outcomes, noting continued efforts to support students experiencing academic, attendance, behavioral, and credit-related challenges. Board Members asked questions and provided comments regarding the program's expansion plans, student selection criteria, and how students transition between traditional learning environments and Trojan Academy supports. Additional discussion focused on program implementation, operational processes, and opportunities to further evaluate and track student outcomes and program effectiveness. Board Members also commented on the importance of ensuring students have access to individualized supports and pathways that promote student success while maintaining a focus on meeting district and state expectations.

C. Public Commentary

Audio recording timestamp 2:50:30 until 3:01:05

Melody Holland: Trojan Academy

Jackie Close: Trojan Academy

D. Board Member Commentary

Audio recording timestamp 3:01:19 until 3:03:46

Mrs. Vincent: Trojan Academy, Board Policy & Governance

Mr. Heck: Budget work and Trojan Academy

E. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sabbadini; support by Mrs. Williams that the 5:30p.m., May 11, 2026, Special Work Session of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 “hand” vote at 8:40 p.m.

Mary Vincent, Secretary