

MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Work Session

April 13, 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. 6-8 ELA Curriculum Adoption

Audio recording timestamp 1:20 until 51:22

The Board received a presentation from Andrea Wylie, Curriculum Specialist, along with School Improvement Coaches: Brooke Plooy, Ashley Cornett, Jennifer Abram, Gretchen Elliot, 7th Grade ELA Teacher; and Angela Orr, 8th Grade ELA Teacher, regarding the proposed adoption of HMH Into Literature as the English Language Arts curriculum for grades 6–8. This program would align with the district’s existing K–5 HMH Into Reading curriculum and support stronger literacy instruction across grades K–8. Board Members asked how the program supports students performing below grade level, how much of the instruction is digital versus print-based, and whether professional development would fit within the current schedule. Staff shared positive early experiences from the pilot, highlighting student engagement, embedded grammar and vocabulary instruction, and the benefit of having both digital and print resources. Board Members also commented positively on the consistency between grade levels, the rigor of the materials, and the encouraging classroom experiences they had observed during school visits.

2. 2026/2027 Budget Update

Audio recording timestamp 51:38 until 1:55:13

The Board received an update on budget planning, including the status of the voluntary severance plan and additional strategies being reviewed to help address the district’s financial needs. Administration shared that 17 certified staff members had elected the severance option so far and shared that the district would now begin evaluating which of these positions will need to be filled. The Board also continued discussion regarding Orchard Center High School. Administration shared that Monroe High School now offers expanded pathways and supports that allows students to access a broader range of opportunities in one location while still maintaining strong support systems. Board Members asked for clarification on the projected savings connected to the proposed consolidation of Orchard Center High School with Monroe High School, how staffing and facility costs factor into those estimates, and how the change would affect students, staff, and future programming. Board Members also noted the importance of preserving the strengths of the Orchard program, carefully considering the impact of any transition.

C. Public Commentary

Audio recording timestamp 1:55:29 until 2:08:10

Carol Bollenberg: OCHS

Kathleen Gftos: Orchard

Chantele Steffens: Orchard

Jen Poupard: Trojan Academy

D. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sabbadini; support by Mrs. Terrasi that the 5:30 p.m., April 13, 2026, Special Work Session of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 7-0 “hand” vote at 7:38 p.m.

Mary Vincent, Secretary