

# MONROE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board Meeting

April 20, 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. Opening Items

1. President Heck called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: President Tom Heck, Vice-President Darla Myers, Treasurer Kerri Williams, Parliamentarian Brian Sabbadini, Trustee Gary Jenkins

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

Board Members Absent: Secretary Mary Vincent, Trustee Stacey Terrasi

Administrators Present: Andrew Shaw, David Malolepszy

Administrators Absent: Cassie Shook, Cindy Flynn, Terry Joseph, David Payne

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Board Discussion and Action Items****1. New Business – Action/Discussion Items****a. Closed Session I**

Motion by Mr. Sabbadini; support by Mrs. per MCL - Section 15.268 (b) to consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of a student if the public body is part of the school district, intermediate school district, or institution of higher education that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote at 5:30 p.m.

**Open session resumed at 6:10 p.m.****b. Recommendation**

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mr. Sabbadini that Student A be expelled from Monroe Public Schools for 180 days with enrollment in Monroe Virtual with no seat time

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**c. Open Session II**

This meeting was held to consider disciplinary action against Student B. The student and the students' parents were not in attendance. Student B and their parent/guardian spoke with Mr. Malolepszy and Mr. Drew and opted not to attend the hearing. Student B has been separated from school since March 27, 2026, in accordance with the Monroe Public Schools Disciplinary Mandates on Fighting.

Superintendent Andrew Shaw explained the process that would take place.

Superintendent Shaw will ask a member of the administration to present information to the Board, and the Board will have an opportunity to ask questions and hold discussions.

Orchard Center High School Principal, James Drew, presented information regarding the incident that occurred on March 27, 2026, which led to the administration's recommendation for a long-term suspension until the end of the 2025/2026 school year with enrollment in Monroe Virtual with no seat time in accordance with the Monroe Public Schools Disciplinary Mandates, Monroe Public Schools Code of Conduct, and the State of Michigan School Code. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions and hold discussion regarding the information and facts presented.

**b. Recommendation**

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mr. Sabbadini that Student B be expelled from Monroe Public Schools for 180 days with enrollment in Monroe Virtual with no seat time.

Motion by Ms. Myers; support by Mr. Sabbadini to amend the original motion to include that a full Board reinstatement hearing be required prior to Student B returning to school.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

**4. Public Commentary**

None at this time.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion by Mrs. Williams; support by Mr. Sabbadini that the April 20, 2026, Special Board Meeting of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 5-0 hand vote at 6:40 p.m.

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**Mary Vincent, Secretary**