

MONTPELIER ROXBURY
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Montpelier High School
Wednesday, June 17, 2026
MINUTES

Approved: 7/2/2026

Present

Board: Mia Moore, Rhett Williams, Scott Lewins, Jake Feldman, Tim Duggan, Justin Tease,
Kristin Cantu, Ella Yeargin, Kasey Kathan

Administration: Libby Bonesteel, Micheal Berry, Nick Conner,

Students:

Absent:

Call to Order at 6:29 pm

- Public Comment - No public comment was offered.

Consent Agenda

- Warrants:
 - [06-05-2026 AP Warrant Report](#)
 - [06-05-2026 Payroll Warrant Report](#)
- [Superintendent's Report](#)
- Minutes of the:
 - [05-27-2026 Operations Committee Meeting](#)
 - [06-01-2026 Equity and Engagement Committee Meeting](#)
 - [06-03-2026 School Board Meeting](#)
 - [06-10-2026 Policy Committee Meeting](#)
 - [06-12-2026 Operations Committee Meeting](#)
- Resignation
- New Hire
- Approve contract for ReArch - window project

All in favor of the consent agenda at 6:36 pm. The new hire of Emma Stears for the open early childhood special education position. The board accepted the resignation of Ryan Humke.

Board Discussion

[Spring Academic Assessment Report](#) (30 minutes); [slide show](#)

The board received a presentation from Micheal Berry, Director of Curriculum and Technology & Nick Conner, Director of Student Engagement and Data, regarding the spring academic data. The data shows that MRPS scores considerably higher than the state on all measures and literacy and math both show an upward growth trend. The number of students in need of remediation continues to decline suggesting an effective multi-tiered system of support. The district will continue its focus on math first instruction as this is an opportunity for significant future growth. 2026 VTCAP (statewide testing) scores are not available yet.

Community Engagement Report

Board Chair, Mia Moore, discussed metrics for community engagement and board goals that were created in 2023. Overall, there is a high level of satisfaction rate reported by caregivers on the caregiver survey regarding their partnership with their child's school. The board will continue to discuss how best to engage with the public, particularly as merger conversations become more prominent.

H.955 Update

The board appointed Superintendent Libby Bonesteel to serve as the MRPS representative to CESA board.

- *Motion made by Scott Lewins and seconded by Jake Feldman. Unanimous approval made at 8:11pm.*

Superintendent Libby Bonesteel provided the board and community with an overview of H.955 regarding mandatory merger committees and voluntary mergers, Cooperative Educational Service Agencies (CESAs), and the unknowns about the upcoming change to a foundation formula. The board will need to select a representative from their ranks to serve on the merger committee by September 15, 2026.

Other Board Business - preparing for the annual planning meeting

Board Member, Justin Tease, informed the board about the upcoming visioning process that will occur on July 2, 2026. The board will receive a survey soon that gives board members an opportunity to conduct a asynchronous SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis. Themes will be drawn from the results (inclusive of administrative ideas as well) so that the board can create goals and their work plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Policy Monitoring

F3 Fire & Emergency Preparedness: Monitoring Report

- *Motion to approve made by Ella Yeargin and seconded by Justin Tease. Unanimous approval made at 8:21pm.*

Executive Session

"I move to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the board's contract with Breadloaf and potentially other contract management firms would place the board at a substantial disadvantage because the board risks disclosing its negotiation strategy if it discusses the proposed contract terms in public."

- *Motion made by Kasey Kathan and seconded by Tim Duggan. Unanimous approval made at 8:21.*

Adjournment

- *On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:54 pm.*

Libby Bonesteel
Recorder