



Board of Education Meeting Recap – January

[Recording of Meeting](#)

Timestamps:

- 00:10 Pledge of Allegiance
 - 00:40 Student of the Month Recognition
 - 05:30 Organizational Meeting
 - 12:05 Financial Reports & January Financial Amendment Update
 - 23:35 Discussion Topics - Grading Scale for College Courses
 - 29:25 Administrative Reports
 - 51:55 Senior Trip
 - 53:06 Grading Scale Update
 - 53:33 EMC Program of Study Approval
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Recognitions

Our December Students of the Month were invited to the Board meeting to be recognized for their accomplishment. Mrs. Klocinski shared details about each student, and they joined the Board for a group picture.

- **November Junior High Students of the Month:** Tessa Orr & Kaidance Ryder (both pictured below)



- **November High School Students of the Month:** Vivian Pulcifer & Monty Slinker

Organizational Meeting (every January)

★ Election of Officers

- President - Keith Olmstead
- Vice President - Carrie Franzen
- Secretary - Abby Stanger
- Treasurer - Emily Hamilton

★ The Board approved the [Board meeting schedule](#) for calendar year 2026.

★ The Board designated First Merchants Bank, Old National Bank, and Huntington Bank of New York as the depositories of school funds.

★ The Board designated the Board Treasurer, Mrs. Adra Stevens, and Mr. August Ost as Designate and Alternative Signatory for School funds, including the General Fund checking, Payroll Fund checking, Debt 2020 checking, and Debt 2015 checking accounts.

★ The Board designated the Board Treasurer, Mrs. Adra Stevens, and Mr. August Ost as Designate Signatory for the State and Federal Categorical Projects.

★ Thrun Law firm was designated at the district's legal counsel for 2026.

★ The Board approved to maintain the Board member salary amounts at \$32 per meeting.

★ The Monroe News and Dundee Independent were designated at the newspapers for legal announcements.

★ The Board approved a continued membership with REMC, MiDeal, and HPS, as outlined in policy 6440.

★ Jessica Preston was designated to conduct all election duties.

Regular Board Meeting

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Stevens shared the amended budget for the current school year. At this time, the district is overspending by \$480,805. Assuming our fund balance will need to be used to cover that difference, Mrs. Stevens shared that our year end fund balance is anticipated to be \$1,964,907.

Discussion Item: Update to Grading Scale

Mrs. Klockinski led a discussion on updating the grading scale for college level courses from a 4.0 scale to a 5.0 scale.

Senior Trip 2026

The Board approved the senior class trip for 2026. This trip is scheduled for April 29th through May 4th.

Grading Scale

The Board approved updating the grading scale for college level courses from a 4.0 scale to a 5.0 scale.

Early Middle College

The Board approved a five-year EMC program of study that requires enrollment in a math or math-related course to be taken in the fifth year for Early Middle College students starting as early as the 2026-2027 academic year