

Board of Education Workshop

Monday, September 8, 2025

4:30 PM

Montrose Elementary School of Innovation

100 - 2nd St S

Montrose, MN 55363

REPORT

Present: Angie Greig, Amanda Lawrence, Bob Sansevere, Adam Bjorklund,
Sheila Smude, Mike Honsey, Matt Hoffman

Absent: none

1. Presentation: Montrose Elementary School of Innovation

Principal Tony Steffes

Shared information about school year celebrations and achievements. 100% of staff are certified in Catalyst. Working to increase MCA reading/math proficiency. Using UFLI for phonics. Working to help students persevere which they have noted as an area they are weak in.

Discussion – how MCA results are reported/calculated.

2. France Sister School Program

Jason Swanson, BHS French Teacher

2008 was the first trip to France and began the sister school relationship in 2011. 27 students will arrive October 8 through the 18th. Timed over fall break so there is some opportunity for travel and family experiences along with attending BHS class for one day and then one day at the U of M. 25 BHS students will tour France in April over our spring break.

3. Spring Activities Report

A. BHS

Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director

Goal is to create opportunities for students so that they want to attend school. Good seasons for spring activities and steady participation. Many academic awards.

Discussion: thankful for so many opportunities besides the core sports. Thankful for coaches who work with new participants and also teachers who work with the activity schedules and students being absent from class.

B. BCMS

John Hayden, BCMS Activities Director

Thankful for improvements of outdoor spring activity areas. Total participation numbers are good. Track and Field has created a partnership with Orono, Eastern Carver County, STMA and Waconia.

4. Parent Survey Results

Paul Downer, Communications Coordinator

Survey was conducted from May 28-June 11. Response rate was 23.3% with 1279 total responses. 83% are satisfied with child's overall experience in our school district. Mainly due to positive interactions. Some concerns about behaviors and class sizes. What do we do well – caring teachers/staff, opportunities. What can we do better – student behavior, class sizes, increased academic rigor. A summary of survey responses were reviewed for individual buildings. Will continue to analyze results. Will provide a summary report to families and look at changes for next spring's survey.

5. Levy Certification Update

Ryan Tangen, Director of Finance and Operations

Total projected levy is \$22,317,427.12 which is a decrease from the prior year. The tax levy report from MDE was not available for this report. Overall, a residential homestead property valued at \$300,000 will see an estimated annual tax decrease of about \$63 for the Pay 2026 levy. Adjustments will be finalized for the September 22 levy presentation.

6. 1st Day Enrollment 2025

Scott Thielman, Superintendent

We are at 11 above elementary projection of 2117. Disappointed in kindergarten numbers. Middle School and High School are well above projections but student numbers are counting students as 1.0 and have not been calculated for shared-time status. BHS Online program has 106 students signed up.

7. Committee Reports

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Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.