

**Annual Board of Finance, Organizational Board Meeting,
Public Hearing and Special Meeting
Co-Lab
553 E. Miller Drive
Bloomington, Indiana
Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

Members present: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

Swearing in Ceremony:

Attorney Kate DeWeese presented the oath of office to elected board members April Hennessey, Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, and Tiana Iruoje.

Annual Board of Finance

Call to Order: President April Hennessey called the Annual Board of Finance meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Officers of the Board of Finance - Approval of the Officers of the Board of School Trustees as elected in the Organizational meeting, were declared the Officers of the Board of Finance of the Monroe County School Corporation. Motion by Ashley Pirani, second by Brandon Shurr

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

Per Indiana Code (I.C.) 5-13-7-7, Mr. Kenny presented the written Investing Officer's Report and Policy 6144: Investment Income. The report provided the name of each financial institution with whom the school corporation invested money during the previous calendar year (2024).

[See the full report here.](#)

Mr. Kenny continued with the Financial Condition of the Corporation Report under I.C. 5-15-7-8. The report must assess the corporation's financial condition using the fiscal and qualitative indicators determined under I.C. 20-19-17-4. Mr. Kenny began his presentation with graphs comprising the fiscal and qualitative indicators referred to as the "school dashboard" of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (DUAB). The fiscal and qualitative indicators provided by DUAB cover time frames through December 31, 2023, and the MCCSC shows no sign of financial distress as of December 31, 2023.

In addition, Mr. Kenny presented two additional slides provided by MCCSC financial advisor, Baker Tilly as a summary of the DUAB 2023 information and a projection for 2024 using the same spotlight format. (The information is presented in a spotlight format: green = solid foundation, yellow = caution/investigate, red = concern.) The 2023 showed three of the nine indicators in yellow three (average daily membership, surplus/deficit, and referendum revenue as a percentage of total revenues). The 2024 estimated fiscal indicators show five of the nine indicators in yellow (average daily membership, fund balance, surplus/deficit, fund balance as a percentage of expenditures, and referendum revenue as a percentage of total revenues). Mr. Kenny stated there are "some unique challenges MCCSC will face" in the near future. This information will be presented in the coming weeks and months. Some of this information has been presented previously at a Parent University event and in prior board meetings. Some of the challenges include declining enrollment since 2019, which led to less revenue in the education fund, expenditures exceeding revenues in the education

and operation fund, property tax caps in the referendum funds and operations fund, anticipated legislative changes, and increased medical expenses year over year.

[See the full report here.](#)

The Annual Board of Finance meeting ended at 6:19 p.m.

Organizational Board Meeting

Call to Order: President Hennessey called the organizational meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Board Officers were approved:

President of the Board of School Trustees: April Hennessey

Vice-President of the Board of School Trustees: Erin Cooperman

Secretary of the Board of School Trustees: Ross Grimes

Assistant Secretary to the Board of School Trustees: Erin Wyatt

Motion by April Hennessey, second by Ross Grimes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

The following items were approved:

The 2025 Board Calendar of Regular Meetings was presented and approved.

Motion by Ross Grimes, second by Ashley Pirani

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

Resolution 2025-01 – Board Member Compensation for the Year 2025

Resolution 2025-02 – Use of Facsimile for Signatures

Annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement – Brandon Shurr

Motion by Ashley Pirani, second by Brandon Shurr

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

Appointment of the Legal Counsels for the Corporation

Appointment of School Corporation Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer: John Kenny and Adam Terwilliger

Recommend Authorization for the Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer to Invest Corporation Funds

Appointment of Executive Secretary to the Board of School Trustees: Karen Butcher

Motion by Ross Grimes, second by Tiana Iruoje

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

Ex Officio Committee appointments were approved as presented:

ISBA Legislative Liaison: Ashley Pirani

MCCS Foundation Board: Erin Cooperman

Insurance Committee: Ross Grimes

High Ability Task Force-Broad Based Planning Committee: Tiana Iruoje

MCCSC Health Council: Erin Wyatt

Redevelopment Commission–board appointed: Sam Fleener

Motion by April Hennessey, second by Ross Grimes

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

Non-Board Appointments were approved as presented:

MCCSC Building Committee – Jim Muehling, Sarah Rogers, and Martha Street

Monroe County Solid Waste Citizen's Advisory Committee – Brad Lucas

Monroe County Library Board – Whitney Eads

Motion by Ross Grimes, second by Brandon Shurr

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

Adjournment – President Hennessey adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Public Hearing

Call to Order: Board President Hennessey called the hearing on a proposed superintendent contract to order at 6:21 p.m.

President Hennessey recapped the timeline and statutes the Board followed for the hearing on a proposed superintendent contract.

Public Comment: One member of the public made comment.

President Hennessey closed the hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Special Meeting began at 6:24 p.m.

The Board met in a special meeting to approve the contract and introduce the new superintendent, Dr. Markay Winston, for the Monroe County Community School Corporation.

The contract was recommended for approval and Dr. Markay Winston was introduced as the new MCCSC Superintendent. Motion by Ashley Pirani, second by Tiana Iruoje

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Erin Cooperman, Ross Grimes, April Hennessey, Tiana Iruoje, Ashley Pirani, Brandon Shurr and Erin Wyatt

President Hennessey stated her gratitude for Dr. Winston's service over the past eight years as part of the MCCSC. She went on to thank Dr. Winston for her wisdom, intelligence, compassion, and desire to lead the corporation "with a careful and cautious hand."

Superintendent Winston thanked the board and community for the honor of serving the corporation, the community, families and especially the students for which she serves. Dr. Winston expressed gratitude to those who worked alongside her, especially the past six months, and her family for their support and encouragement, stating she will continue to build on the historical excellence of Monroe County Community Schools as she steps into the role of Superintendent.

President Hennessey closed the special meeting at 6:35 p.m.