

Minutes of Joint Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees Lakeview School District

A Joint Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lakeview School District, Battle Creek Public Schools, Harper Creek Community Schools, and Pennfield Schools was held Monday, September 23, 2024, beginning at 6:15 PM in the Lakeview High School Black Box, 15060 Helmer Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Eric Greene called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

A. Lakeview

Eric Greene, President – Present

Aisha Coulson-Walters, Vice President – Present

Jeff Perry, Treasurer – Present

Dr. Michael Glass, Trustee – Present

Sara Johnson, Trustee – Present

Melissa Metzger, Trustee – Present

B. Battle Creek

Patty Poole-Gray, President – Present

Charlie Fulbright, Vice President – Present

Nathan Grajek, Treasurer – Present

Art McClenney, Secretary – Present

Dr. Elishae Johnson, Trustee – Present

Catherine LaValley, Trustee – Present

Dr. Nicole Perry, Trustee – Absent

C. Harper Creek

Beau Bess, President – Present

Barry Smith, Vice President – Absent

Dr. Dale Borders, Treasurer – Absent

Erin Allwardt, Secretary – Absent

Brad Halverson, Trustee – Present

Sara Wallace, Trustee – Present

Chae Waterson, Trustee – Present

D. Pennfield

Dawn Forton, President – Present

Brad Crandall, Vice President – Absent

Tim Wood, Treasurer – Absent

Sarah Jones, Secretary – Present

Jennifer Sheldon, Trustee – Present (6:19 PM)

Stephen Herbstreith, Trustee – Present

Sarah LeBreton, Trustee – Present

Staff and community members were present at the meeting.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Welcome (Eric Greene—Lakeview, President)

Eric Greene, Lakeview School District's board president, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. A moment of silence was observed to honor Kathleen Moore, a former Lakeview School District Board Member who also served as a Board Director of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB).

IV. Public Comment

A member of the public may address the Board briefly (up to three minutes) or may request to be scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting.

Eric Greene gave a brief overview of the public comment process.

The following person participated in public comment:

- *Elizabeth Insley, 244 Watkins Ln, commented on continuing Joint Board Meetings.*

V. Introduction of Jen Smith (Charlie Fulbright—Battle Creek, Vice President)

Charlie Fulbright, Battle Creek Public School's board vice-president, introduced Jen Smith, MASB's Director of Government Relations.

VI. Legislative Update: Jen Smith—MASB

Jen Smith gave a legislative update on educational policies.

VII. Q & A (Board Members and Admin only)

Board members and administrators asked Jen Smith various questions relating to educational policies.

VIII. Public Comment

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The following person participated in public comment:

- *Mary Jane Cipcic, 198 Apperson Rd, commented on parent involvement and legislative advocacy.*

IX. Adjournment

A. Pennfield

Dawn Forton, Board President, adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

B. Harper Creek

Beau Bess, Board President, adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

C. Battle Creek

Patty Poole-Gray, Board President, adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

D. Lakeview

Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Dr. Michael Glass supported the Lakeview Board of Education's approval to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Ayes – 6

Nays – 0

Motion Carried