

Regular Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern

Conference Room of the Administration
Building
1400 South Dearing Road
Parma, MI 49269

Kacy Cooper: Absent
Gale Easton: Present
Blaine Goodrich: Present
Jason Herrington: Present
Brent Oliver: Present
Dr. John Sheets: Present
Taryn Watterson: Absent
Present: 5, Absent: 2.

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:00pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

C. Approval of Agenda:

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

D. Celebration of Excellence:

D.1. School Board Appreciation Month

Superintendent Smajda took a moment to honor and appreciate the Western Board of Education. Our administrators provided various gifts and dessert was provided at the end of the meeting.

E. Building Reports:

E.1. Warner Elementary

Warner Elementary Principal, Matt Desmarais, gave a presentation highlighting the positive things happening at Warner, including several professional development opportunities provided by some of our dynamic staff.

E.2. Western Middle School

Western Middle School Principal, Brett Hackworth, highlighted the recent AI professional development provided to staff and then demonstrated by sharing a recording of an AI generated update on the things happening at the middle school and a fun song devoted to the board.

F. Hearing of Citizens:

None.

G. Student Council Report:

Student Council members updated the board on several things happening at the high school, in addition to a few upcoming events.

H. Approval of Minutes:

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the minutes as presented. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

H.1. December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

H.2. January 13, 2025 Work Session

I. Treasurer's Report:

Board Treasurer, Brent Oliver, gave a recap of the December check register.

I.1. Financial Statements

I.2. Bills for Payment

I.3. Budgets to Date

I.4. Green Revolving Fund Update

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the movement of \$450, 000 from the Green Revolving Fund to the General Fund. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

I.5. Bus Fleet Information

I.6. Bus Purchase Consideration

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the purchase of 2 buses as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations:

J.1. Personnel

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the personnel report as presented. This motion, made by Jason Herrington and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea,

Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J.1.a. Resignations

J.1.a.1) Shari Baker-Elementary STEM Teacher

J.1.a.2) Jill Dockery-Middle School Secretary

J.1.a.3) Chris Goodloe- HS Parapro

J.1.a.4) Cohen Spitzer- Varsity Baseball Asst.

J.1.a.5) Dennis Pombier-MS Football

J.1.a.6) Matt Phelps- Varsity Soccer Asst.

J.1.a.7) Mason Gillespie- JV Football Asst.

J.1.a.8) Terri Pardee- Summer School Coordinator

J.1.a.9) Lindsey Walicki- MS Track

J.1.b. Appointments

J.1.b.1) Mishawn Wilcox- HS Spanish Teacher

J.1.b.2) Cody Bentley- Head Varsity Football Coach

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the coach appointment as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.
Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
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J.1.b.3) Jerry Meredith- JV Football

J.1.b.4) Steve Rice- MS Track

J.1.b.5) Stacy Cooper- Varsity Girls' Track

J.1.b.6) Sarah Hudie- Bean Parapro

J.1.b.7) Selena Guzman- Bean Parapro

J.1.c. New Position- WSD Technical Services Director

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to add the position as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.
Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J.1.d. Unpaid Leave of Absence- Rachel Hoffman

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Rachel Hoffman as presented. This motion, made by Jason Herrington and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.
Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea,

Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J.1.e. Unpaid Leave of Absence- Valerie Ferency

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the leave of absence as presented with up to 4 months of district provided insurance up to the cap. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J.2. Facilities

Brian Boyer (Jones Construction) gave a brief update on the Western Elementary construction progress.

J.3. Curriculum

J.3.a. FAFSA Graduation Requirements

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approved the FAFSA Graduation Requirements as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J.3.b. Field Trips

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the field trips as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J.3.b.1) Youth in Government

J.3.b.2) 7th Grade Cedar Point Trip

J.3.b.3) Boys' Golf Trip

K. Board Reports:

L. Other Business:

L.1. Organizational Protocol

L.1.a. Election of Officers

It is the recommendation of the board to elect officers to the positions listed in the decription. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
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It is the recommendation of the board to close nominations for office positions. This

motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.
Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea,
Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

L.1.b. 2025 Board Committee Assignments

L.1.c. Consent Agenda

It is the recommendation of the Board of Education to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Dr. John Sheets and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.
Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea,
Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

L.1.c.1) Secretary Delegation of Duties

L.1.c.2) Establish Board Meeting Dates

L.1.c.3) Name Depositor of School District Funds

L.1.c.4) Check Signature Authorization

L.1.c.5) Deferred Compensation Administrators

L.1.c.6) Authorized Purchase Card Holders

L.1.c.7) Legal Counsel Designation

L.1.c.8) Auditor Designation

L.1.d. Board Member Ethics

M. Closed Session:
None.

N. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.