

Board Work Session
Monday, February 10, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern

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

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

A. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Gale Easton, Board Secretary and President de facto, at 6:01pm.

B. Hearing of Citizens:
None.

C. Committee of the Whole:

C.1. Finance

C.1.a. Financial Reports

C.1.b. Check Register

A few questions were raised and clarifications given regarding check register entries.

C.1.c. Budgets to Date

There was discussion on the FY25 budget changes and the FY26 budget outlook, including a presentation of Executive Budget Recommendation and next steps for the budget process for FY26.

C.2. Facilities

C.2.a. Mercer Monthly Construction Update

C.2.b. WES Elementary - Bulletin #10 Approval

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve Bulletin 10, Option 3, as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Taryn Watterson, Passed.

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

Brian Boyer presented the options for Bulletin 10, storage water redesign, and recommended the district consider option #3, which was approved.

C.2.c. Dearing Road Sewer Project

Brian Boyer presented the updated information on the sewer project and connection for Western Elementary. A cost effective solution was presented and details discussed, but no action was taken at the meeting.

C.2.d. Disposition of Elementary Schools

Superintendent Smajda discussed the decommissioning of the current elementary buildings, referencing the benefits and cost to Western School District and the community and the long term impact of the buildings.

C.2.d.1) TMP Facility Assessment

C.3. Personnel

C.3.a. Resignations

C.3.a.1) Tammy Dimock-Parma Teacher

C.3.a.2) Colleen White-Comden-Elementary Social Worker

C.3.a.3) JT Shaw- Freshman Football

C.3.a.4) Kassandra Kohlhauer- Transportation

C.3.a.5) Ernie Wahtola- Varsity Football

C.3.a.6) Hannah Burns- MS Volleyball

C.3.a.7) Chloe Chaparro- HS Parapro

C.3.a.8) Appointments

C.3.a.8)a) Cody Gillaspie-Technical Services Director

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approved this appointment as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

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

Technology Director, Dave Hood, explained the need for a technical services director position as Western transitions from the JCISD Technology Consortium to All Covered. Our current tech support, Cody Gillaspie, was recommended and approved to work under Dave's supervision in this new position.

C.3.a.8)b) Nicholas Girodat-HS Parapro

C.3.a.8)c) Maxwell Walz- HS Parapro

C.4. Curriculum

C.5. Policy

D. Other Business:

D.1. MASB Board of Directors Election

D.2. Student Council Luncheon Date

D.3. Reinventing the WEF

The Western Education Foundation (WEF) will again be managed by the district rather than by the Jackson Community Foundation (JCF). Parent/community involvement opportunities were discussed, and Gale Easton and Brent Oliver have volunteered to be a the committee for this.

D.4. **Honoring Our Elementary Schools:**

Superintendent Smajda led a discussion regarding the best way to honor our elementary schools as they combine into one. Ideas, including an interactive digital display board, were shared. Taryn Watterson and Gale Easton volunteered to be on the committee for this cause.

E. Closed Session:

None.

F. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.