



**Minutes of the
Regular Board Of Education Meeting of
March 4, 2025**

I. Regular Board Meeting Called to Order - A Regular Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:30 pm on March 4, 2025, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, Michigan.

II. Roll Call – Board Secretary Carol Finkelstein called the roll.

Present: Board Members Marc Katz, Carol Finkelstein, Connie Williams, George Ehlert, Steven Gottlieb

Superintendent Ken Gutman, Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado, and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les were present.

III. Public Comments:

- Nahrein Atkinson expressed concern and shared a written statement regarding the process to fill the Oakland Community College Board vacancy.

IV. Information from the Superintendent and Administration

Legislative Update - A legislative report was provided by David Randels, Executive Director of Government Relations, Education Policy and Research.

Superintendent's Report:

- An energy report was presented by Charles Smith, Facilities Manager.
- An update on the Great Start Readiness Program was presented by District and School Services Early Childhood Consultants Dawn Koger, Tammy Arakelian, Krista Chambleau and Darlene Zimny.

V. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

1. Reports – None
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:

- a) Extension to Fill Oakland Community College Board of Trustees Vacancy – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Vice President Williams, to not grant the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees an extension and to have Oakland Community College submit the applications of all eligible candidates to the Oakland Schools Board of Education before March 15, 2025. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Williams-yes Finkelstein-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes

Motion carried 5/0

The Board President asked that the issue be added to the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2025, for further discussion.

- b) Approval of Minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meetings of February 18, 2025 – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Williams-yes Finkelstein-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Pre-Travel Requests of the Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2025 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Vice President Williams, to approve the pre-travel requests of March 4, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Williams-yes Finkelstein-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes

Motion carried 5/0

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B. Educational Services

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:

- a) Approval of Student Services Overnight Fieldtrips: Oakland Schools Technical Campuses – It was moved by Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the Overnight Field Trip Requests from Student Services on March 4, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Gottlieb – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Acceptance of Donation: Student Services Donations – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to accept the donation request submitted by Student Services on March 4, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The item(s) donated include a check donation in the amount of \$10,000, and a vehicle donation of a 2023 Volkswagen Tiguan with an estimated value of \$26,930.. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Gottlieb – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 5/0

C. Human Resources

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:

- a) Approval of Personnel List of March 4, 2025 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the personnel report of March 4, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Gottlieb – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 5/0

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D. Finance, Operations & Shared Services

1. Report - None
2. Discussion:
 - a) A first reading of Fiscal Year Budget Amendments: 2nd Amendment - Fiscal Year 2025 was conducted by the Board.
3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Purchase Order: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$86,907.00 to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the period October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Gottlieb – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 5/0

E. Technology Services

1. Reports - None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Contract Award: Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 to the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning for the period March 5, 2025 to June 30, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz – yes Williams – yes Finkelstein – yes Gottlieb – yes Ehlert – yes

Motion carried 5/0

VI. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board Trustee Ehlert and Board President Katz shared information regarding the Oakland Schools Scripps Regional Spelling Bee, which they attended on March 1, 2025, at Oakland University.

Board Secretary Finkelstein reminded everyone that the Oakland County School Board Association dinner meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2, at 6:00 pm at the Northwest Oakland Schools Technical Campus with tours at 5:15 pm and 5:30 pm. She mentioned that State Legislators have been invited to the event.

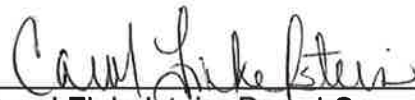
Board President Katz mentioned that the Michigan Association of School Boards has appointed him as Chair of the MASB Legal Trust Fund Committee.

Board President Katz reminded everyone that a Special Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, at 2:00 pm and the agenda will include safety and security training with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and a BoardDocs and Diligent system overview. He also mentioned that the March 18, 2025, Regular Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at the Southwest Oakland Schools Technical Campus. He stated that the Board Facilities Committee meeting will be held at the campus at 4:30 pm and a campus tour will be held at 5:30 pm.

VII. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

VIII. Adjournment – Board President Katz adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Approved on March 18, 2025



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary