

Board Work Session
Monday, May 12, 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: Absent
Brent Oliver: Present
Dr. John Sheets: Absent
Taryn Watterson: Absent
Present: 3, Absent: 4.

A. Call To Order:

At 6:02pm Gale Easton called the meeting to order as a committee, since a quorum was not present.

B. Hearing of Citizens:
NA

C. Committee of the Whole:

C.1. Finance

Financial reports were reviewed, and Finance Director, Amber Moore, shared the latest information on state-level budgets. The budgets are still not finalized at the state.

C.1.a. Financial Reports

C.1.b. Check Register

C.1.c. Budgets to Date

C.1.d. ISD Budget

C.2. Facilities

C.2.a. W.E. Construction Update

Mike Bullinger (Mercer) gave an update on the progress of the elementary construction. The front ponds are now being drained to the water retention ponds. All floors are poured, and topsoil will be laid for grass seeding before the end of June. Asphalt will be applied for the first coat to shape the site. The first floor is painted, and MEP rough-in has begun upstairs. The kitchen installation starts in July, and the elevator is ready for shipping.

C.2.b. WMS Gym Floor Refinishing

A proposal has been made to refinish and paint the WMS gym floor this summer. The cost will likely be under the required bid threshold, but it will still be presented to the board for official action.

C.2.c. Smart Boot Acquisition

Lockout has submitted a quote for the total replacement of the system at the new elementary school. Originally, the budget aimed to transfer the existing lockout system to the new building; however, due to the timing of the move, a new system is essential for ensuring full operation at both sites. The district is applying for a COPS grant to help address the related expenses.

C.3. Personnel

C.3.a. Resignations

C.3.a.1) John Berdiner- Varisty Football Assistant

C.3.b. Appointments

C.3.b.1) Allie Sweeney- Elementary Teacher

C.3.b.2) Quinn Natschke- Elementary Teacher

C.3.b.3) Carol Ann Brigham- Elementary Special Education Teacher

C.3.b.4) Ashley Norris- Elementary Teacher

C.3.b.5) Hayden Fortress- Middle School Social Studies Teacher

C.3.b.6) Sara Green- MS Volleyball

C.3.b.7) Lucas Sponsler- Varsity Cross Country

C.3.b.8) Sarah Nally- JV Girls Basketball

C.3.b.9) William Zegarlowicz- MS Football

C.3.b.10) Colleen Rennell- Food Service Sub

C.3.c. New Position-Technical Services Specialist

Superintendent Smajda provided an update on the alignment and roles within the technology department, indicating a transition from All Covered hiring an augmented services position to employing the individual for this role as a staff member of the Western School District.

C.4. Curriculum

The technology department provided an overview of the technology migration process. Cody Gillaspie shared a presentation containing the details and calendar events starting June 20, 2025, containing a possible undetermined blackout period. Alternative communication method during this timeframe were discussed.

C.5. Policy

D. Technology Migration

E. Other Business:

E.1. WHS Handbook Changes

WHS Principals, Jared Vickers and Aisleen Pack, shared recommendations for upcoming handbook changes. Highlights include FAFSA procedures, opt-out options, and make-up work policies determined by individual teachers. Graduation requirements will now include

Personal Finance standards within the Economics course. Additionally, updates for students with IEPs, in collaboration with JCISD Special Education, ensure they receive diplomas rather than certificates. Policies on taking online courses have also been updated.

E.2. ISD Election

E.3. Plow Truck Purchase (MiDeal)

The state bid site allows bypass of the bidding process. A plow truck is available that includes all our preferred features. Superintendent Smajda indicated that the budget has the necessary funds, but board approval is required to proceed. This will be an action item at the upcoming board meeting on May 19, 2025.

F. Closed Session:

G. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.