

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

7:00 PM, BOARD ROOM

HASLETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Present: Clark/Collins/Fritz/Polverento/Wawrzynski

Absent with notice: Bird/Stoliker

Staff: Malley/Lindbert/Kemmer-Slater/Lerch/Bennett/Fletcher/Lerch/Daza/Thornton

Guests: Wilcox/Mueller/J. Weaver/L. Weaver/M. Steigenga/A. Steigenga/Geiersbach/Kessner

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**1. Successful Graduation Ceremony**

Congratulations to Principal Brandy Butcher, high school staff, students and parent volunteers on a successful and well-organized ceremony and end-of-year activities.

**2. Staff Resignations**

A. Abigail Kersten, 5th Grade Teacher at Ralya, has requested a leave of absence for the 2025-26 school year.

B. Faith King, Resource Teacher at Wilkshire, has resigned effective June 5, 2025.

**3. Personnel Recommendations**

A. Zeb Bodtke is being recommended for the position of Resource Teacher at Ralya Elementary. Zeb received his Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University in Learning Disabilities and Upper Elementary Education.

B. Natalie Linebaugh is being recommended for the position of 5th grade teacher at Murphy Elementary. Natalie received a Bachelor of Arts in Upper Elementary Education and English as a Second Language from Michigan State University.

C. Haleigh Tait is being recommended for the position of 5th grade teacher at Murphy Elementary. Haleigh received her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Michigan State University.

D. Madison Lige is being recommended for the position of Social Studies teacher at the Middle School. Madison received her Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University and completed her internship with Eastern High School.

E. Raelene Barr is being recommended for the position of Special Education Teacher at the High School. Raelene received her Bachelor of Arts in Upper Elementary Education and Learning Disabilities from Michigan State University and completed her student teaching with Holt Public Schools.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**1. High School Art Trip to Chicago Summary (Attachment A)**

Kaylee Fletcher shared a video of the student art trip to Chicago. She reported that around 40 students attended with all enjoying the meaningful experience.

**2. Hiring/Retention, Family Engagement, & Bias Committee Reports (Attachment B)**

Katie Bennett, Equity Plan Facilitator, and Greg Daza, Director of Child Care, shared the progress being made through the work of the Hiring/Retention, Family Engagement, and Bias Committees. Mrs. Bennett also shared the initiative of "Our Words Matter" as a focus this past year and part of our initial all

district professional development as well as what is happening at each school around the district.

3. **2025-26 Budget Hearing (Attachment C)**

The District has met the legal requirements of a notice in the local newspaper that the board will hold a public hearing on the 2025-26 proposed General Operating Fund and School Services Fund Budget.

4. **Proposed 2024-25 Final Budget Amendment (Attachments D)**

Scott Kemmer-Slater, Director of Finance and Operations, recommended revisions to the 2024-25 General Operating Fund. The Finance/Facilities Committee met on June 5, 2025, to review the proposed 2024-25 budget amendment. The 2024-25 budget amendment will be on the consent agenda at the June 23, 2025, board meeting.

5. **Proposed 2025-26 Budget (Attachment E)**

It is recommended the board consider the proposed budget for the 2025-26 school year. Scott Kemmer-Slater, Director of Finance and Operations, presented the 2025-26 proposed General Operating Fund and School Services Fund Budget. The Finance/Facilities Committee met on June 5, 2025, to review the proposed 2025-26 Budget. The 2025-26 Budget will be on the consent agenda at the June 23, 2025, board meeting.

V. **BOARD REPORTS**

1. **Finance/Facilities Report**

Treasurer Wawrzynski reported that strategic pillars were discussed, renewal of MASB and MHSAA memberships were reviewed, and Scott Kemmer-Slater presented an overview of the 2024-25 budget update and the 2025-26 proposed budget.

2. **Policy/Personnel Committee**

Vice President Collins reported that meeting schedules for the 2025-26 board of education were reviewed as well as the MHSAA membership renewal. Nick Hamilton met with the committee regarding potential behavioral intervention positions, and Imagine 2030 pillars were reviewed.

3. **Items from Board Members**

Trustee Fritz reported he recently attended the election for the Ingham ISD board of education. Trustee Clark congratulated the staff on a wonderful graduation and is grateful for the time and effort of staff in creating such an event. Secretary Polverento enjoyed seeing the students at graduation and clarified why a student was wearing the mascot's boots.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Five Minute Time Limit)**

**Board Correspondence**

Secretary Polverento reported that emails were received from students, families, and staff.

**Correspondence from Public**

The following individuals presented public comment: S.E. Lerch/M. Steigenga/A. Steigenga/Wilcox/Kessner/Geiersbach/Daza

VII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SUPPORTED BY CLARK TO APPROVE:

1. THE MAY 12, 2025, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE JUNE 3, 2025, POLICY/PERSONNEL MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE JUNE 5, 2025, FINANCE/FACILITIES MINUTES, AS PRESENTED.
4. THE HIRING OF SALVATORE ANTONUCCI AS ENGLISH TEACHER AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.
5. THE APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO SPAIN IN THE SUMMER OF 2026, AS PRESENTED.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time limit for public participation during the meeting, as indicated on the agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO ECUADOR DURING SPRING BREAK OF 2027, AS PRESENTED.
7. MEMBERSHIP IN THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS LEGAL TRUST FUND FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR.
8. THE DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR.
9. TAX CERTIFICATION L-4029 OF THE TREASURERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OF MERIDIAN AND BATH, AND WOODHULL TOWNSHIP, FOR SUMMER TAX COLLECTION.
10. THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS: JULY 21, 2025; AUGUST 11 & 25, 2025; SEPTEMBER 8 & 22, 2025; OCTOBER 6 & 21\*, 2025; NOVEMBER 3 & 17, 2025; DECEMBER 8, 2025; JANUARY 12 & 26, 2026; FEBRUARY 9 & 24\*, 2026; MARCH 16, 2026; APRIL 13 & 27, 2026; MAY 11, 2026; JUNE 8 & 22, 2026. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HASLETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, UNLESS POSTED OTHERWISE. \*BOARD RETREATS WILL BE HELD AT THE MSU STEM TEACHING AND LEARNING FACILITY.

**Motion carried. Unanimous Vote: 5-0**

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on June 23, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 8:24 PM.

**Motion carried. Unanimous Vote: 5-0**

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

(S. Lerch, Recorder)