

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern

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

Kacy Cooper: Present
Gale Easton: Absent
Blaine Goodrich: Present
Jason Herrington: Absent
Brent Oliver: Present
Dr. John Sheets: Present
Taryn Watterson: Absent
Present: 4, Absent: 3.
Taryn Watterson: Present
Present: 5, Absent: 2.
Gale Easton: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.
Blaine Goodrich: Absent
Present: 5, Absent: 2.

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:09pm, directly following the budget hearing.

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 Brent Oliver, Passed.

Gale Easton: Absent, Jason Herrington: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Kacy Cooper: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

D. Celebration of Excellence:

E. Building Reports:

E.1. High School

Two Western High School seniors shared their experiences while attending Western School District and highlighted various important events in their educational journey.

E.2. Bean Elementary

Bean Elementary Principal, Jill Arcaro, gave a presentation highlighting the great things happening at Bean, including the recent field trips and fun end-of-year events taking place this month.

F. Hearing of Citizens:

NA

G. Student Council Report:

NA

H. Approval of Minutes:

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

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

H.1. April 28, 2025 Regular Meeting

H.2. May 12, 2025 Work Session

I. Treasurer's Report:

Board Treasurer, Brent Oliver, recapped the approval of the April bills for payment, and action was taken on the L-4029.

I.1. Financial Statements

I.2. Bills for Payment

I.3. Budgets to Date

I.4. 2025 L-4029 Approval

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the 2025 L-4029 as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

I.5. JCISD Budget

It is the recommendation of the board to approve the JCISD budget as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

I.6. Grant Applications (in progress)

Superintendent Smajda discussed various grants that are currently possibilities for Western.

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 Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.
Jason Herrington: Absent, Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

J.1.a. Resignations

J.1.a.1) John Berdiner- Varsity Football Assistant

J.1.a.2) Mallory Huss- Varsity Volleyball Asst.

J.1.a.3) Kelly Baker- Bean Playground Parapro

J.1.b. Appointments

J.1.b.1) Allie Sweeney- Elementary Teacher

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

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

J.1.b.2) Quinn Natschke- Elementary Teacher

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the appointment of Quinn Natschke as presented. This motion, made by Kacy Cooper and seconded by Taryn Watterson, Passed.

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

J.1.b.3) Carol Ann Brigham- Elementary Special Education Teacher

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the appointment of Carol Ann Brigham as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

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

J.1.b.4) Ashley Norris- Elementary Teacher

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the appointment of Ashley Norris as presented. This motion, made by Taryn Watterson and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

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

J.1.b.5) Hayden Fortress- Middle School Social Studies Teacher

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the appointment of Hayden Fortress as presented. This motion, made by Kacy Cooper and seconded by

Taryn Watterson, Passed.

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

J.1.b.6) Sara Green- MS Volleyball

J.1.b.7) Lucas Sponsler- Varsity Cross Country

J.1.b.8) Sarah Nally- JV Girls Basketball

J.1.b.9) William Zegarlowicz- MS Football

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the appointment of William Zegarlowicz as presented. This motion, made by Dr. John Sheets and seconded by Blaine Goodrich, Passed.

Jason Herrington: Absent, Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

J.1.b.10) Colleen Rennell- Food Service Sub

J.1.c. New Position-Technical Services Specialist

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

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

J.2. Talent Together: Apprentice Teacher

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the Talent Together Apprentice Teacher position. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Taryn Watterson, Passed.

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

Superintendent Smajda shared an opportunity to hire a teacher through a collaboration with Talent Together, which will pay the salary and other related costs for this teacher, as part of a new program to increase teacher workforce availability.

J.3. Facilities

J.3.a. WMS Gym Floor Refinishing

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

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

J.3.b. Smart Boot Acquisition

J.3.c. LDFA Update/Sewer Updates

Superintendent Smajda gave an update on the continued potential for collaboration with the LDFA regarding sewer capacity.

J.3.d. Western Elementary Update

J.3.d.1) Elementary Pavilion Sponsors

Superintendent Smajda suggested a potential sponsorship opportunity to assist with the costs of the Western Elementary pavilions.

J.3.d.2) Pedestrian Walkway

Superintendent Smajda gave an update about the possibility of a pedestrian walkway, and has contacted a company to seek further information regarding costs involved.

J.4. Curriculum

K. Board Reports:

L. Other Business:

L.1. ISD Election

It is the recommendation of the board to designate _____ as the ISD election representative and _____ as the alternate representative. The vote will be cast for _____. (All information will be included on the attached Resolution Form.). This motion, made by Dr. John Sheets and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Gale Eason was elected as the primary delegate and Kacy Cooper as the alternate. Votes will be cast for Erin Slater and Douglas Scott.

L.2. Superintendent Evaluation Training

The board would like to seek training at the August work session. Follow up on this request will be given.

L.3. WHS Handbook Changes

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approved the handbook changes as present. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

L.4. MHSAA Membership Resolution

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the MHSAA Resolution as presented. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Taryn Watterson, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

L.5. Plow Truck Purchase

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the purchase as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

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

L.6. Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day parade will take place on Monday, May 26 at 1:00pm.

L.7. Graduation Dates

Graduation dates were recapped in preparation for the final weeks of school.

M. Closed Session:

None.

N. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.