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June 20, 2025

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE
KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Kalamazoo Public Schools will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:45 p.m., in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1220 Howard Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49008. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2025-2026 budget.

The Board of Education may not adopt its proposed 2025-2026 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2025-2026 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Operations Department located at the Administration Building, 1220 Howard Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008.

The meeting will be live streamed on Public Media Network on the Live TV Channel PMN 5:
<https://publicmedianet.org/pmnn-five/>.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Kalamazoo Public Schools will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 1220 Howard Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. The meeting will be live streamed on Public Media Network on the Live TV Channel PMN 5: <https://publicmedianet.org/pmnn-five/>.

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent, and senior staff will have an informational dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's office area and will also discuss any matters that may come before the Board.

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Jennie Hill, Secretary
Board of Education

- ❖ Please contact the Superintendent's Office in advance of the meeting if auxiliary aids or services for individuals with disabilities are needed.
- ❖ Official minutes of Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education open meetings are available for inspection within eight working days of the meeting at the Superintendent's Office, 1220 Howard Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

POLICY
of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION
KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1.2 Public Participation During a Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Policy

While balancing legitimate privacy interests of students and staff, the Board of Trustees welcomes community input at public meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Specifics

1. Persons requesting to address the board will be asked to complete a sign-in sheet by the end of the public comment period. The portion of that sign-in sheet requiring completion will include: name, school district in which the person resides, and connection to/interest in the Kalamazoo Public Schools. The optional portion will be held private and will include: mailing address, email address, phone number, topic about which they will be speaking and, if authorized and applicable, the organization they represent.
2. The presiding board officer will invite persons to come to the podium in the order in which the sign-in sheets were completed.
3. If after 30 minutes everyone who has completed a sign-in sheet has not had the opportunity to address the board, the public comment period will be tabled and resume before adjournment.
4. Speakers have three minutes each and must stop speaking promptly when signaled.
5. Speakers may not address confidential student or personnel matters, but may submit such concerns to the board in writing.
6. Speakers are encouraged to provide the board with a written copy of their comments and other appropriate supporting documentation, which will be copied and distributed as needed to appropriate staff/personnel.
7. The public is required to exercise common courtesy during the meeting and must follow rule of order. The presiding board officer may terminate public comments that are profane, vulgar, or defamatory, especially if these comments result in a disturbance or breach of peace. Personal attacks against an employee or board member that are totally unrelated to his or her duties are prohibited. If a person engages in disruptive conduct or is out of order, the board presiding officer will strike his or her gavel and warn the person to discontinue their behavior. Further disruptions will result in the person being asked to leave. Refusal to leave will result in being escorted out of the building. (MCL 380.1808)

Adopted: February 13, 2003

Revised: December 17, 2009

Revised: June 25, 2013

Adopted: December 19, 2019

This policy supersedes all other policies on this issue.

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
1220 Howard Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
June 23, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
A G E N D A
(Revised 6/23/25)

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Acceptance of Agenda**
- IV. Attendance**
- V. Committee Reports/School Reports**
- VI. Correspondence**
- VII. Consent Calendar Items**
 - A. Minutes**
June 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B. Business and Financial Reports**
Purchase Recommendation 2025-40
 - C. Personnel Items**
Personnel Changes
- VIII. Reports and Recommendations**
 - A. Superintendent's Report**
 - B. Middle School Pilot Course Recommendations 2025-2026 Second Reading**
 - C. Millage Resolution**
 - D. Adoption of the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget and 2024-2025 Close Estimate Budget**
- IX. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (3-minute individual limit)**
- X. Other Business**
- XI. Comments by Trustees/Superintendent**
- XII. Closed Session (if needed)**
- XIII. Next Regular Board of Education Meeting: Thursday, July 17, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.**

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
1220 Howard Street
June 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

President TiAnna Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Acceptance of Agenda

President Harrison called for a motion to accept the agenda.

MOTION: Trustee Patti Sholler-Barber, supported by Secretary Jennie Hill, moved to accept the agenda.

Disposition: Voice vote; all in favor. The motion was carried unanimously by trustees present.

IV. Attendance

Board members present: TiAnna Harrison, Carol McGlinn, Karla Murphy, Jennie Hill, Patti Sholler-Barber, Takisha Johnson, and Yvonne Payton. Dr. Darrin Slade was also present.

V. Board Recognitions

Heather Kortlandt, director of the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, recognized students Sophia Barnard, Maya Mollberg, Georgia Edmonds, and Kate Risley.

Comments from the board / superintendent:

Jennie Hill

- Recognized the students' hard work for getting a green school title for a 100-year-old building.

Carol McGlinn

- Appreciated the great idea and follow-through. Recognized the thrifting clothes event.

Takisha Johnson

- Appreciated the students' leadership and was excited to see their next level after graduation.

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Stated the students made KPS proud.
- Appreciated that the students are teaching others and following through with their work.

Karla Murphy

- Asked how the students will make being a green school sustainable for the future. The students who recently graduated plan to meet with the new leadership group over the summer to share resources and contacts to continue the program.

Yvonne Payton

- Thanked them for their hard work. Looks forward to seeing colleges become green colleges as they move on.

Dr. Slade

- Commended all students who attend KAMSC.
- Recognized Heather Kortlandt for her hard work as a first-year director.

VI. Committee Reports/School Reports

President Harrison announced that committees will not meet during the summer.

Trustee Sholler-Barber reported for the Academic Excellence and Communities In Schools committees. During the CIS meeting, the employee handbook was approved, a finance committee submission for the budget review was scheduled for June 20, and it was announced that the budget for the after-school program will slightly increase. It was announced that CIS and Boys and Girls Club will collaborate this summer, providing services at Northeastern Elementary. CIS will serve students from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Boys and Girls Club will serve from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. CIS was awarded a Kalamazoo Foundation Grant for two years, \$175,000 in year one, and \$150,000 for the next two years. During the Academic Excellence committee meeting, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, Dr. Angela Justice, presented the pilot classes for the 2025-2026 school year.

VII. Correspondence

Secretary Hill reported the correspondence for the period May 21 - June 10, 2025.

- Email received May 22 from LuMarie Guth sharing her public comments from the 5/22 board meeting. Secretary Hill replied on June 10.
- Email received May 22 from Tiffany Bierlein regarding concerns about library staffing in the district. Secretary Hill replied on June 10.
- Email received May 27 from Shona Espinaza sharing a fundraiser for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. Secretary Hill replied on June 9.
- Email received May 29 from First Day Shoe Fund sharing an update from the First Day Shoe Fund program. Secretary Hill replied on June 9.
- Email received May 30 from Susan O'Connor regarding concerns about library staffing in the district.. Secretary Hill replied on June 11.
- Email received June 5 from Lisa Miller showing support for librarian staffing in KPS. Secretary Hill replied on June 11.
- Email received June 10 from Angela Smith regarding a legal matter in the district. Secretary Hill replied on June 10 and Dr. Slade replied on June 12.

VIII. Consent Calendar

President Harrison presented the Consent Calendar items: VIII.A.1 May 22, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes, VIII.A.2 May 22, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes and VIII.B1. Purchase Recommendations 2025-38, 2025-39, VIII.B.2. Approval of Easement for Electric Facilities - South Westnedge School, and VIII.C. Personnel Changes.

Motion: Vice President McGlinn, supported by Trustee Johnson, moved to accept the Consent Calendar

Disposition: Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried unanimously by trustees present.

Comments by Trustees

Karla Murphy

- Asked if these are requests for consumables for the existing curriculum. Mrs. Kayser confirmed yes.

Jennie Hill

- Asked if the materials were consumable and if they were workbooks students can keep. Dr. Justice confirmed yes.

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Happy the district adopted the Wonders curriculum and that the district is still using it. Dr. Justice confirmed the district is pleased with the curriculum.

IX. Reports and Recommendations

A. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Slade shared a video to highlight the district's end-of-the-year events. Dr. Slade thanked all teachers, parents, and community members for helping the district have a successful school year. He announced there will be two summer enrollment events happening at the administration building on June 24 and August 5 from 4-6 pm.

Elizabeth Jackson-Spaner, coordinator for Early Childhood Education, presented on the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) PEEP program in KPS.

Discussion from the board:

Jennie Hill

- Believes the new curriculum will be like a nursing care plan and will align more with the state.
- Asked how a parent would enroll their child. Jackson-Spaner answered that parents can fill out a county-wide application in person at any KPS school. Based on the information received from the application, they will recommend what program would fit best for their student.

Carol McGlinn

- Acknowledged the importance of preschool for kids. Social emotional learning introduces pre-literacy skills.

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Acknowledged comfort in the classroom takes away barriers for needing to catch up academically.

TiAnna Harrison

- Thanked Ms. Jackson-Spaner for her hard work.
- Acknowledged that young minds are very impressionable and learning how to be a young student in the district is very important.

B. Middle School Pilot Course Recommendations 2025-2026

Dr. Justice read the first reading of the pilot courses for 2025-2026.

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Congratulated Dr. Justice for introducing new courses that teachers would be interested in teaching. Encourages new skills for students.

Jennie Hill

- Acknowledged the STEM classes at Linden Grove will trickle into the career tech classes for high school.
- Asked if the Milwood Middle dance class will count as a gym credit. Dr. Justice believes so but wants to verify.
- Asked for clarification about the hip-hop class. Dr. Justice answered it counts under English classes. They will respond to prompts about themselves based on song lyrics. There is an end-of-the-year project where students are looking for problems in the building or community and how to solve it. Mentioned the program builds self-esteem and helps students learn to express themselves.

Karla Murphy

- Clarified there are two different coding classes at two different middle schools. Asked to elaborate what the differences are. Dr. Justice answered that the foundations in coding classes at Maple Street teaches what coding is and how to get started. The courses at Linden Grove digs deeper into coding and students will be creating code as well.

Carol McGlinn

- Appreciated writing encouragement in middle school.
- Loves novels of choice and has a passion for reading.
- Asked if Pre-AP World History would be in place of an advanced placement (AP) course or if it is a building block to AP. Justice answered that this is a course to show what AP could look like for students. Any student can take this class.
- Asked for clarification on Foundations for Academic Success. Dr. Justice answered the class was recommended by Milwood Magnet School principal Mitch Hawkins. The intent was to help students build skills in both English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics by breaking up the 18-week semester into two 9-week sections with math and ELA for 9 weeks each.

Yvonne Payton

- Asked about novels of choice and if there is a specific list of recommended books. Dr. Justice answered that teachers are currently reading and vetting the books. The coordinator of ELA, Dr. Justice, and the assistant superintendents read the books as well. They examine to see if there would be anything controversial, if the book is grade level appropriate, and if students can be exposed to and converse about any controversies while being supported. This class will be for all middle school grades.

C. KRESA Parent Advisory Council - Kalamazoo Public Schools Representative

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Leadership Rikki Saunders read the recommendation for Angela Gross to represent Kalamazoo Public Schools on the KRESA Parent Advisory Council. Acknowledged that anyone can attend the PAC meetings, but the board needs to select a member to be able to vote on the PAC committee.

MOTION: Trustee Sholler-Barber, supported by Trustee Johnson, made a motion to accept the recommendation for Angela Gross to represent Kalamazoo Public Schools on the KRESA Parent Advisory Council.

Disposition: Voice Vote; all in favor. Motion carried unanimously by trustees present.

D. MHSAA 2025-2026 Membership Resolution

President Harrison acknowledged the MHSAA regulations and procedures for the 2025-2026 school year.

MOTION: Trustee Johnson, supported by Treasurer Murphy, made a motion to accept the MHSAA 2025-2026 Membership Resolution.

Disposition: Voice Vote; all in favor. Motion carried unanimously by trustees present.

E. Preliminary Budget Presentation

Laura Kayser presented the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget.

Discussion from the board:

Takisha Johnson

- Congratulated Mrs. Kayser for her hard work and for the presentation.
- Appreciated her transparency.

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Impressed with the work that is being done, and acknowledged that the district is dependent on the state budget.
- Asked about pupil allotment being significantly below inflation. Confirmed by Mrs. Kayser.
- Appreciated the detailed explanation of why the fund balance is essential to maintain.

Carol McGlinn

- Asked for clarification on cash flow and its importance. Laura Kayswer answered that we do not receive the first payment of the fiscal year from the state until October.
- Appreciates that the budget continues to be maintained during uncertain times, with the cost of healthcare continuing to rise.
- Appreciates that salaries are being protected for district staff.
- Stated that the district budget is \$202 million.

Jennie Hill

- Thanked Mrs. Kayser and her team for keeping student needs at the forefront.

Karla Murphy

- Thanked Mrs. Kayser for her hard work.
- Acknowledged they are forecasting a budget with several uncertainties.

Yvonne Payton

- Thanked Mrs. Kayser for explaining everything during small group meetings.
- Asked if cash flow needs to be borrowed to maintain payroll until October. Mrs. Kayser answered no we do not have to borrow due to the amount the district has saved.

TiAnna Harrison

- Thanked Mrs. Kayser for her hard work.

X. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (3-minute individual limit)

Public comments/audience participation. No actions taken.

XI. Other Business

- A. Travel request for TiAnna Harrison
- B. Travel request for Karla Murphy

XII. Comments by Trustees/Superintendent

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Acknowledged how amazing all graduation ceremonies were this year.
- Thanked all senior leadership team and support staff for their hard work.
- Provided sports update from Loy Norrix:
 - Junior Jackson Lam finished 3rd at the state track meet in the 1600 meter run earning all-state honors.
 - The baseball team finished with 23 wins on the season which is the most in school history.
 - The bond projects are moving along well. A lot of excitement around those.
- Provided sports update from Kalamazoo Central:
 - Kalamazoo Central had their annual signing day and had 24 students signed to play post-high school.
 - Kalamazoo Central boys track was conference champions.
 - 17 athletes represented Kalamazoo Central at the state track meet.
 - Boys track is regional champs. Girls took second.
 - KC Girls tennis coach Kaleb Pritchard was named Regional Tennis Coach of the Year.
 - Daniella Richardson is regional girls tennis champion and will compete at the state competition.
- Wished students well this summer.
- Thanked Mrs. Kayser for her hard work and keeping students in mind.

Carol McGlinn

- Attended granddaughter's kindergarten completion ceremony at Winchell.

- Acknowledged work does not end for senior leadership during the summer. Thanked all staff for their work for students each day.

Jennie Hill

- Thanked everyone for finishing the school year strong.
- Announced summer school will start soon.
- Announced Maple Street is hosting the Kalamazoo Classic on Saturday, June 14.
- Announced MLB and Derek Jeter's Turn2 Foundation hosting "Play Ball" event at Kalamazoo Central on June 17.
- Stated the KPS enrollment event is on June 24 from 4-6.
- Stated El Sol will facilitate Pretty Lake campers for drop off and pick up this summer.

Yvonne Payton

- Would like a list of all graduates' future plans.

Takisha Johnson

- Suggested the Kalamazoo Promise for record keeping graduates' future plans.
- Urged the community to be more supportive of student safety and enroll students in summer programs. KydNet has a program finder on their website.
- Wished everyone a happy Juneteenth.

Karla Murphy

- Acknowledged graduation rates were higher this year.
- Attended several graduations. Adult Ed graduation was her favorite.
- Thanked Robin Greymountain for coordinating the adult education program.
- Encouraged the community to sign up for the career tech program.
- Congratulated Kalamazoo Central's mock trial team for making it to nationals.
- Announced the Loy Norrix musical will be "Shrek".
- Announced KPS is participating in Meet Up and Eat Up. Schedules are on social media.

XIII. Closed Session

Not needed.

XIV. Next Board of Education Meeting

The next Regular Board of Education meeting is Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Johnson, supported by Vice President McGlinn, made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Disposition: Voice Vote; all in favor. Motion carried unanimously by trustees present.

President Harrison adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeGraaf, Recording Secretary,
on behalf of Jennie Hill,
Secretary, Board of Education

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION DATA SHEET

Board Meeting Date: June 23, 2025

Request Number: 2025-40

Amount: \$988,243.88

Item: 2,500 Lenovo 300e Chromebooks, 130 500e Chromebooks, 1200 NutKase Cases

Cost Center: 2022 Bond

Cost Center Representative(s) Attending Board Meeting: Ian Haight

Description of Need

This recommendation is to provide Chromebooks for incoming 9th graders and Chromebooks and cases for incoming 5th graders. The purchase also includes Chromebooks for teachers/staff.

Vendor: CDW

Chicago, IL

Number of Proposals Requested: NA

Received: N/A

Low Bid Accepted: N/A

The REMC statewide cooperative acquisitions project is provided as a service for the schools of Michigan. This program has been established through legislation (Michigan Compiled Laws Act 451 Section 380.671) and the rules and regulations of the Michigan Board of Education. The project provides large-volume bid prices on a variety of educational resources, which enables schools and school districts statewide to aggregate purchases and generate savings in tax dollars and staff time.

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOL
Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Darrin Slade, Superintendent

DATE: June 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Personnel Changes

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board approve the following employment changes:

- I. Employment
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
 - Nicoshi M. Brockman**, Instructional Secretary, Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, 07/01/2025
 - Neil G. Jansen**, Auditorium Manager and Communications Specialist, Community Education Center, 07/01/2025
- II. Promotions/Key Transfers
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- III. Leaves of Absence
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- IV. Terminations
 - A. Professional/Management
 - Michael W. Buckner**, Secondary Science Teacher, Linden Grove Middle School, Resignation, 06/10/2025
 - Grace E. Wiesner**, Secondary Math Teacher, Linden Grove Middle School, Resignation, 07/31/2025
 - B. Classified
 - Elizabeth J. Chapman**, District Lead Receptionist, Human Resources, Resignation, 08/08/2025
 - Kip W. Davison**, Energy Educator/Manager, Facilities Management, Position Eliminated, 06/30/2025
 - Amari D. Parham**, Assistant School Secretary, Linden Grove Middle School, Resignation, 06/13/2025
- V. Termination from Leave of Absence
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- VI. Return from Leave of Absence
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- VII. Lay-offs
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of the Superintendent

To: Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Darrin Slade, Superintendent
Date: June 12, 2025
Subject: Pilot Course Recommendations 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees receive for review the following additions, deletions, and other changes to the course and program offerings for incorporation into the 2025-2026 Bulletin of Courses. Actual course offerings are contingent upon staffing, budget, and scheduling.

Maple Street

Foundations in Coding

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 1567811

This hands-on introductory coding class uses user-friendly tools like Scratch and Code.org. Students will create games, animations, and interactive stories, developing logical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration skills. This course prepares students for advanced tech classes and explores the connection between coding and real-world careers.

Milwood Middle

MS Dance

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 656781

Students will learn the basic elements and discipline of formal dance technique. They will explore dance genres such as modern dance, ballet, jazz, hip-hop and cultural dance styles. Movement, improvisation, composition, and dance history will also be explored. Students are required to participate in a dance concert at the end of each term.

Foundations for Academic Success

Required for students meeting the criteria • 1 Semester

Course Number: 3067831

This academic assistance class is designed to provide targeted support for students, centered around the ELA and math competencies. The class has been created to support students who need additional help developing their math and reading skills. Over the span of 18 weeks, students will engage in focused learning experiences that address their individual needs in math (9 weeks) and reading (9 weeks), enhance their understanding of key concepts, and build confidence in their abilities.

The Exploration of Self through Hip Hop

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 3067855

This course uses hip hop culture and pedagogy as a foundation to support students with their exploration and development of youth voice, socio-emotional learning, self-esteem, classroom and community engagement, and social justice leadership skills.

Linden Grove

MS Creative Writing

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 3067851

This course invites students to explore and develop their unique voices through various forms of writing. Students will engage in creative exercises, writing prompts, and peer feedback to hone their storytelling abilities, experiment with different genres (such as poetry, short stories, and plays), and learn techniques for crafting compelling narratives.

Computer Science for Innovators and Makers

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 1567830

Students discover computer science concepts and skills by creating relevant, tangible, and shareable projects. Students will learn programming for the physical world by blending hardware design and software development. Students will design and develop a physical computing device, interactive art installation, or wearable and plan and develop code.

Green Architecture

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 7067810

Students learn how to apply the concept of “green” choices to the fields of architecture and construction by exploring dimensioning, measuring, and architectural sustainability as they design affordable housing units.

Magic of Electrons

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 7067820

Through hands-on projects, students explore electricity, the behavior and parts of atoms, and sensing devices. They learn knowledge and skills in basic circuitry design, and examine the impact of electricity on the world around them.

MS Novels of Choice

Elective • 1 Semester

Course Number: 3067859

This course allows students to explore various novels. Students will engage in reading, discussion, and creative projects related to the chosen texts. The goal is to foster a love of reading, develop analytical skills, and encourage personal connection with literature.

Kalamazoo Central

Pre-AP World History and Geography

Required • 2 Semesters

Course Numbers: 80122, 80123

The Pre-AP World History and Geography areas of focus prioritize the skills fundamental to the study of history and geography in high school, AP, and beyond. This gives students multiple opportunities to think and work like historians and geographers as they develop and strengthen these disciplinary reasoning skills throughout their education in history and the social sciences.

BOARD REPORT VIII.C

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Darrin Slade, Superintendent

DATE: June 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Millage Resolution

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution authorizing collection of 17.6597 non-homestead mills and 8.20 debt retirement mills in the winter levy.

RATIONALE: Non-homestead operating millage of 18 mills was approved through voter referendum in May, 2012, however this rate is reduced to 17.6597 for 2025-26 as a result of a Headlee millage rollback of .3403 mills. The 2025-26 recommended rate is lower by .016 mills than the 2024-25 rate.

The debt retirement millage rate of 8.20 is consistent with the rate levied in 2025-26.

**RESOLUTION TO SET 2025 TAX RATES
FOR SUMMER AND WINTER TAXES**

Kalamazoo Public Schools
County of Kalamazoo

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that millage rates for the Kalamazoo Public Schools, County of Kalamazoo, be set as follows for the 2025/26 fiscal year, and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to certify the following rates:

City of Kalamazoo, Township of Kalamazoo, Township of Texas and Township of Oshtemo

In Mills

	<u>2025 Summer Tax Rate</u>	<u>2025 Winter Tax Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
Operating (Non-Homestead Only)	0	17.6597	17.6597
Debt Retirement	<u>0</u>	<u>8.20</u>	<u>8.20</u>
Total School Tax	<u>0</u>	<u>25.8597</u>	<u>25.8597</u>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
KALAMAZOO PUBLIC
SCHOOLS, COUNTY OF
KALAMAZOO

BY:

Its President

BY:

Its Secretary

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Darrin Slade, Superintendent

DATE: June 23, 2025

SUBJECT: Adoption of the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget and 2024-2025 Close Estimate Budget

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board adopt the 2025-2026 preliminary budget and the 2024-2025 close estimate budget, as presented in this report. Specifically, it is recommended that the Board approve:

- 1) The revenue and beginning balance budget (exhibit II-A);
- 2) The expenditures and reserves budget (exhibit II-B);
- 3) The consolidated budget for state reporting purposes, including the 2025-26 appropriations resolution (exhibit IV); and
- 4) The 2024-25 close estimate budget, including the 2024-25 appropriations resolution (exhibit V).

RATIONALE: The plan included in the previous PowerPoint presentation has been incorporated into formal budget materials. This is a balanced budget, with projected revenues slightly exceeding projected expenditures.