

Regular Meeting
Monday, June 16, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern

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

Kacy Cooper: Present
Gale Easton: Present
Blaine Goodrich: Present
Jason Herrington: Present
Brent Oliver: Present
Dr. John Sheets: Present
Taryn Watterson: Present
Present: 7.

A. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:00pm.

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 Jason Herrington, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

D. Celebration of Excellence:

E. Building Reports:

None.

F. Hearing of Citizens:

Public comment was given by Jay Horsfall.

G. Student Council Report:

None.

H. Approval of Minutes:

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

Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

H.1. May 12, 2025 Work Session

H.2. May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

H.3. May 19, 2025 Budget Hearing

I. Treasurer's Report:

I.1. Financial Statements

I.2. Bills for Payment

Clarification was provided regarding questions posed on the check register.

I.3. Budgets to Date

I.4. FY25 Audit Engagement

Finance Director, Amber Moore, shared that Rehmann will be conducting our audit again this year and it is scheduled for August 9, 2025

I.5. School Bond Loan Fund Annual Borrowing Application

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to accept the School Bond Loan Fund Borrowing Annual Application as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Amber Moore also gave a description of the School Bond Loan Fund Borrowing application.

I.6. Cash Flow & State Aid Note Borrowing Discussion

Amber Moore also provided an update on the ability to avoid borrowing from state aid.

I.7. 2024-2025 Budget Amendment

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to accept the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Taryn Watterson, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Amber Moore gave an overview of the 2024-2025 budget amendment.

I.8. 2025-2026 Budget Adoption

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget Resolution as presented. This motion, made by Jason Herrington and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The budget hearing was held last month, and Amber Moore reviewed it for the board to take action to approve it.

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 Jason Herrington and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.
Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

J.1.a. Resignations

J.1.a.1) Julie Pierse- WCPHS Interventionist

J.1.a.2) Katelyn Elliott- WHS Spanish Teacher

J.1.a.3) Kim Coleman- Warner Parapro

J.1.a.4) Amanda Sanders- MS Volleyball

J.1.a.5) Steve Rice- Online Learning Lab

J.1.b. Appointments

J.1.b.1) Ricci Jehnzen- WCPHS Interventionist

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the hire of Ricci Jehnzen as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

J.1.b.2) Steve Mills-Transportation Director

J.1.b.3) Austin Childs- Varisty Football Asst.

J.1.b.4) Hayden Fortress- MS Volleyball

J.1.b.5) Todd Shelly-Boys' Soccer Asst.

J.1.b.6) Riley Robertson- Varsity Cross Country Asst.

J.1.b.7) Jamie Mannor- Varsity Boys Tennis Asst.

J.1.c. Admin Contract Extensions and Salary Scheudule Movement

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the extension of the administrator contracts and salary schedule movement as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Taryn Watterson, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

J.2. Facilities

J.2.a. WSD Monthly Progress Report #15

Superintendent Smajda gave an update on the progress of the Western Elementary construction project.

J.2.b. Pedestrian Bridge- Preliminary Feasibility Review

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

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Superintendent Smajda gave an overview of the Feasibility Review that could be conducted to determine the feasibility of having a pedestrian bridge to connect the MS/HS campus to the new elementary school.

J.2.c. Technology Migration

J.2.c.1) Formal Approval of Hardware for Building Camera Access

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to formally approve the purchase of the hardware needed to implement our building access and camera system district wide. This motion, made by Jason Herrington and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Superintendent Smajda and Tech Director, David Hood, shared the importance of purchasing the hardware needed to implement our building access and camera system district wide.

J.2.c.2) Cyber Security Contract-Arctic Wolf

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the contract with Arctic Wolf as presented. This motion, made by Jason Herrington and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Superintendent Smajda discussed the importance of cybersecurity training and oversight, and the desire to contract with Arctic Wolf to provide these services.

J.2.c.3) Western Fiber Sale/Disposition

It is the recommendation of the board to give Superintendent Smajda permission to continue discussions with the STC regarding the purchase of fiber as discussed. This motion, made by Jason Herrington and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Superintendent Smajda explained how the School Technology Consortium owns and maintains the fiber for the local school district, and how selling our fiber plant to the STC would allow it to be maintained by the consortium rather than solely by Western.

K. Board Reports:

L. Other Business:

L.1. Superintendent Evaluation Training

L.2. Athletic Handbook Changes

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the athletic handbook changes as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed. Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Athletic Director, Tyler Ridgeway, provided an overview of the changes to the athletic handbook.

L.3. Thrun Policy Update

Superintendent Smajda updated the board on the process of transitioning from Neola to Thrun policy.

L.4. July Board Meeting Dates

It is the recommendation of the board to cancel the July 14 work session and only hold one regularly scheduled meeting on July 28. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

M. Closed Session:

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing attorney client privilege. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Kacy Cooper, Passed.

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

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

A motion was made at 7:08 to move into closed session by Gale Easton and a second was given by Kacy Cooper. A show of hands indicated that all board members were in favor.

M.1. Attorney Client Privilege

N. Adjournment:

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm, following closed session.