



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025
7:00 PM, BOARD ROOM
HASLETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Present: Bird/Clark/Collins/Fritz/Polverento/Stoliker
Absent with notice: Wawrzynski

Staff: Malley/Lindbert/Kemmer-Slater/Lerch/Garmon

Guests: Goaley/Tieman/Steigenga/Kessner/Geiersbach/Bove/Steigenga/Rhodes/Whippel/Santucci/
Thomas/Wippel/Hart/Weaver/Lavoie

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

III. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. **Staff Resignations**

Dan Wulfkueler, Speech/Language Pathologist, at Wilkshire and the High School has resigned effective August 14, 2025. He was thanked for his four years of service to the district.

2. **Staff Retirement**

Diane Lindbert, Associate Superintendent, has announced her retirement effective September 30, 2025. Diane has been a member of our Haslett team for twenty two years serving as an elementary principal for 18 years and more recently as the Associate Superintendent. Diane's compassion and commitment to our Haslett families is outstanding and she will truly be missed.

3. **Personnel Recommendations**

The following teachers were recommended for hire by Superintendent Malley for the 2025-26 year.

- A. Meredith Washeleski was recommended for the position of Literacy Coach at Murphy Elementary. Meredith received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Teaching and Curriculum from Michigan State University. Meredith previously worked at Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy and Holt Public Schools.
- B. Josh Kriss was recommended for the position of Physical Education Teacher at Ralya Elementary. Josh is certified K-12 in Health and Physical Education and previously worked at Lincoln Middle School and Roosevelt Elementary School in Park Ridge, Illinois.
- C. Leanne Brandell was recommended for the accounting position in the Business office. Leanne joins us with many years of experience, most recently from Okemos Public Schools where she served as accountant for seven years.
- D. Emma Hofer was recommended for the position of fourth grade teacher at Ralya Elementary. Emma received her Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University and worked previously with Kaukauna Area School District in Wisconsin as a special education teacher.

4. **New Haslett Logo**

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.

Superintendent Malley reported that the district has adopted a new logo that families will start seeing in communications around the district. The A+ has served the district for the past 37 years. Moving forward a new Block Letter “H” design with a forward lean will serve as a distinct identifier for the Haslett Public Schools. Families will start to see the change quickly as the school year gets started. He thanked everyone that helped with the journey of this adoption process.

IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Michelle Goaley presented the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. She outlined the process of development, implementation, and how the plan moves forward from here. The strategic plan will be an action item at the August 11, 2025, Board of Education Meeting. Board members engaged in discussion regarding the plan.

V. **BOARD REPORTS**

Amy Clark thanked everyone for all of the efforts with the summer athletic program. Greg Bird thanked Mrs. Lindbert for her many contributions through the years. He wished her all the best in her retirement. Molly Polverento thanked the staff for keeping the calendars updated on our website as we have many programs going on this summer within the district.

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

Board Correspondence

Secretary Polverento reported an email was received.

Correspondence from Public

The following individuals presented public comment: W. Tieman/M. Steigenga/J. Kessner/T. Geiersbach/S. Bove/A. Steigenga/L. Rhodes/N. Wippel/T. Santucci/B. Thomas

VII. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Lease of 2026 IC CE 77 Passenger Bus (Attachment A)**

The lease of a 2026 IC CE 77 passenger bus as a replacement of a district bus no longer in service. The Municipal Lease-Purchase Agreement is for one bus to be financed through Santander Bank. The total of the five year lease is \$154,900 with the initial payment of \$30,980.

MOTION BY CLARK, SECONDED BY STOLIKER TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF A 2026 IC CE 77 PASSENGER BUS AT A TOTAL COST OF \$154,900, AS PRESENTED IN ATTACHMENT A.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote: 6-0

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SUPPORTED BY CLARK TO APPROVE:

1. THE JUNE 23, 2025, MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AS PRESENTED.
2. THE JUNE 23, 2025, MINUTES FROM THE CLOSED SESSION, AS PRESENTED.
3. THE HIRING OF THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS/STAFF FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR.
 - A. ANDREW HUDSON FOR THE POSITION OF STEAM TEACHER WITH RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
 - B. MEREDITH WASHELESKI FOR THE POSITION OF LITERACY COACH AT MURPHY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
 - C. JOSH KRIS FOR THE POSITION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

- D. LEANNE BRANDELL FOR THE POSITION OF ACCOUNTANT.
- E. EMMA HOFER FOR THE POSITION OF FOURTH GRADE TEACHER AT RALYA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
- 4. THE APPOINTMENT OF THRUN LAW FIRM AS LEGAL COUNSEL.
- 5. THE BANK DEPOSITORY AND BANK SIGNATURE RESOLUTIONS, AS PRESENTED.
- 6. THE DESIGNATION OF LANSING STATE JOURNAL AS OFFICIAL PUBLICATION, AS PRESENTED.
- 7. THE PRELIMINARY LOAN APPLICATION SCHOOL BOND LOAN FUND, AS PRESENTED.
- 8. THE APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26, AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried. Unanimous Vote: 6-0

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on August 11, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building with a workshop beginning at 6:00 PM.

X. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY COLLINS TO MOVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:35 PM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(1)(h) OF THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

Roll Call: Yes: Clark/Collins/Polverento/Stoliker/Fritz/Bird
 No: None

Motion carried. Unanimous Vote: 6-0

President Bird brought the meeting back to open session at 9:57 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY STOLIKER, SECONDED BY COLLINS TO ADJOURN AT 9:58 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous Vote: 6-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(S. Lerch, Recorder)