



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
July 8, 2025**

I. Regular Board Meeting Called to Order - A Regular Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Board President Marc Katz at 6:49 pm on July 8, 2025, at Oakland Schools located at 2111 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford, Michigan.

II. Roll Call – Board Secretary Carol Finkelstein called the roll.

Present: Board Members Marc Katz, Carol Finkelstein, George Ehlert,
Steven Gottlieb

Absent: Board Member Connie Williams

Superintendent Ken Gutman, Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado, and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les were also present.

III. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

IV. Information from the Superintendent and Administration

A. Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent shared information regarding the state budget status.

B. Legislative Update – A written legislative update was provided.

V. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

1. Report – None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:
 - a) Approval of the minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meetings of June 17, 2025 – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meetings of June 17, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of the pre-travel requests of the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2025 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the pre-travel requests of July 8, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- c) Approval of Professional Agents of Record: Fiscal Year 2025-2026 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to rescind the June 17, 2025, approval of Thrun Law Firm as a professional agent of record; and to approve Michele Eaddy, Esq., of Thrun Law Firm as legal counsel for special education; and to approve the continuation of the current subscription to Thrun Law Firm's board policy service, pending further board action. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

B. Educational Services

1. Report – None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:

- a) Approval of Purchase Order: US Math Recovery Council – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$102,500 to US Math Recovery Council for materials and registrations to be used in Math Recovery professional learning for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of Contract Renewal: Renaissance Learning, Inc – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$2,749,197.90 to Renaissance Learning, Inc. for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- c) Approval of Contract Renewal: Jones & Bartlett Learning, LLC – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$31,406.96 to Jones and Bartlett Learning, LLC for the period August 21, 2025, to August 20, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

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- d) Approval of Contract Renewal: Xello – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$341,939.10 to Xello for the period September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- e) Approval of Contract Renewal: Pathful, Inc. – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$240,000.00, to Pathful, Inc. for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- f) Approval of Contract Award: Transfr Inc. – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 to Transfr Inc. for the period August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- g) Approval of Purchase Order: Oakland Community College – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order with Oakland Community College for the Oakland Accelerated College Experience (ACE) in the amount not to exceed \$920,000.00, for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

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- h) Approval of Blanket Purchase Order (CFE only): Follett Corporation – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to Follett Corporation for the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- i) Acceptance of Donation: Student Services Donations – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to accept the donation request submitted by Student Services on July 8, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The item(s) donated include one 2011 Chevrolet Impala with an estimated value of \$2,570.00. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute Intergovernmental Agreements for the provision of Special Education Service Provider services for each of the school districts named in agenda items j) through n) as listed below.

- j) An Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Special Education Service Provider services in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Avondale School District, for the period September 1, 2025, August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration.
- k) An Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Special Education Service Provider services in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Clawson City School District, for the period September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration.

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- l) An Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Special Education Service Provider services in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Pontiac School District, for the period September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration.
- m) An Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Special Education Service Provider services in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Southfield Public School District, for the period September 1, 2025, August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration.
- n) An Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Special Education Service Provider services in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, for the period September 1, 2025, August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration.

The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

C. Human Resources

- 1. Reports – None
- 2. Discussion - None
- 3. Action:
 - a) Approval of the July 8, 2025, Personnel List – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to approve the July 8, 2025, Personnel List, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

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D. Finance, Operations & Shared Services

1. Report - None
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Purchase Order: Applied Innovation – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Trustee Ehlert, to authorize Administration to purchase a Xante X36 Flatbed Press in an amount not to exceed \$39,425 to Applied Innovation, as presented by Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment: Oakland County and Oakland County Sheriff's Office – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment to Oakland County and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, for School Resource Officers, increasing the amount by \$74,404 from 2,480,224 to an amount not to exceed \$2,554,628 for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Katz-yes Finkelstein-yes Ehlert-yes Gottlieb-yes

Motion carried 4/0

E. Technology Services

1. Report – None
2. Discussion – None
3. Action - None

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VII. Board Member Comments/Announcements

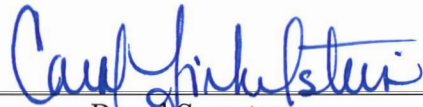
Board Trustee Ehlert acknowledged a recent school shooting in Texas. He stressed the importance of ensuring a safe environment for all students and staff. He thanked the Administration for taking steps toward improving school safety.

Board President Katz mentioned that he has been selected to serve as President of the Oakland County School Boards Association and Board Secretary Carol Finkelstein has been selected to serve as Vice President. He reminded everyone that the Oakland County School Boards Association's annual meeting will be held on October 15, 2025.

VIII. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

IX. Adjournment – Board President Katz adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Approved on August 26, 2025


Board Secretary