



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
September 9, 2025**

I. Regular Board Meeting Called to Order - A Regular Meeting of the Oakland Schools Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Connie Williams at 6:30 pm on September 9, 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 George Ehlert, Carol Finkelstein, Connie Williams,
Steven Gottlieb

Absent: Board Member Marc Katz

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

III. Public Comments

- John Paul Torres expressed concern regarding government agencies entering school buildings.

IV. Retirement Recognition

- A.** Moses Lukwago was congratulated on his retirement and recognized for his many years of service.

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V. Information from the Superintendent and Administration

- A. Superintendent's Report – The Superintendent provided an update.
- B. Legislative Update – A written legislative report was provided.

VI. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

- 1. Report – None
- 2. Discussion – None
- 3. Action:
 - a) Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 26, 2025 - It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 26, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes
Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of the pre-travel requests of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2025 – It was moved by Board Member Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the pre-travel requests of September 9, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes
Motion carried 4/0

B. Educational Services

- 1. Report – None
- 2. Discussion – None
- 3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Troy School District for the provision of Special Education Service Providers – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Member Ehlert, to authorize the Administration to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of Special Education Service Provider services in the amount not to exceed \$300,000 to the Troy 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.

Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes
Motion carried 4/0

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- b) Approval of Purchase Order: New Oakland Family Centers - (ASPIRE) – It was moved by Board Member Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 to New Oakland Family Centers for the Period of September 1, 2025, through June 20, 2026, as presented by the Administration. Board Member Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, amended the motion to change the amount to \$ 600,000 instead of \$ 350,000. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes
Motion carried 4/0

- c) Approval of Purchase Order: ATS Midwest, LLC – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$32,843.00 to ATS Midwest for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes
Motion carried 4/0

- d) Approval of Purchase Order: ServSafe National Restaurant Association – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$35,146.09 to ServSafe National Restaurant Association for the period September 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-yes
Motion carried 4/0

C. Human Resources

1. Reports – None
2. Discussion - None
3. Action:

- a) Approval of the September 9, 2025, Personnel List – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the September 9, 2025, Personnel List, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes Ehlert-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 Contract Renewal (originally bid): Vinny's Landscaping, Inc. (dba San Marino Outdoor Services) – It was moved by Board Member Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 to Vinny's Landscaping, Inc. (dba San Marino Outdoor Services) for the period November 1, 2025 to October 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

Ehlert-yes Finkelstein-yes Williams-yes Gottlieb-yes
Motion carried 4/0

E. Technology Services

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

VII. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board Trustee George Ehlert mentioned he would be absent on September 25, 2025.

VIII. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

IX. Adjournment – Board Vice President Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Approved on October 7, 2025



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary