

Lake Station Community Schools
Board of School Trustees Meeting
Wednesday December 17, 2025



Minutes for the Public Meeting with the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Station Community Schools to be held at Edison Jr. Sr. High School, 3304 Parkside Ave. Lake Station, Indiana in the community room at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, December 17, 2025.

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda item for Public Comments. The meeting will be available to watch livestreamed online.

Members Present: Mr. Wright, Mr. Tenorio, Mr. Music, Mr. Poweska, Mr. Billups

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Cripliver, Ms. Pepa, Mrs. Whisenant, Ms. Tauber (via online)

Mr. Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments (3 Minute Limit) [Sign-In]

Comment on agenda items

Other comments for the Board.

Recommendation by Dr. Cripliver to amend the Board Agenda, and add an item to be voted on, of a \$1,000.00 stipend to the Administrators. Mr. Music moved to approve this item be added. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.

- A.I. I. **Mr. Billups moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Music and unanimously carried.**

Consent Agenda

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| 1. Approval of Minutes | Minutes: |
| a. Executive Session – November 19, 2025 | |
| b. Regular Board Meeting – November 19, 2025 | |
| 2. Financial - Fiscal | |
| a. Approval of claims | Claims: |
| November 20, 2025 – December 17, 2025 | 11/20/25-12/17/25 |
| b. Approval of Payroll | Payroll: |
| i. November 21, 2025 | 11/21/25 |
| ii. December 5, 2025 | 12/5/25 |
| 3. Extra-Curricular (Hirings) | Extra-Curricular
Hirings |



II. Personnel

Mr. Poweska moved to approve item 1 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried.

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| A.I. | 1. | Approve 2025-2026 classified Non-Certified Salary Schedule effective January 1, 2026. | Non-Certified
Salary Schedule |
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Mr. Billups moved to approve item 2 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Music and unanimously carried.

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| A.I.. | 2. | Approve the payment of an appreciation stipend of \$300.00 to our non-certified staff who are regular employees, was not evaluated below effective, meets the minimum requirements for the position, is not on a performance improvement plan, and was employed during the 2024-2025 school year. ECA and substitutes are not eligible for this stipend. | Non-Certified
Appreciation Stipend |
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Mr. Music moved to approve item 3 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried.

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| A.I. | 3. | Accept the resignation from Francis Gilbert, Bus Aide in our Transportation Department, effective immediately. | Resignation:
F. Gilbert |
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III. New Business

Mr. Billups moved to approve item 1 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried.

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| A.I. | 1. | Approve Resolution 2025-26 #09 accepting electronic payments for school event admission and concessions. | Resolution
2025-26 #09 |
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Mr. Music moved to approve item 2 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.

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| A.I. | 2. | Approve the updates to Board policies Vol 38 Number 1. | Policy Vol. 38 #1 |
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Mr. Tenorio moved to approve item 3 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Music and unanimously carried.

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| A.I. | 3. | Approve the renewal agreement between Lake Station Schools and Everwise, formerly Teachers Credit Union, as a banking institution for the school district's banking needs. | Lake Station and
Everwise Agreement |
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**Mr. Music moved to approve item 4 under New Business.
Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.**

- A.I. 4. Accept and approve the following students for early graduation
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| Nicoli Moore | Jacob Orth |
| Jonathan Valadez | Bernard King |
| Julian Valadez | Angel Chavez |
| Mellany Renteria | Chase Hammons |
| Trinity Allcox | |
| Summer Bateman | |
| Elizabeth Matijevich | |
| Bryan Barragan | |

Early Graduations:

**N. Moore J. Orth
J. Valadez B. King
J. Valadez A. Chavez
M. Renteria
T. Allcox
S. Bateman
E. Matijevich
B. Barragan
C. Hammons**

**Mr. Poweska moved to approve item 5 under New Business.
Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.**

- A.I. 5. Approve the change to the February 24 and 25 parent-teacher conferences from an eLearning day to students in school half day and half day asynchronous day. Parent teacher conference times remaining the same 1:30 to 5:30pm.

**24th & 25th
Schedule change**

**Mr. Music moved to approve item 6 under New Business.
Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried.**

- A.I. 6. Approve the shared services agreement between the Center for Possibilities and the Lake Station Community School Corporation for bus transportation services on December 9, 2025.

**Transportation service:
Center for Possibilities**

**Mr. Music moved to approve item 7 under New Business.
Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried.**

- A.I. 7. Approve the payment of an appreciation stipend of \$1,000.00 to our administrative staff.

**Administrative
Stipends**

I.O. V. Other Business

1. The next regular school board meeting is Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at Edison Jr. Sr. High School at 7:00 pm.

View this meeting online via livestream at Lake Station Community Schools' Facebook page and/or Zoom:
<https://zoom.us/j/93942205649> | Meeting ID: 939 4220 5649.

The meeting site is accessible; any person requiring further accommodation(s) should contact Ms. Ellen Moss, at the Administration Center at least 48 hours in advance at 219-962-1159, ext. 103.



Schedule 1

School Extracurricular Hirings

Position	Name	Status	Through
Misc. Sponsor/Advisor Coach: (Tech Free Game Club)	Chris Barnes	Librarian	6/30/26

ATTEST:

President, David Wright

Vice President, Greg Tenorio

Secretary, Kevin Music

Member, Jordan Billups

Member, Mike Poweska