

# MINUTES



The following order of business may be changed by majority vote of the Board at any meeting.

January 12, 2026, Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

35200 Little Mack - Clinton Township, MI 48035 ~ High School Conference Center

## CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting began at: 6:30 p.m.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## ROLL CALL

Jared Maynard	Present	Lisa Valerio-Nowc	Present
Barry Powers	Tardy	Ava McDowell	Present
Kurt Wilson, Sr.	Present	Lisa Wilson	Present
Diane Zontini	Present		

## ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Kenneth Janczarek - Superintendent  
Lee Walmsley - HR Director  
Bob Walmsley - Athletic Director  
Dr. Daniel Berry - Secondary Campus Principal  
Rashida Shack - Parker Principal  
Dr. Shauna Hemler - McGlennen Principal  
Maurice Woods - High School Assistant Principal

Trustee Lisa Wilson's participation is in protest citing Board Policy 2405(D).

AGENDA- The Superintendent and the Board President recommend that the Board approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

President Maynard read into the record a letter from Attorney Tim Gardner.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- The Superintendent and the Board President recommend that the Board approve the:

- December 29, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- With the following corrections regarding the vote following closed session:
  - o The Chair recommends the Board authorize the Superintendent to notify the Michigan Department of Education that the opt in to the 31aa funds by Clintondale Community Schools is rescinded.
  - o Nay: Barry Powers, Diane Zontini, all other Board members voted yes.

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Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell

Motion by Mr. Powers to add the narrative listed above and accepted by the motioner and supporter.

Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

**APPROVAL OF BILLS-** The Superintendent and the Board President recommend that the Board approve the payroll and benefits for Clintondale Community Schools employees ending January 2, 2026.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 5 N 0 Ab 2

Abstain: Kurt Wilson, Sr. and Lisa Wilson

The Superintendent and the Board President recommend that the Board approve the bills ending January 2, 2026.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

Secondary Motion: Mr. Powers requested President Maynard pull a set of checks for further information, accepted by the motioner and supporter.

**CORRESPONDENCE-** Betty Rose and Dominic Reid

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

**PRESENTATIONS**

1. Credit Card Presentation - Kurt Wilson, Sr.
2. NWEA Presentation - Ava McDowell

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

January is Board Recognition Month

Committee Updates

Budget Updates

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

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**CONSENT ITEMS- #1**

1. **Resignation-** It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Athletics that the Board approve the resignation of Dominic Reid as the Middle School Head Track Coach effective immediately.

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Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

**NON-CONSENT ITEMS- #1-10**

1. **Resignation-** It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve the resignation of **Betty Rose**, Parker Elementary Administrative Assistant, effective June 30, 2026.

**Note:** Betty Rose will retire from Clintondale Community Schools after 30 years of service to the District.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

2. **Board Certified Behavioral Analyst-** It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve **Meaghan Kunes** as a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst, effective immediately, contingent upon approved records check, fingerprints and physical.

**Note:** The rate of pay is \$88,726.00 per year, pro-rated to the number of days worked in the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

3. **Instructional Assistant-** It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve **Neoshia Hagens** as an Associate Teacher in the GSRP Program, effective immediately, contingent upon approved records check, fingerprints and physical.

**Note:** This is not a new position. This hire is due to the transfer of a current employee to another position in the AFSCME group. The rate of pay is \$22.28 per hour (Step 6 of the Instructional Assistant Pay Scale).

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

4. **Chief Academic Officer-** It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve **Shauna Hemler** as Chief Academic Officer, effective immediately.

**Note:** This is not a new position. This hire is due to the retirement of Heather Halpin. The rate of pay is \$127,617.00, pro-rated to the number of days worked in the 2025-26 school year (Step 2 of the Executive Director Pay Scale in the Administrator Agreement).

Motion by Jared Maynard Support by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

5. **Chief Financial Officer-** It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve **Kevin Taratuta** as the Chief Financial Officer, contingent upon approved fingerprints, records check and physical.

**Note:** This is not a new position. This hire is due to the resignation of Presleigh Derosette. The rate of pay is \$130,280.00, pro-rated to the number of days worked in the 2025-26 school year.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

6. **Retainer Fee - Thrun Law-** It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the retainer fee for Thrun Law Firm in the amount of \$2,500.00 for January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026.

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Motion by Lisa Vaerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell

Amendment to Motion by Barry Powers to table the item until the next meeting and instruct the Board President to look into reducing/eliminating the retainer fee.

Supported by Lisa Vaerio-Nowc and Ava McDowell Y 6 N 1 Ab 0

No: Lisa Wilson

7. **Board Meeting Schedule** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Board President that the Board approve the Board Meeting Schedule for January 2026 - December 2026.

January 12, 2026, and January 26, 2026

February 9, 2026

March 9, 2026, and March 23, 2026

April 13, 2026, and April 27, 2026

May 11, 2026, and May 26, 2026

June 8, 2026, and June 22, 2026

July 20, 2026

August 24, 2026

September 14, 2026, and September 28, 2026

October 13, 2026, and October 26, 2026

November 9, 2026, and November 23, 2026

December 14, 2026

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Lisa Vaerio-Nowc Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

8. **Credit Card Policy** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Board President that the Board refer the credit card policy to the Finance Committee for review.

Motion by Lisa Vaerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

9. **ARIS Curriculum**- It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Special Education that the Board approve the purchase of the Academic Readiness Intervention System (ARIS) curriculum in the amount of \$6,530.25.

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Lisa Vaerio-Nowc Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

10. **Policy 3115b Revision**- It is recommended by the Board Policy Committee that the Board approve the revision of Policy 3115b with the addition of two names in the third section.

**Note:** The revision is due to the retirement of Heather Halpin.

Motion by Lisa Vaerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

**Addendum**

1AD. **CAREER EXPLORATIONS (New Course Catalog)** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and Teaching and Learning Committee, that the Board approve **Career Explorations** as a new Middle School course to be added to the Course Catalog and available to students for the second semester of the 2025-26 school year.

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Note: There is no cost to the district to add this elective to the Middle School Curriculum, except that the teacher of record will receive a one-sixth to teach this elective.

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Y 6 N 1 Ab 0  
No: Barry Powers

2AD. INTRO TO COMPUTER SCIENCE (New Course Catalog) - It is recommended by the Superintendent and Teaching and Learning Committee, that the Board approve **Intro to Computer Science** as a new Middle School course to be added to the Course Catalog and available to students for the first semester of the 2026-27 school year.

Note: There is no cost to the district to add this elective to the Middle School Curriculum.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 6 N 1 Ab 0  
No: Barry Powers

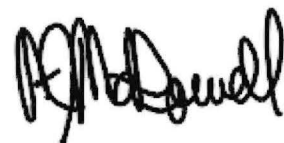
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by: Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by: Ava McDowell Time: 9:42 p.m.



Submitted by: Ava McDowell  
Secretary  
Board of Education  
Clintondale Community Schools