

Board Work Session
Monday, February 9, 2026 6:00 PM Eastern

Conference Room of the Administration
Building
1400 South Dearing Road
Parma, MI 49269

Kacy Cooper: Absent
Gale Easton: Present
Blaine Goodrich: Present
Jason Herrington: Present
Brent Oliver: Present
Dr. John Sheets: Present
Taryn Watterson: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

A. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:00pm.

B. Hearing of Citizens:
None.

C. Committee of the Whole:

C.1. Finance

C.1.a. Financial Reports

C.1.b. Check Register

Clarifications were provided on check register items, including information regarding expenses associated with pilot programs and future teacher grants.

C.1.c. Budgets to Date

The Governor's proposed budget is expected to be announced at the end of February.

C.1.c.1) W.E. Construction Budget Update

The project is currently under budget by about \$500,000. Bond proceeds have generated approximately \$4,000,000, which may be subject to arbitrage considerations, particularly when evaluating earnings over the three-year period. We have contracted PFM to assist with this process.

C.1.c.2) SmartBoot Financing

Lockout Company is installing the boot, film, shades, and other materials. Payment options include 0% interest over three years, bond funds, or the general fund. Brent Oliver asked whether bond dollars could be used if they are not allocated to the Lockout Company. Mike Smajda explained that bond funds can also cover additional furniture, cabinetry for special education classrooms, parking lot upgrades, HVAC improvements, and traffic enhancements at Western Elementary or the MS/HS campus. These funds have a usage deadline, and the BOE is being consulted for guidance; no immediate decision is required.

C.2. Facilities

C.2.a. W.E. Construction (finishing touches) Update

C.2.b. W.E. Traffic Flow

The traffic flow at W.E. was discussed with ideas for potential bus routing though the MS/HS campus, improved shoulders for deceleration lanes off Dearing Road and the possibility of traffic lights, turning lanes and shuttle services.

C.2.c. Summit & Spring Arbor Municipal Well Project

Summit Township submitted a proposal for an easement to facilitate the construction of a production water well. Restrictions concerning the future utilization of the property would extend to a radius of 400 feet. Summit would like to drill a test well this spring. Negotiations are ongoing.

C.2.d. Youth Soccer Field Development

Community members have requested to regrade the "Plateau" for future soccer field use. A budget and more specific plans are to be presented in the near future.

C.3. Personnel

More resignations and retirements are expected prior to March 1, 2026 due to contractual language for longevity incentives.

C.3.a. Resignations

C.3.b. Appointments

C.3.b.1) Fara Serra-Varsity Girls' Soccer Asst. Coach

C.3.b.2) Brenda Croyle-W.E. Playground Para

C.4. Curriculum

C.5. Policy

D. Other Business:

E. Closed Session:

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. This motion, made by Jason Herrington and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

A motion was made to move into closed session at 7:22pm. The motion was supported and a visual sign of agreement was given by all present board members.

Closed session ended at 7:59pm.

E.1. Negotiations

F. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.