



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
January 13, 2026**

- 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 6:30 pm on January 13, 2026, 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, George Ehlert, Carol Finkelstein, and Connie Williams
- Board Member Steven Gottlieb arrived at 6:37 pm.
- Superintendent Kenneth Gutman, Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado, and Assistant Superintendent Teri Les were also present.
- III. Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
- IV. Retirement Recognition** – Audrey McClellan was recognized for her years of service with Oakland Schools.
- V. Information from the Superintendent and Administration**
- A. Superintendent's Report** – In honor of School Board Recognition Month, the Superintendent thanked the Oakland Schools Board of Education Trustees for their many years of dedicated service in support of the students and educational community throughout Oakland County. He presented certificates of appreciation and other items to each Trustee.
- B. Legislative Update** – A legislative report was provided by Lisa Hansknecht, Executive Director of Government Relations and Community Services.

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 December 9, 2025 - It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2025, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of the pre-travel requests of the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2026 – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the pre-travel requests of January 13, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

B. Educational Services

1. Reports: A report regarding special population services was presented. A report regarding tri-county culturally responsive mathematics was also presented.
2. Discussion – None
3. Action:
 - a) Approval of Capital Needs Request for Oxford Separate Center Program - It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve the Preliminary Approval of up to 15% (\$3,712,000 x 15% = \$556,800) of projected costs for planning purposes for Oxford, a new separate center program per the Capital Needs Request Flowchart, as presented by the administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

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- b) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: West Bloomfield School District for the provision of Special Education Service Providers Program - It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, 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 West Bloomfield School District, for the period of September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Contract Award: PAES Productions, Inc. Program - It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$170,306.25 to PAES Productions, Inc. for the period of February 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- d) Approval of Purchase Order: Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators Program - 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 \$55,166.00 to Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA) for the period of January 2026 to September 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- e) Approval of Contract Award (bid award): AFP Technology Program - It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$80,935.00 to AFP Technology, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- f) Approval of Overnight Field Trip Request: Student Services Overnight Fieldtrips OSTC Campuses Program - It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the overnight field trip request from Student Services on January 13, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

C. Human Resources

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

- a) Approval of the Personnel List of January 13, 2026 – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the Personnel List of January 13, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

D. Finance, Operations & Shared Services

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

- a) Approval of Contract Award (bid award): Lutz Roofing – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$131,250.00 to Lutz Roofing, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- b) Approval of Contract Award (bid award): Professional Thermal – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$4,757,000.00 to Professional Thermal, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- c) Approval of Contract Award (bid award): De-Cal, Inc. – It was moved by Board Trustee Ehlert, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$171,575.00 to De-Cal, Inc., as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

- d) Approval of Contract Award (bid award): Contrast Mechanical – 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 \$762,000.00 to Contrast Mechanical, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 5/0

E. Technology Services

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

VII. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board Trustee Ehlert announced that his term on the Oakland Schools Board of Education ends on June 30, 2026, and he is not going to run for reelection.

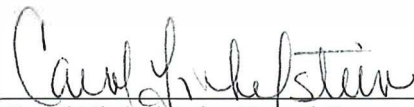
Board President Katz mentioned that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners will present a Proclamation to the Oakland Schools Board of Education on January 22, 2026, in honor of School Board Recognition Month. He stated that he, Board Vice President Williams, and Board Secretary Finkelstein will attend the meeting to accept the Proclamation on the Board's behalf.

Board Treasurer Gottlieb stated that he has further questions regarding the presentation on special population services and will address the issues with the Administration at a later time.

VIII. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

IX. Adjournment – The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Approved on February 10, 2026



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary