

Regular Meeting
Monday, February 23, 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: Absent
Present: 5, Absent: 2.

A. Call to Order:

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

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

C. Approval of Agenda:

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

D. Celebration of Excellence:

E. Building Reports:

E.1. Western Elementary (Y5's-1st gd)

Western Elementary K-1 Principal, Jill Arcaro, shared photos of students participating in Open Court activities and gave an update on what are early elementary students have been doing since moving to the new elementary building.

E.2. Western Middle School

Western Middle School Principal, Brett Hackworth, shared some exciting things happening with our middle school students, including state competitions in math and band.

F. Hearing of Citizens:

None.

G. Student Council Report:

None.

H. Approval of Minutes:

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the minutes as presented. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

H.1. January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting

H.2. February 9, 2026 Work Session

I. Treasurer's Report:

Board Treasurer, Brent Oliver, gave a recap of the amount that was approved from the January check register.

I.1. Financial Statements

I.2. Bills for Payment

I.3. Budgets to Date

J. Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations:

J.1. Personnel

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the personnel report as presented. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Brent Oliver, Passed.

Kacy Cooper: Absent, Taryn Watterson: Absent, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Brent Oliver: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

J.1.a. Resignations

J.1.a.1) Brevan Wowianko- W.E. Playground Parapro

J.1.a.2) Katelyn Cryderman- W.E. Parapro

J.1.b. End of Year Retirements

J.1.b.1) Rebecca Harding- WMS Parapro

J.1.b.2) Sandra Lane- Driver

J.1.b.3) Stephen Lane- Driver

J.1.b.4) Lisa Morgan- W.E. Title I Intervention Teacher

J.1.b.5) Julie Oliver- W.E. Teacher

J.1.b.6) Brenda Pizzala- W.E. Parapro

J.1.b.7) Laura Smith-W.E. Teacher

J.1.b.8) Peggy Steele- Driver

J.1.c. Appointments

J.1.c.1) Fara Serra-Varsity Girls' Soccer Asst. Coach

J.1.c.2) Brenda Croyle-W.E. Playground Para

J.1.c.3) Reyna Luplow- MS Track

J.2. Facilities

J.2.a. Municipal Well Update

Superintendent Smajda gave an update on the well discussions with the townships.

J.2.b. Capital Improvement Project List

J.2.c. Additional Furniture for W.E.

Superintendent Smajda and W.E.Principal Sue Haney discussed additional items that are being requested as staff and students are adjusting to the new building. More information will follow regarding pricing.

J.3. Curriculum

K. Board Reports:

Board Trustee, Blaine Goodrich, thanked to board for attending the Jackson County School Board meeting. It was the first time all 7 members of the Western Board were present.

Board Secretary, Gale Easton, gave an update on the LDFA meeting that he and Superintendent Smajda recently attended.

L. Other Business:

L.1. Overnight Athletic Trips

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to approve the overnight trips as presented. This motion, made by Brent Oliver and seconded by Jason Herrington, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

M. Closed Session:

It is the recommendation of the board to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. This motion, made by Blaine Goodrich and seconded by Gale Easton, Passed.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

A motion was made by Blaine Goodrich to move into closed session at 6:33pm for the purpose of discussing negotiations. The motion was supported by Gale Easton, and all members demonstrated agreement by a unanimous show of hands.

Closed session ended at 6:43pm.

M.1. Negotiations

N. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43pm.