



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 24, 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 February 24, 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, Carol Finkelstein, Connie Williams, Steven Gottlieb
Absent: Board Member George Ehlert

Superintendent Kenneth Gutman, Deputy Superintendent Chris Delgado, and Assistant Superintendents Dandridge Floyd and Teri Les were also present.
- III. Public Comments** – There were no public comments.
- IV. Information from the Superintendent and Administration**
 - A. Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Kenneth Gutman mentioned that Oakland Schools is hosting two executives in residence cohort members in collaboration with the Association of Educational Service Agencies. He introduced Cindy McKinney of the Region 8 Education Service Center in Indiana, and Jennifer Brock of the Region 4 Education Service Center in Texas.

The Superintendent mentioned that members of the Human Resources Leadership Academy will participate in a mock bargaining session on February 25, 2026. He shared session materials with the Board.
 - B. Legislative Update** – A legislative report was provided by David Randels, Executive Director of Government Relations, Education Policy and Research.

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V. Regular Working Agenda

A. Board of Education

1. Report – None

2. Discussion:

a) A First Reading of the following Oakland Schools Board Policies was held:

- 2800 - Records and Retention (amend)
- 4530 - Electronic Mail Retention (rescind)
- 4540 - Artificial Intelligence (adopt)
- 5210 - Employee Complaints (amend)
- 7420 - Inspection by Parents of Curriculum and Instructional Materials (amend)
- 7485 - Inclusion of Animals for Educational or Instructional Purposes (amend)
- 8280 - Electronic Communication Devices - Students (amend)
- 8680 - Emergency Medical Authorization (amend)
- 8940 - Student Education Records (amend)

3. Action:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meetings of February 10, 2026 - It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Vice President Williams, to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meetings of February 10, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of the pre-travel requests of the Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2026 – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the pre-travel requests of February 24, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

B. Educational Services

1. Report:

- a) A report regarding Heritage and World Languages was presented.

2. Discussion – None

3. Action:

- a) Approval of Contract Award: School Health Corporation – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract award in an amount not to exceed \$39,517.00 to School Health Corporation for the period February 24, 2026, to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of Overnight Field Trip Request: Student Services Overnight Fieldtrips OSTC Campuses – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to approve the overnight field trip request from Student Services on February 24, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

- c) Acceptance of Donation: Student Services Donations – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to accept the donation request submitted by Student Services on February 24, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The item(s) donated include one material donation of Aluminum and Polycarbonate with a value of \$1,574.30, as well as a monetary donation in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

C. Human Resources

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

- a) Approval of the Personnel List of February 24, 2026 – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the Personnel List of February 24, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of Contract Renewal: Frontline Technologies Group, LLC – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to authorize the Administration to execute a contract renewal in an amount not to exceed \$182,748.97 to Frontline Technologies Group, LLC for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

- c) Approval of Calendar: 2026-2027 10- and 12-Month Non-Union Staff Calendar – It was moved by Board Treasurer Gottlieb, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the 2026-2027 10 and 12 Month non-union staff calendar as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

- d) Approval of Calendar: VLAC Instructional Staff FY27 Calendar – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to approve the 2026-2027 Virtual Learning Academy (VLAC) Instructional Staff calendar as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

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D. Finance, Operations & Shared Services

1. Reports:

- a) A Business Officials Residency Program report was presented.
- b) A Nanotechnology report was presented.

2. Discussion:

- a) A First Reading of Fiscal Year Budget Amendments: 2nd Amendment was held.

3. Action:

- a) Acceptance of Financial Reports – It was moved by Board Secretary Finkelstein, with the support of Board Treasurer Gottlieb, to accept the October-December 2025 financial reports, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

E. Technology Services

1. Report – None

2. Discussion – None

3. Action:

- a) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement: Lamphere Schools for the provision of District Shared Services – 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 District Shared Services in the amount not to exceed \$3,306,610.00 to Lamphere Schools, for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 3031, as presented by the Administration.. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

- b) Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment: Lamphere Schools for the provision of District Shared Services – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment to Lamphere Schools for the provision of District Shared Services increasing the amount by \$39,866.00, from \$2,441,633.00 to an amount not to exceed \$2,481,499.00, for the period December 1, 2021 to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

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- c) Approval of Purchase Order: People Driven Technology, Inc. – It was moved by Board Vice President Williams, with the support of Board Secretary Finkelstein, to authorize the Administration to execute a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$87,775.40 to People Driven Technology, Inc. for the period February 25, 2026, to June 30, 2026, as presented by the Administration. The Board Secretary called the roll for the vote.

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

Motion carried 4/0

VI. Board Member Comments/Announcements

Board President Katz expressed sympathy on behalf of the Board to Board Treasurer Gottlieb for the recent loss of his father-in-law. He mentioned that the Board members plan to make a personal donation to the Oakland Schools Education Foundation in his father-in-law's memory.

The Board President mentioned that the Oakland County School Boards Association meeting is scheduled to be held on March 18, 2026, and the meeting will include an interactive AI presentation.

The Board President announced that there will be a Special Board Meeting on March 10, 2026, at 6:15 pm to address a personnel issue.

VII. Additional Items – There were no additional items.

VIII. Adjournment – The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Approved on March 10, 2026



Carol Finkelstein, Board Secretary