



MINUTES

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

April 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

MISSION STATEMENT - "Clintondale Community Schools will provide an academic environment that prepares our diverse student body to reach its fullest potential and become productive members of society."

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting began at: 6:46 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Kenneth Janczarek, Superintendent	Lee Walmsley, Human Resources Director
Kevin Knoblock, Special Services Director	Carla Kelley, Supervisor of Operations
Dr. Shauna Hemler, Chief Academic Officer	Maurice Woods, High School Assistant Principal
Dr. Daniel Berry, Secondary Principal	Kevin Taratuta, Chief Financial Officer
Bob Walmsley, Athletic Director	

AGENDA - The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the agenda as submitted or amended.

Motion by Kurt Wilson, Sr., to amend the agenda including Ms. Wilson's amendment

Support by Ava McDowell Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

Motion by Kurt Wilson, Sr., to amend the agenda including Ms. Valerio-Nowc's amendment to Table #10.

Support by Ava McDowell Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

Discussion:

Motion by Lisa Wilson to amend the agenda under New Business to discuss legal fees expended at, the process for working with, and who is authorized to incur legal fees on behalf of the District with Thrun Law Firm.

Point of order by Ava McDowell that Barry Powers' discussion was moving away from discussing the motion and discussing the substance. Point of order sustained by Lisa Valerio-Nowc.

Barry Powers noted that parts of attachments 4 and 6 potentially contain attorney-client privileged information. Lisa Wilson stated that it has been provided through the Freedom of Information Act.

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Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc to remove Item #10, rule #2303, and replace it with accepting the language of Roberts Rules of Order Chapter XX Section 61 regarding meeting conduct.

Support: Diane Zontini

Lisa Valerio-Nowc changed the motion to table Item #10.

Meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the:

- April 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Barry Powers

Support by Ava McDowell

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NON-CONSENT ITEMS - #1-4

1. **Closed Session** - It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board enter into closed session per Section 8 (1)(b) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss student discipline.

Motion by Ava McDowell

Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr.

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Abstained: Kurt Wilson, Sr.

Lisa Wilson stated that she would not be participating in closed sessions due to past Board behavior and safety concerns (this applies to all closed sessions).

Kurt Wilson, Sr. stated that he would also not be participating in closed sessions in support of Ms. Wilson.

2. **Closed Session** - It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board enter into closed session per Section 8 (1)(b) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss student discipline.

Motion by Ava McDowell

Support by Barry Powers

Y 6

N 0

Ab 0

3. **Closed Session** - It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board enter into closed session per Section 8 (1)(b) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss student discipline.

Motion by Ava McDowell

Support by Barry Powers

Y 6

N 0

Ab 0

4. **Closed Session** - It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board enter into closed session per Section 8 (1)(b) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss student discipline.

Motion by Ava McDowell

Support by Barry Powers

Y 6

N 0

Ab 0

Meeting recessed at 8:24 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 11:13 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Special Election Ballot Proposal - Kevin Taratuta

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Capital Projects Update

Farewell and Thank You

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

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1 Comment

CONSENT ITEMS - #1-4

1. **Correspondence** - The Superintendent recommends that the Board accept and receive the correspondence.
 - Brenda Underwood
2. **Approval of the Bills** - The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the bills for Clintondale Community Schools ending April 17, 2026.
3. **LCPS/CCS Cooperative Agreement** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Chief Academic Officer that the Board approve the educational cooperative agreement between L'Anse Creuse Public Schools and Clintondale Community Schools.
4. **Senior Cedar Point Trip** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Secondary Campus Principal that the Board approve the senior Cedar Point trip on May 26, 2026.

Note: The cost is \$86 per student.

Motion by Ava McDowell for #1, 3, and 4

Support by Barry Powers

Y 6

N 0

Ab 0

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc for #2

Support by Diane Zontini

Y 6

N 0

Ab 0

NON-CONSENT ITEMS - #5-12

5. **Resignation** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve the resignation of **Brenda Underwood**, McGlinnen Elementary Resource Room Teacher, effective May 1, 2026.

Note: Brenda Underwood has worked for the District for 5 years.

Motion by Barry Powers

Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr.

Y 6

N 0

Ab 0

6. **Special Election Ballot Proposal** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer that the Board approve the resolution calling for a Headlee Override special election proposal to be held on August 4, 2026.

Motion by Ava McDowell

Support by Diane Zontini

Y 6

N 0

Ab 0

7. **Curriculum Adoption** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Chief Academic Officer that the Board approve the adoption of the course catalogs for the middle school and high school.

Motion by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Support by Ava McDowell Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

8. **SRO Contract** - It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board approve the 2026- 2027 extension of the School Resource Officer agreement for Timothy Victor.

Note: Clintondale will pay \$99,630 toward the contract.

Motion by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Support by Diane Zontini Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

9. **Interim Superintendent** - It is recommended by the Board President that the Board approve Kevin Knoblock as interim superintendent, effective May 11, 2026.

Note: Kevin Knoblock will begin a work shadow on May 6, 2026, and will assume the role of interim superintendent on May 11, 2026. He will receive additional compensation of \$154 per day until June 30, 2026.

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

10. **TABLED Board Policy 2303 - Revision** - It is recommended by the Board Policy Committee that the Board approve the revision(s) to **Board Policy 2303 - Conduct at Board Meeting and Removal from Meetings** as per the enclosed.

11. **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Policy Update** - It is recommended by the Board Policy Committee that the Board approve the updates to the District's Freedom of Information Act Policy (**FOIA**) as per the enclosed.

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Diane Zontini Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

12. **Discuss legal fees** - expended at, the process for working with, and who is authorized to incur legal fees on behalf of the District with Thrun Law Firm.

Motion for the Finance Committee to perform a review and evaluation of the expenses incurred through Thrun Law Firm. The expenses should be sorted by type (to include negotiations, staff, Title IX, student, Board), beginning with January 2023 to present. The committee will report back to the Board with its findings and recommendations by the end of August 2026. Payment on check number 126797 is deferred until the committee can provide the above information.

Motion by Lisa Wilson Support by Barry Powers Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

13. **Closed Session** - It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Board enter into Closed Session per Section 8 (1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss employee discipline.

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Y 6 N 0 Ab 0

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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1 Comment

Board recessed at 12:58 a.m.

Returned from closed session at 1:15 a.m.

Closed Session #1: Motion to suspend student #1750004112 for 45 days.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support Ava McDowell Y 4 N 0 Ab 0

Closed Session #2: Motion to suspend student #1750019341 for 45 days

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support Ava McDowell Y 4 N 0 Ab 0

Closed Session #3: Motion to suspend student #175019823 for 180 days with the opportunity to petition for reinstatement.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support Ava McDowell Y 4 N 0 Ab 0

Closed Session #4: Motion to suspend student #1750007425 for 180 days with the opportunity to petition for reinstatement.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support Ava McDowell Y 4 N 0 Ab 0

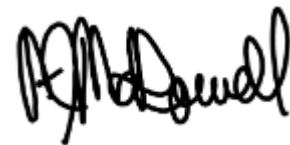
Closed session #5: Motion to terminate employment of the employee.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support Ava McDowell Y 4 N 0 Ab 0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Time: **1:19 a.m.**



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