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June 9, 2026

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE
KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Kalamazoo Public Schools will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 1220 Howard Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. The meeting will be live streamed on Public Media Network on the Live TV Channel PMN 5: <https://publicmedianet.org/pmn-five/>.

The Board of Trustees, Superintendent, and senior staff will have an informational dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's office area and will also discuss any matters that may come before the Board.

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Carol McGlinn, Secretary
Board of Education

- ❖ Please contact the Superintendent's Office in advance of the meeting if auxiliary aids or services for individuals with disabilities are needed.
- ❖ Official minutes of Kalamazoo Public Schools Board of Education open meetings are available for inspection within eight working days of the meeting at the Superintendent's Office, 1220 Howard Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

**POLICY
of the
BOARD OF EDUCATION
KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

1.2 Public Participation During a Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Policy

While balancing legitimate privacy interests of students and staff, the Board of Trustees welcomes community input at public meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Specifics

1. Persons requesting to address the board will be asked to complete a sign-in sheet by the end of the public comment period. The portion of that sign-in sheet requiring completion will include: name, school district in which the person resides, and connection to/interest in the Kalamazoo Public Schools. The optional portion will be held private and will include: mailing address, email address, phone number, topic about which they will be speaking and, if authorized and applicable, the organization they represent.
2. The presiding board officer will invite persons to come to the podium in the order in which the sign-in sheets were completed.
3. If after 30 minutes everyone who has completed a sign-in sheet has not had the opportunity to address the board, the public comment period will be tabled and resume before adjournment.
4. Speakers have three minutes each and must stop speaking promptly when signaled.
5. Speakers may not address confidential student or personnel matters, but may submit such concerns to the board in writing.
6. Speakers are encouraged to provide the board with a written copy of their comments and other appropriate supporting documentation, which will be copied and distributed as needed to appropriate staff/personnel.
7. The public is required to exercise common courtesy during the meeting and must follow rule of order. The presiding board officer may terminate public comments that are profane, vulgar, or defamatory, especially if these comments result in a disturbance or breach of peace. Personal attacks against an employee or board member that are totally unrelated to his or her duties are prohibited. If a person engages in disruptive conduct or is out of order, the board presiding officer will strike his or her gavel and warn the person to discontinue their behavior. Further disruptions will result in the person being asked to leave. Refusal to leave will result in being escorted out of the building. (MCL 380.1808)

Adopted: February 13, 2003

Revised: December 17, 2009

Revised: June 25, 2013

Adopted: December 19, 2019

Revised: November 21, 2024

Revised: March 19, 2026

This policy supersedes all other policies on this issue.

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
1220 Howard St. Kalamazoo, MI 49008
June 11, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Acceptance of Agenda**
- IV. Attendance**
- V. Correspondence**
- VI. Consent Calendar Items**
 - A. Minutes**
May 20, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B. Business and Financial Reports**
Purchase Recommendation 2026-50, 2026-51, and 2026-52
 - C. Personnel Items**
Personnel Changes
- VII. Reports and Recommendations**
 - A. Superintendent's Report**
 - B. 2026/2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation**
 - C. MHSAA 2026-27 Membership Resolution**
- VIII. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (3-minute individual limit)**
- IX. Other Business**
- X. Comments by Trustees/Superintendent**
- XI. Closed Session (if needed)**
- XII. Next Regular Board of Education Meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.**

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Meeting
1220 Howard Street
May 20, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

President TiAnna Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Acceptance of Agenda

President Harrison called for a motion to accept the agenda.

MOTION: Trustee Patti Sholler-Barber, supported by Secretary Carol McGlinn, moved to accept the agenda.

Disposition: Voice vote; all in favor. The motion was carried unanimously by trustees present.

IV. Attendance

Board members present: TiAnna Harrison, Carol McGlinn, Karla Murphy, Yvonne Payton, and Patti Sholler-Barber. Board members absent: Jennie Hill and Takisha Johnson. Superintendent Dr. Darrin Slade was also present.

V. Board Recognitions

Arcadia Elementary School teachers Ms. Wallace and Ms. Brown recognized students Parmavir Singh, Ruby Haskins, Vendant Patel, Kyren Flowers, Ah'Mir Kyles, Mariam Alhasan, Aws Altawalbeh, Sabrina Leland, Silas Johnson, and Derrick Presley.

Linden Grove Middle School principal Mike Hughes recognized students Eugene Anderson, Story Darnell, Julian Horvitz, Juliet Kaufman, Gianna Kaufman, Gurasees Kaur, Emberli Lake, Christian Landry, Brooklyn Landry, Savannah Little, Asha Sandhu, Ezekiel Snead, Lillian Start, and Xander Sweet.

Loy Norrix High School principal Chris Aguinaga recognized students Madeline Hunt, Theodore Bridges, Noelan Boyea, Kylie Ruiz, Thomas Bowler, Connor Doren, Brielle Dalke, Allison Boucher, Dominic Abate, Heidi Cruz-Ramirez, and Plamedie Ekumbaki.

Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Leadership Reuquiyah Saunders, Coordinator of Secondary Special Education Anthony Barnes, and King Westwood Elementary principal Erika Zavasky recognized staff members Anna Ward, Jessica Griffioen Ulmber, and Deborah Meinema with an award from the KRESA Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

VI. Committee Reports/School Reports

Treasurer Murphy reported that the Governance Committee met virtually and discussed work to be completed over the summer. She noted the committee expects to complete two policy updates prior to July 1.

Secretary McGlinn reported that the Operations Committee met virtually on May 4 and received a state finance update and a facilities update, including information regarding the El Sol Community Meeting.

VII. Correspondence

Secretary McGlinn reported the correspondence for the period of May 6 - May 18, 2026.

- Email received on May 6 from Kennisha Carter regarding a formal grievance. Dr. Slade and Secretary McGlinn replied.
- Email received on May 8 from John McNeill regarding budget hearing timelines. Dr. Slade and Secretary McGlinn replied.
- Email received on May 10 from Veronica Rothney regarding concerns about artificial intelligence in classrooms. Vice President Hill replied.
- Email received on May 11 from Alexandra Stinson-Swartout requesting an interview for her dissertation. Dr. Slade and Vice President Hill replied.
- Email received on May 12 from George Magas regarding district funding. Secretary McGlinn replied.
- Email received on May 18 from Christa Partee regarding concerns at a student's school. Dr. Slade and Vice President Hill replied.

VIII. Consent Calendar

President Harrison presented the Consent Calendar items: VIII.A May 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, VIII.B Purchase Recommendation 2026-49, and VIII.C Personnel Changes.

Motion: Trustee Murphy, supported by Trustee Sholler-Barber, moved to accept the Consent Calendar.

Disposition: Voice vote; all in favor. Motion carried unanimously by trustees present.

Discussion from the board:

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Thanked the community for supporting district bond initiatives.
- Shared appreciation for facilities staff and noted that bond funding helps maintain safe learning environments, including asbestos abatement projects.

IX. Reports and Recommendations

A. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dr. Darrin Slade reported on the recent KPS One World event held at the Kalamazoo Expo Center. He shared that more than 1,000 participants attended and recognized Coordinator of Multilingual Services and World Languages Wessam

Abdelaziz and his team for their efforts in celebrating the diversity of Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Dr. Slade also highlighted the El Sol Open House and thanked Director of Facilities Karen Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Instruction and Leadership Dr. Micole Dyson, El Sol Principal Dr. Natalie Wilson, and staff members involved in planning the new El Sol facility. Community members were provided an opportunity to review building plans and provide feedback regarding the project.

Dr. Slade recognized approximately 40 district retirees honored during the annual retirement dinner and thanked all retiring employees for their years of service to Kalamazoo Public Schools.

The superintendent announced upcoming graduation ceremonies for Loy Norrix High School, Kalamazoo Central High School, Phoenix High School, and Kalamazoo Innovative Learning Program (KILP), Adult Education, and the Kalamazoo Area Mathematics and Science Center (KAMSC) senior recognition program.

Information about the district's kindergarten enrollment campaign was shared and families were encouraged to enroll students early for the 2026-27 school year.

Dr. Slade reviewed elementary, middle school, and high school summer school opportunities and reminded families that attendance is expected for students identified for participation.

The report was ended by wishing students, staff, and families a good Memorial Day weekend and Dr. Slade encouraging families to remain safe and supervised during the holiday weekend.

X. Persons Requesting to Address the Board (3-minute individual limit)

None.

XI. Other Business

None.

XII. Comments by Trustees/Superintendent

Patti Sholler-Barber

- Congratulated all district retirees.
- Thanked Karen Jackson and district staff for their work on the El Sol Open House.
- Wished the community a safe Memorial Day weekend.
- Shared Loy Norrix athletics updates regarding state tournament participation, district hosting responsibilities, and regional competition opportunities.
- Shared Kalamazoo Central athletics updates, including collegiate signing day, state track qualifiers, and a new school record set by the boy 4 x 800 relay team.

Carol McGlinn

- Congratulated district retirees.
- Encouraged students, staff, and families to finish the school year strong.
- Reminded community members to remain mindful of student safety as outdoor activity increases during the warmer months.

Karla Murphy

- Shared that student recognitions are among the highlights of board meetings.
- Recognized the adults who helped establish Science Olympiad opportunities at Linden Grove Middle School.
- Congratulated district special education staff and expressed appreciation for their support of students and families.

TiAnna Harrison

- Wished district retirees a happy retirement.
- Shared excitement for upcoming graduation ceremonies and other events celebrating graduating seniors.
- Encouraged participation in summer school programs for students identified for additional support.
- Wished the community a safe and responsible Memorial Day weekend.

Dr. Darrin Slade

- Thanked staff members who facilitated and supervised Saturday School activities.
- Recognized all district retirees and thanked the committee members who organized the retirement celebration.
- Offered special recognition to retiring principal of KILP and the virtual program Kimberly Kirshman for her leadership and continued support of students and staff.

XIII. Closed Session

Not needed.

XIV. Next Board of Education Meeting

The next Regular Board of Education meeting is Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Trustee Murphy, supported by Trustee Sholler-Barber, moved to adjourn the meeting.

Disposition: Voice Vote; all in favor. Motion carried unanimously by trustees present.

President Harrison adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeGraaf, Recording Secretary,
on behalf of Carol McGlinn,
Secretary, Board of Education

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PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION DATA SHEET

Board Meeting Date: June 11, 2026

Request Number: 2026-50

Amount: \$37,400.00

Item: Asbestos Abatement at Lakewood/Valley Center

Cost Center: 2022 Bond

Cost Center Representative(s) Attending Board Meeting: Karen Jackson

Description of Need:

This purchase recommendation is for the removal of asbestos containing materials at Lakewood / Valley Center with the window replacement and secure vestibule projects.

Vendor: Quality Environmental Services, LLC
Beaverton, MI

Number of Proposals Requested: 7 **Received:** 1

Low Bid Accepted: N/A

Bid Amount \$34,000

Contingency \$ 3,400

Total \$37,400

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PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION DATA SHEET

Board Meeting Date: June 11, 2026

Request Number: 2026-51

Amount: \$80,735.03

Item: Elementary Consumable Math Workbooks

Cost Center: Instruction

Cost Center Representative(s) Attending Board Meeting: Dr. Angela Thomas

Description of Need:

Students in grades K-5 will need the required math consumables for instruction. This recommendation is for the printing of the grades K-5 Eureka Math materials.

Vendor: JPS Books + Logistics
Dallas, TX

Number of Proposals Requested: 4 **Received:** 3

Low Bid Accepted: Yes

Materials support the board-approved elementary math curriculum.

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PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION DATA SHEET

Board Meeting Date: June 11, 2026

Request Number: 2026-52

Amount: \$48,589.49

Item: Wonders Practice Books & Wonders Handwriting Workbooks

Cost Center: Instruction

Cost Center Representative(s) Attending Board Meeting: Dr. Angela Thomas

Description of Need:

Wonders Practice Books feature practice pages for phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, phonics, spelling, handwriting, high-frequency words, and take-home stories for each week of instruction.

Wonders Handwriting Workbooks are designed to promote automaticity with letter formation and recognition of familiar words, such as the high-frequency words found in the Wonders ELA curriculum. Consumable materials allow for extended practice and support the writing curriculum.

This recommendation is for purchasing Wonders Practice Books & Wonders Handwriting Workbooks for elementary students in grades K-3 in elementary schools to use during the 2026-2027 school year.

Vendor: McGraw-Hill
Dallas, TX

Number of Proposals Requested: N/A **Received:** N/A

Low Bid Accepted: N/A

Materials support the board-approved elementary curriculum and are only available from McGraw-Hill.

KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOL
Office of the Superintendent

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Darrin Slade, Superintendent

DATE: June 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Personnel Changes

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the board approve the following employment changes:

- I. Employment
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- II. Promotions/Key Transfers
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
 - Alonja M. Wilson**, transfer from Assistant School Secretary - Child Accounting, Kalamazoo Central High School, to Instructional Secretary - Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, Instructional Student Services, 07/01/2026
- III. Leaves of Absence
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- IV. Terminations
 - A. Professional/Management
 - Elizabeth K. Boyd**, Kindergarten Teacher, Milwood Elementary School, Resignation, 06/30/2026
 - Amy L. Eastman**, Grade 1 Teacher, Woodward School, Retirement, 06/30/2026
 - Rachel M. Maher**, Math Teacher, Loy Norrix High School, Resignation, 06/30/2026
 - Kerry L. Oostdyk**, 8th Grade Math Teacher, Maple Street Magnet School for the Arts, Resignation, 06/30/2026
 - Aaron M. Sauter**, Principal, Milwood Magnet School: A Center for Math, Science and Technology, Resignation, 05/19/2026
 - Rainelda P. Schumacher**, Math Teacher, Linden Grove Middle School, Resignation, 06/30/2026
 - Michelle R. Schwartz**, 8th Grade Science Teacher, Linden Grove Middle School, Resignation, 06/30/2026
 - Stephanie E. Smith**, Resource Room Teacher, Woods Lake Elementary: A Magnet Center for the Arts, Retirement, 06/30/2026
 - Felicity Shepherd**, PEEP Teacher, Spring Valley Center for Exploration, Resignation, 06/30/2026
 - Abigail M. Takacs**, Grade 1 Teacher, Northeastern Elementary School, Resignation, 06/30/2026

- B. Classified
 - Tabatha A. Coleman**, Supervisor of Special Projects, Instruction and Leadership, Resignation, 06/12/2026
 - China D. Robinson**, Lead School Secretary, Linden Grove Middle School, Resignation, 05/29/2026
 - Asha I Sadiq**, Montessori Teaching Assistant, Northglade Montessori Magnet School, Resignation, 06/13/2026
- V. Termination from Leave of Absence
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- VI. Return from Leave of Absence
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified
- VII. Lay-offs
 - A. Professional/Management
 - B. Classified



2026-27

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association is a voluntary, nonprofit corporation comprised of public, private and parochial junior high/ middle and senior high schools whose Boards of Education/Governing Bodies have voluntarily applied for and received membership for and on behalf of their secondary schools. The association sponsors statewide tournaments and makes eligibility rules with respect to participation in such Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsored tournaments in the various sports. Each Board of Education/Governing Body that wishes to host or participate in such meets and tournaments must join the MHSAA and agree to abide by and enforce the MHSAA rules, regulations and qualifications concerning eligibility, game rules and tournament policies, procedures and schedules. **It is a condition for participation in any MHSAA postseason tournaments that high schools adhere to at least the minimum standards of Regulation I and the maximum limitations of Regulation II in ALL MHSAA Tournament sports.**

Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments are the collective property of the MHSAA and not of any individual member school. The MHSAA reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of MHSAA-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests, and the use of images or transmissions identifying contest officials, spectators and member schools' students, personnel and marks.

To obtain membership, it is necessary for the Board of Education/Governing Body to adopt the following resolution for its junior high/middle and senior high schools. This resolution must be formally ratified by your Board of Education/Governing Body and properly signed. Please return one signed copy for our files and retain one copy for your files. Resolutions that are modified in any way or are supplemented with letters placing additional conditions on MHSAA membership or tournament participation shall be rejected.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

For the year August 1, 2026 — through July 31, 2027

LIST ON BACK

_____ the School(s) which are under the direction of this Board of Education/Governing Body.

(Junior high/middle and senior high schools of your school system which are to be listed as MHSAA members and receive MHSAA mailings during 2026-27 must be listed on the back of this form)

_____ City/Township of _____

County of _____, of State of Michigan, are hereby:

- (A) enrolled as members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., a nonprofit association, and
- (B) are further enrolled to participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by said association.

The Board of Education/Governing Body hereby delegates to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s) the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of said association and adopts as its own the rules, regulations and interpretations (as minimum standards), as published in the current HANDBOOK as the governing code under which the said school(s) shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association's meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules.

This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2026 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2027, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

RECORD OF ADOPTION

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Education/Governing Body of the

_____ School(s), on the _____ day of _____, 2026,
and is so recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the said Board/Governing Body.

(Governing Body Name)

(Address)

(City & Zip Code)

(Contact E-mail)

Board Secretary Signature
or Designee

☐ Check if Designee

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Schools Which Are To Be MHSAA Members During 2026-27

NOTE: Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution, all high schools, junior high/middle schools, or other schools of Michigan doing a grade of work corresponding to such schools, may become members of this organization provided (a) the school building has enrollment and onsite attendance of at least 15 students, whether for grades **6 through 8 or 9, grades 7 through 8 or 9, or grades 9 or 10 through 12**; and (b) if a nonpublic school, the school qualifies for federal income tax exemption as a not-for-profit organization. To reach the 15-student minimum for middle school membership, schools may join the MHSAA at the 6th-grade level whether or not 6th-grade students participate in athletics.

- A. This Section does not require school districts to become member schools at the junior high/middle school level and does not require school districts to sponsor any interscholastic athletics for 6th-grade students.
- B. If a school district's MHSAA Membership Resolution lists a junior high/middle school as an MHSAA member school, and if the school sponsors a 6th-grade team in any sport or permits a 6th-grade student to participate with 7th- and/or 8th-grade students in any sport, then all of Regulations III and IV apply to all 6th-graders in all sports involving 6th-graders on teams sponsored by that school. If the school does not allow any 6th-graders to participate in a sport, MHSAA rules do not apply in that sport.

Name the Member High School(s)

List separately from JH/MS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

If necessary, list additional schools for either column on a separate sheet.

Name the Member Junior High /Middle School(s)

(member 6th, 7th and 8th-grade buildings)

List separately from HS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. _____

Name of Member School

Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____
Provide anticipated 2026-27 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____
Provide anticipated 2026-27 6th-grade enrollment _____
Grade levels for membership: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
1. ☐ Yes ☐ No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.

2. _____

Name of Member School

Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____
Provide anticipated 2026-27 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____
Provide anticipated 2026-27 6th-grade enrollment _____
Grade levels for membership: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
1. ☐ Yes ☐ No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.

3. _____

Name of Member School

Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____
Provide anticipated 2026-27 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____
Provide anticipated 2026-27 6th-grade enrollment _____
Grade levels for membership: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
1. ☐ Yes ☐ No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.
