



BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026
6:00 PM, BOARD ROOM
HASLETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Present: Bird/Clark/Collins/Fritz/Polverento/Wawrzynski
Absent with notice: Stoliker

Staff: Malley/Hamilton/Immel/Lerch/Dobson/Dewitt/Burchman/Keck/Webster/McIntosh/
Ooten/Fackler/McLendon/Wilson/Wood/Keck/Schaibly

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. WORK SESSION

Superintendent Malley introduced the Strategic Plan overview, followed by presentations on the 2026–27 district goals by Associate Superintendent Nick Hamilton, Director of Student Services Paula Dobson, Director of Technology and Innovation Jamie Dewitt, and Director of Finance Jared Immel. The presentations covered Systems and Structures, themes in Student Services and Technology and Innovation, Curriculum Review and the impact of literacy legislation, Finance and Internal Controls, Facilities and Operations, and the public Dashboard. Board members and directors engaged in discussions regarding the presented goals and objectives.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Personnel Recommendations

The following teachers were recommended for hire by Superintendent Malley for the 2026-27 school year:

- A. Isabelle Fata as Second Grade Teacher at Murphy.
- B. Braden Warren as Physical Education Teacher at Ralya.
- C. Rebecca Weitekamp for Kindergarten at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center.
- D. Ryan Robart as Director of Facilities.

2. Welcome Back Meeting for All Staff

Superintendent Malley reported on the welcome-back meeting for all staff. The message focused on the district's strategic goal of educating students, regardless of an employee's role. With the addition of 45 new staff members, the district welcomes their energy and looks forward to a successful school year.

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Community Leadership Team

Associate Superintendent Nick Hamilton shared that an upcoming

communication will invite families to join the newly formed Community Leadership Team. Composed of parent and guardian representatives, students, staff, and local business or community members, the team will meet four times throughout the school year. The first meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2026.

2. **K-5 Literacy Curriculum Notice**

Associate Superintendent Nick Hamilton shared the K-5 literacy curriculum notice with board members. This communication will inform families that the district's current English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum is not on the State of Michigan's list of approved curricula, and outline the district's plan for adopting a new curriculum.

VI. **BOARD REPORTS**

Items from Board Members

Treasurer Polverento thanked Adam Fisher, District Athletic Director, for working with MSU sports medicine to offer sports physicals for our students. She also thanked the staff that has been busy getting work done before the school year gets started.

Secretary Clark attended the Murphy open house this evening and appreciated beauty of the courtyard.

President Collins attended the new teacher breakfast. She really enjoyed meeting the 23 new teachers and enjoyed their enthusiasm and energy.

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Three Minute Time Limit)**
Board Correspondence

Secretary Clark reported receiving no correspondence.

Correspondence from Public

The following individuals presented public comment: Duckett

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY POLVERENTO TO APPROVE:

1. Approval of Minutes - August 10, 2026, Regular Meeting.
2. Approval of Personnel Recommendations as follows:
 - A. Isabella Fata as Second Grade Teacher at Murphy.
 - B. Braden Warren as Physical Education Teacher at Ralya.
 - C. Rebecca Weitekamp as Kindergarten Teacher at Wilkshire Early Childhood Center.
3. Approval of Contract for Ryan Robart as Director of Facilities, as presented. (Attachment C)
4. Approval of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Haslett Applied Services Association, as presented. (Attachment A)
5. Approval of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with Haslett Educational Secretaries Association, as presented. (Attachment B)

Motion Carried. Unanimous Vote: 6-0

IX. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Approval of Character Strong Curriculum**

Committee members, administrators, and pilot teachers unanimously recommend Character Strong as the SEL curriculum for grades Y5-8. The cost of the curriculum and professional development support for teachers is \$44,438.21, to be funded via 31aa Grant Funds. (Attachment D)

MOTION BY WAWRZYNSKI, SECONDED BY BIRD TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF *CHARACTER STRONG* AS THE DISTRICT SEL CURRICULUM, AS PRESENTED.

Motion carried. Majority Vote: 5-1

Aye - Bird/Collins/Fritz/Polverento/Wawrzynski

Nay - Clark

2. **MASB's 2026 Delegate Assembly Nominations**

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO NOMINATE PRESIDENT COLLINS AS DELEGATE FOR THE MASB 2026 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY.

Motion Carried. Unanimous Vote 6-0

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY FRITZ TO NOMINATE VICE PRESIDENT WAWRZYNSKI AS ALTERNATE FOR THE MASB 2026 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY.

Motion Carried. Unanimous Vote 6-0

X. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on September 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Haslett Administration Building.

XI. **CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION BY BIRD, SECONDED BY WAWRZYNSKI TO MOVE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:48 PM PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT MCL 15.268 SECTION (1)(c) FOR UNION NEGOTIATIONS.

Motion carried. Unanimous Vote: 6-0

Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes, 0 Nays

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY POLVERENTO, SECONDED BY CLARK TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 PM.

Motion carried. Unanimous Vote: 6-0

Date Approved _____

Board Secretary _____

(S. Lerch, Recorder)