



MINUTES

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

August 24, 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: 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Whelton - Superintendent	Shauna Hemler - Asst. Sup. of Teaching and Learning
Lee Walmsley - HR Director	Kevin Knoblock - Asst. Sup. of Special Education
Rashida Shack - Parker Principal	Maurice Woods - HS/MS Asst. Principal
Bob Walmsley - Athletic Director	Jamie Lampasona - McGlennen Principal
Bryan Schuerman - Director of CTE and Innovations	
Carla Kelley - Building and Grounds Supervisor	

AGENDA - The Board President and the Superintendent recommend that the Board approve the agenda as submitted or amended.

Adding teacher as consent item #3 and Cell Phone Policy Agenda as non-consent item #10

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Diane Zontini Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - The Board President and the Superintendent recommend that the Board approve the:

- July 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- July 29, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- August 4, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- August 5, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- August 10, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- August 18, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Diane Zontini Support by Jared Maynard Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

APPROVAL OF BILLS - The Board President and the Superintendent recommend that the Board approve the payroll and benefits for Clintondale Community Schools employees ending August 14, 2026.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Diane Zontini Y 5 N 0 Ab 2

Abstentions: Lisa Wilson, Kurt Wilson, Sr.

The Board President and the Superintendent recommend that the Board approve the bills ending August 14, 2026 with the exception of the Thrun bills.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Diane Zontini Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The superintendent shared a recap of his first few days in the position.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

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CONSENT ITEMS - #1-3

1. **Correspondence** - The Superintendent recommends that the Board accept and receive the correspondence.
 - Heidi Shagena
2. **Personnel Report** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve the Personnel Report.
3. **Elementary Teacher** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve Claire Rutkofske as a Great Start Readiness Pre-School Teacher, contingent upon approved physical, records check, and fingerprints.

Note: The rate of pay will be \$49,028.00 (Step 1 of the BA salary schedule.)

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Jared Maynard Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

Motion by Barry Powers to table #8 of the Personnel Report and #6 from the Non-Consent Items until a presentation can be made regarding the Cosmetology program. Support by Jared Maynard. Y 3 N 4 Ab 0

Yes: Barry Powers, Jared Maynard, Diane Zontini

Motion by Kurt Wilson, Sr. to call the question. Support Barry Powers Y 6 N 1 Ab 0
No: Diane Zontini

NON-CONSENT ITEMS - #1-9

1. **Secondary Campus Principal** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve **Ebony Carter**, as the Secondary Campus Principal, effective immediately, contingent upon approved records check, physical and fingerprints.

Note: The rate of pay will be \$119,245.00 (Step 3 of the Secondary Campus Principal Lane of the Administrator contract).

Motion by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Support by Jared Maynard Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

2. **Technology Coordinator** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve **Jalen Turner**, as the Technology Coordinator, effective immediately.

Note: Mr. Turner is the current Technology Specialist. The rate of pay will be \$61,231.00 (Step 1 of the Coordinator Lane of the Administrator contract).

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

3. **CARE Contract** - It is recommended by the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve the renewal of the Contract with **CARE** for Student Assistance Services for the 2026-27 school year.

Note: There is no increase in cost for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

4. **LOA - Third Party Services** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of Human Resources that the Board approve the Letter of Agreement (LOA) Third Party Contracted Services: School Psychologist and Speech and Language Pathologist.

Note: This LOA will allow the District to continue to provide ancillary services to students.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

5. **Workshop Travel** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer that the Board approve out-of-district travel for the CFO to attend the MSBO Leadership Institute on September 23-24, 2026, for an estimated amount of \$200 for lodging.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

6. **Cosmetology Lab Bid Approval Request** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Director of CTE and Innovations that the Board approve Post Bid Addendum No. 1 from Spartan Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of no more than \$623,000.00.

Note: The funding for this project will come from a combination of grant funding that the District has received, as well as funds from the District's General Fund that have been allocated for this project.

Motion by Ava McDowell Support by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

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Amended to table the motion to give the superintendent time to fully understand the project. A special meeting will be called. McDowell and Valerio-Nowc agreed.

Motion to call the question by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support Diane Zontini Y 2 N 5 Ab 0

Yes: Lisa Valerio-Nowc, Diane Zontini

Motion to call the question by Barry Powers Support Lisa Valerio-Nowc Y 3 N 4 Ab 0

Yes: Lisa Valerio-Nowc, Diane Zontini, Barry Powers

7. **Student Credit Progression Outline (SCPO) Policy Rescission** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer that the Board approve the rescission of the Student Credit Progression Outline (SCPO) policy.

Motion by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Support by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Y 6 N 1 Ab

Motion by Barry Powers to table. Accepted by Wilson and Valerio-Nowc

No: Ava McDowell

8. **MPAAA Conference Request** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Services that the Board approve Linda Klein, Pupil Accounting/PowerSchool Liaison, to attend the Michigan Pupil Accounting & Attendance Association (MPAAA) Conference, which will be held from September 14-16, 2026, in Port Huron, Michigan. The cost of the conference is \$700.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

9. **Conference Request** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Special Services that the Board approve the travel of Kevin Knoblock and Shauna Hemler, to attend the 2026 Michigan Community Schools & Family Engagement Conference from September 29-30, 2026, in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The total cost is \$818.

Note: The full cost of attendance will be grant funded through the District's Title II Grant, resulting in no direct cost to the District's general fund.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Ava McDowell Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

10. **Cell Phone Policy Revision** - It is recommended by the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning that the Board approves the revision of current Board Policy 5209, Student Use of Cell Phone and Electronic Communication Devices.

Note: Following the guidelines of Michigan Law Public Act 2 of 2026, Clintondale has an obligation to Adopt a policy prohibiting the use of smartphones during the school day beginning in the 2026-2027 School year.

Motion by Lisa Valerio-Nowc Support by Kurt Wilson, Sr. Y 7 N 0 Ab 0

Motion to table by Barry Powers Support by Diane Zontini Y 4 N 3 Ab 0

No: Lisa Wilson, Kurt Wilson, Sr., Ava McDowell

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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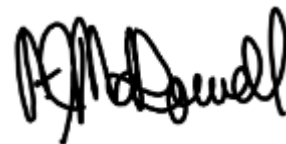
6 Comments

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Ava McDowell

Support by: Lisa Valerio-Nowc

Time: 10:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ava McDowell', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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