Board Work Session
Monday, October 12, 2026 6:00 PM Eastern

Conference Room of the Administration Building
1400 South Dearing Road
Parma, MI 49269

Kacy Cooper:	Present
Gale Easton:	Present
Blaine Goodrich:	Present
Jason Herrington:	Present
Brent Oliver:	Absent
Dr. John Sheets:	Present
Taryn Watterson:	Present

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

A. Call To Order:
The meeting was called to order by President John Sheets at 6:00PM.

B. Hearing of Citizens:
None.

C. Committee of the Whole:

C.1. Finance

C.1.a. Financial Reports

C.1.b. Check Register

C.1.c. Budgets to Date

C.1.d. 31aa
An update was provided on Section 31aa. Action will be taken at the next board meeting.

C.1.e. Summer Tax Resolution
Action regarding the Summer 2027 Tax Resolution will be taken at the next board meeting.

C.1.f. FY26 Audit
Amber Moore, Finance Director, gave an update on the FY26 Audit.

C.1.g. 2026-2027 Budget Amendment Discussion
Amber Moore also discussed the 2026-2027 budget, indicating a slight increase in the projected budget for student enrollment. In addition, the percentage of assigned and unassigned funds were considered, and questions regarding the Food Service fund were discussed.

C.2. Facilities
An update was provided on the exterior painting project at Bean School.

C.3. Personnel

C.3.a. Resignations

C.3.b. Appointments

C.3.b.1) Jessica Valentine- WCPHS Interventionist

C.3.b.2) David Hood- Director of Operations

C.3.c. Leave of Absence Request

C.3.d. Administrator Succession Plan
Blaine Goodrich suggested that the board take action at a future meeting to name Ryan Tripp to succeed Mr. Smajda as the next superintendent of Western School District. Blaine commended Ryan's service to the district and competence for the superintendency. Kacy Cooper suggested the possibility of including an external search process as a form of transparency to the community. Several board members indicated that Ryan has already demonstrated that he has the skills and qualities needed to be the next superintendent. The discussion was tabled for further consideration at a future meeting.

C.3.e. Letter of Agreement
A Letter of Agreement was proposed to provide additional compensation for Jontaj Wallace and Christian Prater for additional duties taken on in the absence of Darin Good. Action will be taken at the next board meeting.

C.4. Curriculum

C.5. Policy

C.5.a. New & Revised Policies for Adoption

D. Other Business:

E. Closed Session:
It is the recommendation of Superintendent Smajda to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. This motion, made by Gale Easton and seconded by Blaine Goodrich, Passed.
Brent Oliver: Absent, Kacy Cooper: Yea, Gale Easton: Yea, Blaine Goodrich: Yea, Jason Herrington: Yea, Dr. John Sheets: Yea, Taryn Watterson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
Gale Easton made a motion at 6:52pm to enter into closed session in order to discuss union negotiations. Blaine Goodrich provided a second, and the board showed a unanimous show of hands in agreement. Closed session concluded at 7:26 pm.

E.1. Negotiations

F. Adjournment:
The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.