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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2026

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 7 p.m. at the E. J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey Street, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170.

President Sidhu called the Regular Meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom.

Present: Members Christenson, Kehoe, Sidhu, Tollefson, Vos, and Westra
Absent: Member Ahmed

District Staff: Dr. Liz Vartanian-Gibbs, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
Jen Curry, Chief Academic Officer
Pamela Anstey, Interim Chief Finance and Operations Officer
Diane Robertson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board

Others Present: Arjun Swaminathan, SVA Student Co-Chair
Krushna Modi, SVA Student Co-Chair
Jeff Higgins, Plante Moran Partner
Renee Esper, Plante Moran Manager

Krushna Modi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Adoption of the Agenda/Approval of the Consent Agenda

Action Item #27-10-17: It was moved by Member Tollefson and seconded by Member Vos to adopt the agenda and the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Members Christenson, Kehoe, Sidhu, Tollefson, Vos, and Westra
Nays: None
The motion was passed 6-0

New Hires

Bowyer, Raymond	Social Studies Starkweather Academy	Effective 10-19-26
Mulville, Jill	Early Child SPED Inclusion Specialist Allen Early Learning Academy	Effective 10-14-26
Offman, Kennedy	Resource Room Co-Teach with Gen Ed Teacher Canton	Effective 10-19-26
Seblani, Rajaa	Physics Salem	Effective 10-26-26
Allen, Angelle	Assistant Director of Human Resources, Talent, and Employment Administration Building	Effective 11-2-26
Bailey, Shaquonda	Employment Coordinator Administration Building	Effective 10-19-26

Leaves

Wittkop, Cameron	Early-on Service Provider Allen Early Learning Academy	Childcare Leave of Absence Effective 10-12-26 to 3-26-27

Retirements

Bauer, Michelle	Data & Assessment Coordinator Administration Building	Retirement Effective 1-29-27

Minutes

The Board of Education approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2026, as presented.

B. Celebrating Success

Member Westra presented the Volunteers in Public Schools Award (VIPS) to Pamela Bierzynski, Bird Elementary School parent volunteer, in recognition of her outstanding dedication and service to the school community. As a member of Bird's Grounds Beautification Committee, Pamela has generously devoted countless hours to maintaining and enhancing the school's outdoor spaces. Whether pulling weeds, spreading mulch, or organizing community cleanups, she can often be found volunteering on weekends and throughout the summer months. Pamela's hard work and commitment have helped create a beautiful and welcoming environment that reflects the pride and care she has for the Bird Elementary community.

C. Board Committee Reports/Action

President's Report – Anupam Chugh Sidhu

President Sidhu shared information about the recent Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Delegate Assembly, which she attended with Board Members Ahmed, Vos, and Westra. She noted that highlights from the MASB Annual Fall Leadership Conference would be shared during the discussion portion of this meeting.

President Sidhu also reminded Board members of the Wayne RESA General Membership Meeting on November 5, and encouraged her colleagues to attend the upcoming Farrand Elementary School ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Additionally, President Sidhu shared that she attended a Canton Chamber of Commerce event earlier in the day, where she connected with representatives from Yazaki and discussed potential partnerships to provide students with opportunities to explore innovative design spaces and makerspaces.

Student Performance and Achievement Committee (SPA) – Judy Westra

Member Westra shared that the SPA Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next SVA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Policy Advisory Committee – Aamina Ahmed

Member Sidhu shared that the Policy Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. Subset meetings have been taking place as the district transitions to a new policy provider. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be scheduled when the committee is ready to move forward, allowing Board members to ask questions and provide feedback. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Collaboration Conference Room. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Finance and Operations Committee - Patrick Kehoe and Joe Tollefson

Member Tollefson shared that the Finance and Operations Committee met on October 22, 2026, and reviewed the Annual Financial Audit presentation and an E-Rate resolution. The committee also reviewed information regarding naming rights for the PCEP stadiums. The next F&O Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 5 p.m. in the Boardroom. Community members are encouraged to attend.

Student Voice in Action Committee (SVA) – Anupam Sidhu

Arjun Swaminathan and Krushna Modi, SVA Student Co-Chairs, shared that the SVA Committee met on October 19, 2026, and selected School Facilities and Maintenance as its next initiative, focusing on bathroom cleanliness and school air conditioning. The committee also reviewed the results from the Make Food Not Waste program and selected student representatives to serve on Board subcommittees. The next SVA Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at West Middle School. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

D. Citizens' Comments

- Sarah Krzyzanski spoke on ICE activity in the community
- Steve Gentilia spoke on ways to increase community spirit and pride
- Rebekah Olmstad spoke about communication to parents regarding non-violent classroom issues
- Rachel Hayes spoke about consistencies across all school buildings

- Brooke McDaniel spoke about school safety protocols
- Michelle Moustakis spoke on the political climate and inclusion for all candidates

E. Administrative Reports/Recommendations

Finance and Operations – Pamela Anstey

2025-2026 Annual Financial Audit-Plante Moran (Presentation)

Jeff Higgins, Partner, and Renee Esper, Manager, from Plante Moran, provided an overview of the district's annual financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. They reported that the district received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion and reviewed the district's financial position, including revenues, expenditures, and fund balances across its governmental funds. The presentation highlighted general fund revenue sources, expenditures by category, student enrollment trends, and comparisons of state foundation allowance funding to inflation. They also reviewed the district's budget-to-actual results, noting a year-end general fund balance of approximately $40 million, representing 17.4% of expenditures, which was higher than the amended budget projection.

Board members were provided an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Final Reading Resolutions

- **Action Item #27-10-18:** It was moved by Member Christenson and seconded by Member Westra to Consider Approval of a Resolution to adopt the Annual Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (First and Final Reading)

  Ayes: Members Christenson, Kehoe, Sidhu, Tollefson, Vos, and Westra
  Nays: None
  The motion was passed 6-0

- **Action Item #27-10-19:** It was moved by Member Westra and seconded by Member Tollefson to Consider Approval of a Resolution for a Stormwater Management Plan Renewal. This resolution supports the district's commitment to maintaining compliance with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requirements, including preventing illicit discharges and managing stormwater runoff from construction and redevelopment projects. Board approval of the resolution is required to maintain compliance with the district's stormwater discharge permit requirements. (Final Reading)

  Ayes: Members Christenson, Kehoe, Sidhu, Tollefson, Vos, and Westra
  Nays: None
  The motion was passed 6-0

F. Remaining Citizens' Comments

None

G. Action Items/Discussion

- **Action Item #27-10-20:** It was moved by Member Kehoe and seconded by Member Christenson to Consider Approval of a Resolution to Adopt 2026-2027 Board of Education Goals. (First and Final Reading)

  Ayes: Members Christenson, Kehoe, Sidhu, Tollefson, Vos, and Westra
  Nays: None
  The motion was passed 6-0

- **Discussion** - MASB Conference Highlights

  Board Members Sidhu, Vos, and Westra shared highlights from the recent MASB Annual Leadership Conference, where they attended sessions focused on effective communication, school governance, student voice, career and technical education, school law, and artificial intelligence in education. They emphasized the importance of listening to different perspectives, ensuring community members feel heard, and maintaining open communication. Other key takeaways included compliance with Open Meeting Act requirements, using data to evaluate student outcomes and guide decision-making, and exploring innovative learning partnerships to support student success. They also shared valuable insights from other school districts and discussed ideas and practices that could benefit P-CCS.

President Sidhu encouraged everyone to vote on November 3, 2026, and acknowledge the Board of Education candidates present this evening. She also shared that the dates for Superintendent Evaluation check-ins would be discussed at the next Board meeting.

H. Follow-up Board Questions

None

I. Adjournment

President Sidhu adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Judy Westra
Secretary, Board of Education

*Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on 11-10-26/dr