

East Lansing Public Schools
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 23, 2025 7:30 PM Eastern

Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

Vice President Elizabeth Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

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| Dr. Terah Chambers: | Absent |
| Dr. Kath Edsall: | Present |
| Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: | Present |
| Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: | Present |
| Mr. Chris Martin: | Present – Arrived at 7:48 pm |
| Dr. Estrella Torrez: | Present |
| Ms. Abbie Tykocki: | Present |
| Superintendent Dori Leyko | Present |

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens

Trustee Tykocki read the mission statement.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 24-25/126: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda of the June 23, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

This motion, made by Ms. Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Mr. Chris Martin: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, , Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 24-25/127: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes for the following minutes as presented.

- I.E.1. June 9, 2025, goal-setting session
- I.E.2. June 9, 2025, regular meeting
- I.E.3. June 9, 2025, closed session

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Mr. Chris Martin: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

II. Recognition

No Recognition to report.

III. Superintendent's Report

Click [here](#) for New Administration and High School Addition update.

Discussion followed.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion: 24-25/128: I move to approve the consent agenda to include the following item:

IV.A. New Hires

IV.A.1. Hiring of **Rebecca Bishop** - 1.0 FTE Health and Physical Education Teacher at East Lansing High School at MA Step 10 effective the start of the 25/26 School Year.

IV.A.2. Hiring of **Lisa Rodriguez** - 1.0 FTE Resource Room Teacher at Red Cedar Elementary School at MA Step 16 effective the start of the 25/26 School Year.

IV.A.3. Hiring of **Joshua Baars** - 1.0 FTE 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at BA Step 3 effective the start of the 25/26 School Year.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Mr. Chris Martin: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

V. Public Comment: This is the opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

- Molly Szpunar – Safety and Academic Performance at MMS
- Jessica Kauppi – 6th grade Mathematic Instruction and Safety Protocols

VI. Board Discussion

Superintendent Leyko is happy to meet with anyone to discuss their concerns.

VII. Action Items

VII.A. 2024-25 Final Budget Revision

VII.A.1. General Fund

Motion: 24-25/129: I move that the Board of Education adopt the 2024-25 Final Budget Revision resolution for the General Fund, as presented on pages 5-6 of the Budget Book.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.A.2. Food Service Fund

Motion: 24-25/130: I move that the Board of Education adopt the 2024-25 Final Budget Revision resolution for the Food Service Fund, as presented on page 7 of the Budget Book.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.A.3. Student/School Activity Fund

Motion: 24-25/131: I move that the Board of Education adopt the 2024-25 Final Budget Revision resolution for the Student/School Activity Fund, as presented on page 8 of the Budget Book.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.B. Award Bids for Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond Bid Package #3 High School Addition

Motion: 24-25/132: I move that the Board of Education award the following bids related to the High School Addition as follows:

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| • Category 01 Commissioning- Pro-MEC Engineering | \$ 8,500 |
| • Category 04 Masonry- Schiffer Mason Contractor | \$ 582,000 |
| • Category 07 Roofing- Great Lakes Systems | \$ 249,080 |
| • Category 11 Painting- Vork Brother Painting | \$ 39,900 |
| • Category 33 Asphalt Paving- Michigan Paving & Materials | \$ 87,190 |
| Total | \$ 966,670 |

This motion, made by Ms. Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII. Superintendent Evaluation

VIII.A. Closed Session

Motion: 24-25/133: I move that the Board of Education meet in closed session for discussion related to the Superintendent's Evaluation as permitted by Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Roll Call Vote

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board went into closed session at 8:02 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 9:44 pm.

IX. Superintendent Evaluation Rating

Motion: 24-25/134: I move that the Board of Education award Superintendent Leyko an Effective rating per the Superintendent Evaluation.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Trustee Edsall commented:

- Effective is now the highest rating, whereas Highly Effective was the highest rating in the past but the change in the law and tools, her Effective rating is equivalent to the Highly Effective in past evaluations.

President Chris Martin commented:

- The Board had productive things to say with constructive feedback.
- The Board was really impressed by the Superintendent's growth over the past few years in a number of areas. Some areas that came up multiple times were the Superintendent's approachability; outgoingness in the community being at different events supporting the district during the school day and outside the school day.
- The Board was pleased with the student growth metrics they reviewed. Understand that it's a work in progress and can change in a year, but feel like things are going in a really positive direction.
- Superintendent Leyko has taken tremendous effort to address the goals that they've come up with as a leadership team between the Board and the Administrators. She was able to document the growth the 25+ goals that the Board gave her to work toward. It was a huge effort on her part over the past couple of years and even before that. It was also a heavy lift to also document all of that for the Board to review.
- The Board identified some areas where they could see some growth in coming years. Communication with all stakeholder groups, establishing certain protocols for

communication with the Board; just making sure that the things we feel good about today continue to be positive things. Continue to see growth as we look ahead because certainly hope that Superintendent Leyko is a part of our district for a long time.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Absent, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Committee Reports

X.A. Academic and Technology Committee

No report.

X.B. Facilities Committee

From Billy Hastings:

Spring recap

- normal maintenance for grounds
- made it through spring sports

Summer actions

- replacing domestic hot water heaters (2 bids back and are waiting on a 3rd)
- Filter first material is here and installs have started and will apply for another grant in this as well to move further
- lots of painting to be cleaned up at middle school
- painting classrooms
- purchasing a riding rider for athletic fields from St. John's schools
- plantings

From Nikki Norris:

Spring in review

- hosted a lot of events- soccer districts, girls lacrosse regionals and state semifinals, baseball districts and baseball regional semifinals
- MMS sports and city vs. school hosting
- Summer track and tennis court hours Track is 7 am – 5 pm M-F summer Tennis courts are open; have not really been locking them on night and weekends
- football and youth track, lots of tennis camps

Summer actions

- rebuilding shotput track this summer

Future actions

- Facilities tour- schedule in August

X.C. Finance Committee

No report.

X.D. Intergovernmental Relations
No report.

X.E. Personnel Committee
No report. Will be scheduling a meeting soon.

X.F. Policy Committee
Next meeting is July 7. Will be discussing Policy updates received from Thrun.

X.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)
No report. Will meet again in the fall.

XI. Announcements

XI.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is July 14, 2025.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm.

President

Secretary