

Ionia County Intermediate School District
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Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
September 11, 2025 – 4:00 pm
Looking Glass Conference Room

1) Call to Order

Board President, Linda Hoxie-Green, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Present:

Linda Hoxie-Green - President
Randy Masterson - Vice-President
Amber Rood - Secretary
Brian Talbot - Treasurer
Kerry Possehn - Trustee

Absent:

Others present: Ethan Ebenstein, Marvin Van Nortwick, Natalie Fuller, Ted Paton, John Milewski,
Ron Klumpp, Tracy Dickinson

4) Approval of Agenda

Moved by A. Rood, supported by R. Masterson, to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously

5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- None

6) Appointment of Officers

- None

7) Visitors/Public Comment

- None

8) Consent Agenda

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, supported by B. Talbot, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of the July 10, 2025 Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes and August 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes;
- B. Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$1,515,166.08 (*August*) and \$2,003,435.50 (*September*);
- C. Approval of the Personnel Updates which included the hiring of: Abby Thelen (*Behavior Coach*); Heather Beckett (*DHH Interpreter*); Helen Carigon, Zoey Firovich, Meghan Laughry and Evelyn Rockey (*Health Care Aides*); Grieg Giesseman (*Para Educator at IC3*); Danielle Haskins (*Clinical Assistant*); Lisa Hervey (*School Psychologist*); Riley Jo Fleming and Jamie Hickey (*School Social Workers*); and Sara Preston (*Special Ed Teacher*).

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

9) Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr. Ebenstein added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Local School districts are considering transitioning away from Skyward, their current Student Information System (SIS), to PowerSchool. If and when they do so the ISD will move forward in leading and supporting the transition.
- Action Item B - Construction Bid Authorization allowing the Superintendent to approve and accept bids for the asphalt and concrete work for the Transitions Center at 601 E. Washington Street;
- Action Item A - Title IX Grievance Procedures in order to maintain federal compliance and to allow for administrative adaptability and flexibility to address situations that may arise.

B. Fiscal Services

Mr. Van Nortwick added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Updates regarding the ISD's and Rural School Audits;
- Format changes to the Financial Reports.

C. Special Education

Mrs. Fuller added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Provided a Special Ed flyer to each Board Member;
- Opening Day went very well;
- Preparing for MDE's upcoming visit in January.

D. General Education

As presented.

E. Technology

Mr. Milewski added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Technology Directors meeting;
- Portland hired a new Technology Supervisor and SIS support;
- Good progress is being made on the ISD's Technology Department's Server Room.

F. Ionia County Career Center

Mr. Paton added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Increase of Lakewood students enrolled at the Career Center;
- Plant and Animal Science students participated in a non-perishable food drive competition and won, receiving 50 tickets to a Luke Bryan concert.

10) Action Items

A. Title IX Grievance Procedures

Moved by B. Talbot, and supported by A. Rood, to approve the formal adoption of the *Grievance Procedures for Complaints of Sex Discrimination under Title IX Occurring on or After August 1, 2024* and *Grievance Procedures for Complaints of Sexual Harassment under Title IX Occurring on or before July 31, 2024* as described in the Administrative Guidelines provided by Clark Hill.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

B. Authorization for Superintendent to Accept Construction Bids

Moved by B. Talbot, and supported by L. Hoxie-Green to authorize the Superintendent to approve bids up to:

- Site work (demolition/storm water/grading/landscaping) \$80,000
- Asphalt (paving and striping) \$40,000
- Site Concrete(sidewalk) \$15,000

that are necessary for the onset of project work at the Transitions building prior to or near October 1, 2025.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

C. MASB Call for Delegates

This item was tabled and no action was taken.

11) Discussion Topics

- None

12) Communications

- None

13) Comments by Board Members

- None

14) Items for Future Meetings

- None

15) Adjourn

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary