

Minutes of the Academic & Technology Committee of the
East Lansing Board of Education
Board Room
8/17/2026 at 12:30pm

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Terah Chambers at 12:33pm.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Estrella Torrez, Chris Martin, Mark Dobson, Christian Palasty

Absent: none (student reps have not yet been appointed for 2026-2027)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Estrella Torrez and seconded by Chris Martin. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Estrella Torrez and seconded by Chris Martin. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment – 3 minutes

Meeting Topics/Discussion Items

Technology:

- Acceptable Use Policy
 - Tech team is working to make sure what gets uploaded in Final Forms for students to sign corresponds to the appropriate form from Board policy. Will need to go to Policy for review before it can be uploaded in Final Forms.
- Current projects and updates
 - Tech team is working furiously to finalize technology in new addition.
 - E-Rate project for replacing fiber in high school and middle school is moving forward. Current fiber more than 20 years old and limits speed of data that can transfer and our needs have surpassed what the current network is capable of producing. We paid 20% of the cost due to our e-rate agreement.
 - Finalizing UPS (uninterruptable power supply) project to ensure continual power during short power losses. That project also covered by e-rate (we paid 20%) and should be done by start of school.
 - Putting out an RFP for high school auditorium AND the main gym sound system upgrades/replacements. Timeline for replacement in the auditorium will shift around existing music and theater events. Gym timeline a little shorter. Both projects should be complete before the end of the year.

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- Securly Reveal/Data Privacy Agreements et al
 - Securly Reveal set up and ready, just waiting for students to get back in school. Once school starts and we have this running, we will start to get much better data about student technology usage.

Academic:

- Instructional Technology Teacher Survey
 1. Surveyed teachers on a variety of topics related to their use of technology in the classroom. Findings suggest that teachers feel generally supported and use technology with intention. Some room for growth, particularly around communication of expectations. Discussed how useful the Securly Reveal data with the survey findings will be – potentially a topic for a future Board presentation.
- Opening Communications Regarding Instructional Technology
 1. Teachers will be communicating to families about technology use at the classroom level. Teachers were provided a few examples to use as templates but also encouraged to modify to fit their preferences and classroom learning goals. Students should expect to discuss the use of technology in their classes. Committee also discussed that perhaps an open meeting for parents (particularly at MMS, but potentially also at the high school and elementary schools) might also be helpful toward the beginning of the year.
- Professional Learning Offerings
 1. ELPS model of professional learning has gone over really well. Recently, we moved to offering many options for teachers to participate in based on interest and other needs. This has gone so well that other district have been borrowing our approach, which is great to see. However, one drawback to this approach is a lack of longevity of the learning and needing/wanting more time to apply the learning. Thus, this year teachers will experience a deep dive into one area across the whole year. This will foster deeper learning and opportunity for application. The Committee was offered an opportunity to review the offerings.

Other Items:

- Next meeting: September 17, 2026, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Announcements

- None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:24pm.