

August 25, 2026 - Special Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 25, 2026 8:15 AM Eastern

Elk Rapids High School - Central Office
Conference Room
308 Meguzee Point Dr
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Jennifer Brown: Present
Jeff Hill: Present
Tara Kribs: Present
Steven Merchant: Absent
Scott Moore: Absent
Sherry Steffen: Absent
Shana Wojtowicz: Present
Present: 4, Absent: 3.

I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board of Education:

President Jennifer Brown	Trustee Shana Wojtowicz
Vice-President Tara Kribs	Trustee Jeff Hill
Secretary Sherry Steffen	Trustee Steven Merchant
Treasurer Scott Moore	

Central Staff:

Superintendent Bryan McKenna
Executive Assistant Kortni Huron
Director of Finance Chelsea McGuire

II. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

To approve the agenda with no changes or additions. This motion, made by Tara Kribs and seconded by Jeff Hill, Carried.

Steven Merchant: Absent, Scott Moore: Absent, Sherry Steffen: Absent, Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY TOPIC

Time limitations: Fifteen minutes per item, three minutes per speaker per item.
None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

The purpose of the consent agenda is to expedite business by grouping routine items together to be dealt with by one board motion without discussion beyond asking questions for simple clarification. Any board member may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for discussion or due to conflicts. Such requests will be granted. If an item is not removed from the consent agenda, the action noted on the agenda is approved by motions to adopt the consent agenda.

PERSONNEL

34-26 APPROVAL OF CARRIE ANDERSON AS STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR

RESOLVED: That Carrie Anderson be approved as Student Success Coordinator for Elk Rapids Schools and Mill Creek Academy.

35-26 APPROVAL OF ABNER BARDEQUEZ AS A TEACHER

RESOLVED: That Abner Bardequez be approved as a teacher at Lakeland Elementary. Mr. Bardequez will be placed at MA Step 14 of the Master Agreement.

36-26 APPROVAL OF SACHA STANDFEST AS A TEACHER

RESOLVED: That Sacha Standfest be approved as a teacher at Mill Creek Academy. Mrs. Standfest will be placed at BA Step 18 of the Master Agreement.

37-26 APPROVAL OF RYAN LEWIS AS A TEACHER

RESOLVED: That Ryan Lewis be approved for the 2026-2027 school year as a music teacher at Lakeland Elementary and Mill Creek Academy. Mr. Lewis will be placed at MA Step 18 of the Master Agreement.

38-26 APPROVAL OF AMANDA MINAKER AS A TEACHER

RESOLVED: That Amanda Minaker be approved as a teacher at Cherryland Middle School. Mrs. Minaker will be placed at MA Step 18 of the Master Agreement.

39-26 APPROVAL OF CHASIDITY RAY AS A PARAPROFESSIONAL

RESOLVED: That Chasidity Ray be approved as a special education paraprofessional at Lakeland Elementary. Mrs. Ray will be placed at Step 4 of the ERSSA Agreement.

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Tara Kribs and seconded by Shana Wojtowicz, Carried.

Steven Merchant: Absent, Scott Moore: Absent, Sherry Steffen: Absent, Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

V. ACTION ITEMS

V.A. 40-26 APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT

RESOLVED: That the administrative contract for the following employee be approved as presented.

- Carrie Anderson

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Tara Kribs and seconded by Shana Wojtowicz, Carried.

Steven Merchant: Absent, Scott Moore: Absent, Sherry Steffen: Absent, Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

V.B. 41-26 APPROVAL OF 2026-2029 AGREEMENT BETWEEN ELK RAPIDS BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ELK RAPIDS SUPPORT STAFF ASSOCIATION

RESOLVED: That the 2026-2029 Agreement between Elk Rapids Board of Education and Elk Rapids Support Staff Association be approved as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Tara Kribs and seconded by Shana Wojtowicz, Carried.

Steven Merchant: Absent, Scott Moore: Absent, Sherry Steffen: Absent, Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

To adjourn at 8:43 a.m. This motion, made by Tara Kribs and seconded by Shana Wojtowicz, Carried.

Steven Merchant: Absent, Scott Moore: Absent, Sherry Steffen: Absent, Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3