



Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting, August 13, 2026
Novi Community School District
Board of Education

A Regular Meeting of the Novi Community School District Board of Education was held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, beginning at 6:08 p.m., at the Educational Services Building.

Present: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2026-2027 Executive Board Student Council Members from Novi High School led the Board Members and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-President Beaudoin moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ellyanna Sharrow shared thoughts on the first day of school and shared highlights from Novi High School.

DONATIONS

a) Novi High School Football

Secretary Cook moved that the Novi Community School District Board of Education accept the generous donation as presented, with appreciation and thanks.

b) NEF Donation

Trustee Michener moved that the Novi Community School District Board of Education accept the generous donation as presented, with appreciation and thanks.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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PERSONNEL REPORT(S)

Personnel Report A

Vice President Beaudoin moved that the Novi Community School District Board of Education adopt

the Personnel Report A recommendations as presented.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

REPORT(S) TO THE BOARD

Novi High School Building Report

Novi High School Principal, Nicole Carter, introduced Elaina Brown, AP/IB Coordinator, and the 2026-27 Student Council Executive Board, who presented a report to the Board highlighting the Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs.

NCSD Budget Timeline Report

Mr. Mainka, Superintendent of Schools, presented the Novi Community School District Budget Timeline from 2022 to the present.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were 21 comments from the audience with regards to next years budget and staffing.

5 MINUTE BREAK

The Board took a brief break beginning at 8:34PM

The Board returned at 8:51PM

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Mena moved that the Novi Community School District Board of Education approve the Consent items as presented.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Former ESB – Technology Scope of Work

Jason Smith of Oakland Schools reviewed and discussed the scope of technology work that will take place at the Former ESB.

District Budget – Future Revenue Update

Rebecca Scicluna, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations presented on the following topics

- Boosting Additional Revenues
- Sinking and Rec Funds
- Projected Savings

Start of School Highlights

Mr. Mainka, Superintendent of Schools, discussed the following:

- Oakland Schools Enhancement Millage
- Parkview, Novi Woods, ECEC Playground completion
- Village Oaks, Deerfield, Orchard hills playgrounds to be completed next summer.
- Introduced Katy Dinkelmann as the new Principal.
- Staff Kick and Teachers return week of August 24th, 2026.
- Invited Board Members to opening day with Staff.

ACTION ITEM(S)

NCSD Master Plan

Secretary Cook moved that the Novi Community District Board of Education approve the NCSD Master Plan as presented.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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Novi Innovation Hub Bathroom Concept Plan Approval

Trustee Michener moved that the Novi Community District Board of Education approve the Novi Innovation Hub Bathroom Concept Plan as presented. After discussion it was decided to put the Innovation Hub Bathroom Concept plan back into Information and Discussion so that they could gather more feedback and staff input. Trustee Michener rescinded his motion. It was decided to bring this back to the September 17, 2026 Board Meeting for action.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

NHS Varsity Football Team Trip

Trustee Mena moved that the Novi Community District Board of Education approve the NHS Varsity Football Team Trip as presented.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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NEA Voluntary Separation Program

Trustee Mena moved that the Novi Community District Board of Education approve the NEA Voluntary Separation Program as presented. After much discussion Trustee Mena motioned to amend the VSP to allow administration to add eligible Level L staff and the option of cash payout.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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Secretary Cook moved to accept amendment to the NEA Voluntary Separation Program.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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Trustee Mena moved to accept the NEA VSP as amended

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

8/4 Capital Projects COTW Meeting

Trustee Roney, chair of the Capital Project Committee, reported that the committee discussed the Novi Innovation Hub Bathroom Concept Plan.

8/4 Finance COTW Meeting

Treasurer Kliebert, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations, Rebecca Scicluna, covered the topics earlier in this meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Mainka, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:

- Thanked everyone who showed up for the meeting and expressed his appreciation.
- Start of School Year

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent Scicluna reported on the following:

- Thanked Mike Dragoo, Custodians and the Maintenance team for getting our buildings and grounds ready for the school year.
- Expressed her appreciation for the Transportation team. They have been working hard. Carey Russell made some good changes.
- Bus Transportation information will be available on Powerschool beginning August 24th, 2026.

Assistant Superintendent Carino reported on the following:

- Welcomed Staff and Students to the upcoming school year.
- Welcomed Maple the new Therapy Dog to Novi Meadows.
- Commented on the VSP
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Assistant Superintendent Giromini reported the following:

- Welcomed Staff and Students to the upcoming school year.
- Spoke on the adaptive PD Scheduling
- Spoke on the MDE lifting of the embargo on the spring assessment data, and that will come to the Board at the September 17, 2026 Board Meeting.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Trustee Michener reported on the District's Cross Country Camp

Treasurer Kliebert reported that this is the first meeting that she has been to with Staff present and it was not easy. She thanked all of the staff for being there.

Vice President, Beaudoin thanked everyone who spoke at the meeting.

President Ruskin showed appreciation for everyone who attended and tried to learn and work with the Board.

Trustee Roney reported on the Oakland County School Board upcoming dinner on September 30, 2026. She also noted the Guest Speaker will be Dr. Glenn Maleyko, the State Superintendent.

Secretary Paul Cook thanked all the staff, students and community members that attended the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Cook moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: President Ruskin, Vice-President Beaudoin, Secretary Cook, Treasurer Kliebert, Trustee Mena, Trustee Michener, Trustee Roney

Nays: None

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The meeting adjourned at 10:48 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 17, 2026, at the Educational Services Building.

Paul Cook, Board of Education
Secretary