

Ionia County Intermediate School District
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Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
August 13, 2026 – 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
Brian Talbot - Treasurer
Kerry Possehn - Trustee

Absent:

Amber Rood - Secretary

Others present: Ethan Ebenstein, Marvin Van Nortwick, John Milewski, Kelly Piercefield, Ron Klumpp, Tracy Dickinson, Tim McAllister (Daily News)

4) Approval of Agenda

Moved by R. Masterson and supported by B. Talbot to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously

5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- None

6) Appointment of Officers

- Mr. Masterson was appointed to serve as Secretary in Ms. Rood's absence.

7) Visitors/Public Comment

- Tim McAllister (*The Daily News*) provided no comment.

8) Consent Agenda

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green and supported by R. Masterson to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of the July 9, 2026 Organizational & Regular Meeting Minutes;
- B. Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$2,732,010.96;
- C. Personnel Updates noting the hiring of: Seth Munroe (*Adaptive PE Teacher*); Brooke Francisco (*Early Literacy Coach*); Taylor Hill (*GSRP Associate Teacher*); Cynthia Dukes, Tara Matthyse, Katelyn Sowles and Danielle VanderZwaag (*Health Care Aides*); Hayley DeBoer (*School Social Worker*); Alexandra Anticuar and Gracie Patterson (*Speech & Language Pathologists*).

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

9) Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

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

- Passing of the SE Millage;
- Updates regarding the restoration of the property at 201 E. Main Street;
- Action Items - Administration Building Fire System Upgrade & PAC Vacancy;
- Bids for approval regarding the upcoming remodel work at the Administration Building to be presented at the October Board Meeting;
- August 28th & 29th campus closing due to the Billy Strings concert/event at the Ionia Fairgrounds.

B. Fiscal Services

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

- In the process of closing the books for the 2025-2026 SY for the ISD & Rurals;
- Tentative plans for the auditors to present at the October Board Meeting.

C. Special Education

- As presented.

D. General Education

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

- Receiving positive feedback from collaborating with the Special Education Department;
- Updates on Professional Learning that is being conducted in the District.

E. Technology

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

- Updates on PowerSchool and Training being offered.

F. Ionia County Career Center

- As presented.

10) Action Items

A. Administration Building Fire Alarm System Upgrade

Moved by B. Talbot and supported by R. Masterson to approve the upgrades to the current fire alarms and systems that are in place in the ISD Administration Building, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

B. Disposal of Property - 201 E. Main Street, Ionia, MI

Mr. Ebenstein explained that this Action Item was just to receive approval for him to seek information regarding the possible sale of the property. If the property were to be sold, it would be presented to the Board as an action item at a future meeting.

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green and supported by K. Possehn to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to select/engage a licensed commercial or residential real estate broker and execute listing agreements and all other necessary documents for the sale of the property located at 201 East Main Street, Ionia, MI, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

C. Parent Advisory Committee Member Appointment

Moved by R. Masterson and supported by B. Talbot to approve the appointment of Lisa Gyer as a new Parent Advisory Committee member for Portland Public Schools, as presented

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

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 4:18 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Acting Board Secretary