

East Lansing Public Schools Regular Meeting September 14, 2026, 7:00 PM	Board Room 6160 Towar Ave East Lansing, Michigan 48823
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I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lyons.

I.B. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM. Chambers: Present, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present, Student Representative Meghea: Present, Student Representative Rojewski: Present, Superintendent Leyko: Present.

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens

The mission statement was read by Trustee Martin.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 26-27/013: I move that the Board of Education approve the September 14, 2026, regular meeting agenda, as presented.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 26-27/014: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meetings:

I.E.1. August 10, 2026, regular meeting

I.E.2. August 19, 2026, special meeting

I.E.3. September 1, 2026, special meeting

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II. Recognition

No recognition

III. Student Representatives Report

- **Homecoming:** Activities are taking place this week, including the game, parade, and dance. The Dance Team will perform at halftime.
- **Athletics:**
 - Swim and Dive broke its losing streak with a win against Okemos.
 - Soccer tied Okemos.
 - Cross Country participated in the Spartan Invitational.
- **Club Rush:** Will take place tomorrow, featuring more than 50 student clubs and organizations.
- **New High School Entrance:** Students shared mixed opinions about the new entrance. Safety monitors are closely watching the entrance during lunch hours, and students are using color-coded IDs to identify grade levels.
- **Class of 2027:** Students are creating new artwork for the cafeteria.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Click [here](#) for Superintendent's Report

- Bob Filter, East Lansing High School Girls Golf Coach, was named the MHSCA State Girls Golf Coach of the Year.
- Coach Filter will be recognized at the annual MHSCA State Awards Luncheon on November 8, 2026.
- The MHSCA noted that Coach Filter's selection reflects the high standard of excellence maintained by East Lansing Public Schools and the community.

V. Public Comment

This is an opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

- Syed Wasif - Procedural Delays and Strategic Timing

~~VI.~~ Board Discussion

VI.A. MASB 2026 Delegate Assembly

- The Delegate Assembly will be held October 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lansing Center.
- Delegates will discuss and vote on issues affecting education.
- Trustee Faris-Hylen and Trustee Tykocki expressed interest in serving as delegates.
- Trustee Chambers indicated she could attend but does not need to serve as a delegate or alternate.
- The Board will take action on delegates and alternates at the next Board meeting.
- Delegates and alternates must be certified by October 1.
- Only certified delegates and alternates may make motions and vote. All Board members may participate in the discussion.

VII. **Action Items**

VII.A. **June 2026 Thrun Policy Updates**

Motion: 26-27/015: I move that the Board of Education approve the June 2026 Thrun Policy Updates, as presented.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Martin,
Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye,
Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.B. **Recommendation for Appointment — Professional Development Advisory Committee**

Motion: 26-27/016: I move that the Board of Education approve the following individuals to serve on the Professional Development Advisory Committee.

Non-Teaching Representative: Mary Clagherty
Teaching Representatives: Aimee Holbrook, Katelyn
Newcombe, Mark Pendred
Special Education Representative: Patty Sanchawala
Administrative Representative: Rinard Pugh
Parent Representative: Susan Mayes

This motion, made by Martin and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye,
Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.C. Recommendation for Pool Timing System

Motion: 26-27/017: I move that the Board of Education approve a contract with Riegle Timing Consultants, LLC of Ypsilanti, Michigan, in the amount of \$171,780 for the East Lansing High School pool timing system, including a \$15,000 allowance for electrical items as needed, with the project funded from bond proceeds.

This motion, made by Chambers and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII. Committee Reports

VIII.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Next meeting: September 17 at 10:30 a.m.
- Meeting location changed from the HUB to the Boardroom.

VIII.B. Facilities Committee

- No report.
- Meeting will be scheduled soon.

VIII.C. Finance Committee

- Next meeting: October 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the Boardroom.

VIII.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- Meeting will be scheduled soon.

VIII.E. Personnel Committee

- No report.
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VIII.F. Policy Committee

- Today's meeting was cancelled.
- Working to reschedule.

VIII.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Meeting was held on September 2.
- Legislative Breakfast: Reviewed questions for political candidates with Hannah Sweeney from MASA. The event is October 7 at 7:30 a.m. Trustee Tykocki sent an invitation to Board members. This is a closed event.
- Fellow District updates:
 - **Williamston:** E-bike and scooter safety concerns.

- **Stockbridge:** Administrative changes and continued success with its livestock program.
- **Ingham ISD:** WTC enrollment is over 1,000 students. Site planning has started for the Beekman Center.
- **Dansville:** Has an 8-man football team. Working on traffic concerns related to increased student drop-off and driving.
- **Waverly:** Opened the new Colt Early Childhood Education Center. The north end will also serve as the Delta Township Senior and Activity Center.
- **Mason:** Filled a Board vacancy. Working on a new transportation facility and discussing a proposed data center.
- **Webberville:** Enrollment is higher than expected and hopes to bring back a choir teacher position.

IX. **Announcements**

IX.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is September 28, 2026.

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

President

Secretary