

Board Report

Month: October 2026

Administrators: Eric Stewart, Sarah Mansberger, Paige Daniels

Update:

Career Connect Advisories: This month, Career Connect is hosting its first series of advisory meetings for the school year. These meetings provide an opportunity for staff to engage directly with business and industry partners and gain valuable insights into the current and emerging needs of local employers. As advisors, our partners help shape curriculum, provide guidance on equipment and technology, and offer valuable feedback to our instructional teams. Career Connect currently convenes 14 advisory committees three times each year, bringing together 192 business and industry partners. We also provide technical support to several local district advisory groups, extending the impact of these partnerships across our region. Staying aligned with local business needs and trends is critical to our students' long-term success, and we thank our advisors for providing this support.

Career Connect Superstar: We recently honored Executive Assistant of Career Connect, LeAnne Perkowski, with the Superstar award. LeAnne's work with summer camps, interviews, purchasing, Early/Middle College supports, Education for the Arts grants, staff onboarding and training, and front desk coverage were listed as reasons for her nomination by Sarah Mansberger.



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Conference Travel: Sarah Mansberger will be traveling to Seattle, WA to present at the A4LE conference November 4-7, 2026.

Action Item:

Approve to impose the months of November, December, January and February on the Board-proposed 10-month and 11-month CTE calendars.

Approve conference travel.

Approval of Michigan Works! Southwest Workforce Development Board Procurement and Property Management Policy, as presented (see attachment), to be utilized for WIOA Youth Services, Young Professionals, Young Professionals Plus, and Jobs for Michigan's Graduates.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments: [WDB-6-R10-Procurement and Property Management 9-10-2026.pdf](#)

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