

Saranac Community Schools
Board of Education
Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Saranac Community Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, October 12th, 2026 in the Conference Room, Saranac Central Office, 225 Pleasant Street, Saranac, MI.

President David Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Hawkins, Price, Courtney, VanKuiken, Doll, Elliott, and Hesche

Absent: None

Mr. Hawkins led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR MODIFICATIONS: Added 3a. Student Report.

STUDENT REPORT: Lydia Rasmus and Jace Smit presented to the board that the Homecoming dance theme was Party in the USA, senior night for volleyball is coming up, preparation for Snowcoming dance are underway and student council is working to align the dance with the Purple out basketball game, a blood drive is in the works, and the Cross Country color run is scheduled for Tuesday.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – AGENDA ITEMS: None

CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VACANT LAND: Motion by Hawkins, supported by Courtney that the Saranac Board of Education go into closed session at 7:03 p.m. under MCL 15.268(1)(d) to consider the purchase of real property, returning to open session at 7:50 p.m.

Roll call vote: Yes: Hawkins, Courtney, Elliott, Doll, VanKuiken, Hesche, and Price. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Courtney, supported by Elliott that the Saranac Board of Education hereby authorize the purchase of the Property from the Seller. The board authorizes and directs Superintendent Jason Smith, or his designee, to execute a Purchase Agreement, order a survey, and to take any other action to acquire the Property, including signing closing documents, all subject to review and approval by the District's legal counsel.

Roll call vote: Yes: Hawkins, Courtney, Elliott, VanKuiken, Doll, and Price. No: None.

Abstained: Hesche.

Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None

OTHER: A sympathy card has been sent on behalf of the board to Sally Mutschler on the passing of her husband Gus.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore N. VanKuiken
Secretary