Ionia County Intermediate School District
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Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
October 8, 2026 – 4:00 pm
Maple River 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
Amber Rood - Secretary
Brian Talbot - Treasurer *(arrived at 4:08pm)*
Kerry Possehn - Trustee *(arrived at 4:01pm)*

Absent:

Others present: Ethan Ebenstein, Marvin Van Nortwick, John Milewski, Natalie Fuller, Ron Klumpp, Shelley Devers, Tracy Dickinson, Ali Barnes (YEO & YEO)

(Ms. Possehn arrived during this portion of the meeting)

4) Approval of Agenda

Moved by R. Masterson and supported by L. Hoxie-Green to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously

5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- None

6) Appointment of Officers

- None

7) Program Presentation

YEO & YEO 2025-2026 Financial Audit

Ali Barnes, CPA, CGFM - Managing Principal (YEO & YEO CPAs & Advisors), presented the results of the 2025-2026 school year financial audit for the Ionia County ISD.

Ms. Barnes noted that it was a "clean opinion" and they would be issuing their final report in the coming weeks. There were healthy cash balances as both the General Ed and Special Ed had an increase in their fund balances. Regarding Federal Awards and Internal Controls, there were no Material Weaknesses, no Significant Deficiencies, no Material Noncompliance, and/or Management Comments for the audit.

She commended the entire Business Office for their hard work and diligence in making the audit smooth, noting that the team at YEO & YEO enjoyed working with the ISD's team.

(Mr. Talbot arrived during this portion of the meeting)

8) Visitors/Public Comment

- None

9) Consent Agenda

Moved by B. Talbot and supported by A. Rood to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Approval of the August 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes;
(The September 10, 2026 board meeting was canceled - no minutes for approval);
B. Approval of September Vouchers in the amount of $1,327,570.09;
Approval of October Vouchers in the amount of $1,421,619.80;
C. Personnel Updates noting the hiring of: David Shores *(Custodian)*; Marissa Santiago *(GSRP Center Assistant)*; Issabell Barr, Aleah Edwards, Makenze English, Stephanie Reed and Danielle Sanchez *(Health Care Aides)*; Sarah Campbell and Cierra Newton *(Special Ed Teachers)*.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

10) Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent
Mr. Ebenstein added/highlighted the following item(s):
- Provided information regarding the Action Items;
- Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO)

Discussion: A mid-year progress review of Superintendent Ebenstein's goals took place

B. Fiscal Services
Mr. Van Nortwick added/highlighted the following item(s):
- The ISD's audit has been completed and the audits for the three rural schools should be wrapping up soon.

C. Special Education

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

- Entering the 2nd year with MDE's core team;
- SE Team has been compiling District data profiles regarding drop-out rates, Math, and English. Sharing these profiles with GE teams in the local districts has resulted in positive feedback;
- Looking into a new SE platform for MiPSE with Kent ISD;
- Assistive Technology Lending Library.

D. General Education

- As presented

E. Technology

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

- Technology Directors meeting;
- Count day;
- Staffing changes.

F. Ionia County Career Center

- As presented

11) Action Items

A. Special Ed & CTE Out-of-State Conferences

Moved by R. Masterson and supported by B. Talbot to approve Mr. Bradley Tanguay's attendance at the *ASHA Annual Conference* in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 19 – 21, 2026; and Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Paton, and Superintendent Ebenstein's attendance at the *ACTE Vision Conference* in New Orleans, LA on December 1-5, 2026, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

B. Administration Building Renovation Construction Bids

Moved by B. Talbot and supported by L. Hoxie-Green to approve the Renovation Construction Bids from Triangle Associates Inc. for the Ionia County ISD Administration Building, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

12) Discussion Topics

- None

13) Communications

- None

14) Comments by Board Members

- None

15) Items for Future Meetings

- None

16) Adjourn

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

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Board Secretary