

Chelsea School District, Michigan (the “District”)

A meeting of the Chelsea School District Board of Education (the “Board”) was held in the WSEC Building 100, within the boundaries of the District, on the 17 day of November, 2025, at 6:30 o’clock in the p.m. (the “Meeting”)

The Meeting was called to order by Erin Hunt-Carter, President.

Present: Erin Hunt-Carter, Glenn Fox, Sara Tracy, Michelle Craig, Eric Wilkinson, Heidi Reyst, and Nicolai Heineman

Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Glenn Fox and supported by Member Michelle Craig:

WHEREAS:

1. Public Act 15 of 2025 amends State School Aid Act Section 31aa, MCL 388.1631aa, to allocate funding for fiscal year 2025/2026 to support school safety and student mental health initiatives, as well as to provide certain competitive grant funding (“31aa Funding”); and

2. To receive 31aa Funding, the District must agree to receive the funding in the form and manner established by the Michigan Department of Education (“MDE”) and either formally opt in or seek a competitive grant; and

3. As a condition of receiving either type of 31aa Funding, the District must agree in advance that, in the event of a “mass casualty event,” as defined in MCL 388.1631aa: (1) the District will be subject to and comply with a comprehensive investigation following such an event, and (2) the District will waive any privilege that would otherwise protect related information from disclosure; and

4. The Board has been advised of and fully informed regarding the legal and practical implications of this waiver requirement, including that it may affect the confidentiality of communications otherwise protected by the attorney-client privilege and other applicable privileges related to a “mass casualty event”; and

5. The Board recognizes that the waiver requirement may expose the District to legal, reputational, and operational risks and that the decision to accept or decline funding carries significant implications for the District’s ability to manage sensitive information responsibly; and

6. After careful deliberation, the Board has determined that, while it fully supports initiatives to enhance school safety and student mental health, it is in the District’s best interest to preserve its legal privileges and make a deliberate, informed election regarding participation in 31aa Funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby resolves to decline Section 31aa Funding in order to preserve attorney-client or other applicable privileges that would otherwise be subject to waiver under the conditions imposed by MCL 388.1631aa. This decision reflects the Board's commitment to responsible governance and the protection of sensitive information, while continuing to prioritize student safety through existing programs and initiatives.

2. This decision represents the Board's careful and deliberate exercise of its discretion, balancing the statutory conditions of 31aa Funding with the District's responsibility to maintain operational and legal safeguards.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Erin Hunt-Carter, Glenn Fox, Sara Tracy, Michelle Craig, Heidi Reyst, and
Nicolia Heineman

Nays: Eric Wilkinson

Resolution declared adopted.



Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Chelsea School District, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at the Meeting, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the Meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).



Secretary, Board of Education

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