

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 7:01 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present

Student Representatives Dijagah: Absent, Meghea: Present

Superintendent Leyko: Present

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens
The mission statement was read by Trustee Chambers.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/024: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the September 25, 2025, regular meeting, as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 25-26/025: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes for the September 8, 2025, regular meeting, as presented.

I.E.1. September 8, 2025, regular meeting

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Chambers, Passed.

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. **Recognition**

The Michigan High School Athletic Coaches Association, the professional organization of school coaches and athletic directors, selected Mrs. Nicole Norris as their Athletic Director of the year and Mr. Ray Mitchell as their State Boys Basketball Coach of the year.

These awards will be presented to Mrs. Norris and Mr. Mitchell on November 9 at the Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center in Midland at the MHSCA State Awards luncheon in which over 28 coaches and athletic directors will participate. Congrats to them both on these high honors.

III. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Meghea reported:

- Homecoming was last week and it was Spirit Week. Each day allowed students to dress up for fun – Monday was jersey day and Thursday was beach out. Students, teachers, and various clubs prepped for the Homecoming parade. The parade was a big success.
- East Lansing varsity football won its first game of the season against Okemos. They face DeWitt tomorrow.
- The Homecoming dance was held on Saturday. It was nice to dress up and it was really fun.
- Boys varsity soccer has a current record of 3 and 1 and are ranked second in the conference.
- Model UN is preparing for its first conference which it will host at the high school on October 18.
- Girls varsity volleyball has a current record of 7 and 4 and are facing Holt today.
- Band and Orchestra students have Night Out on Sunday which is the annual fundraiser. Students go into the neighborhoods and play for donations.

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Click [here](#) for the Superintendent's report.

Due to the legislature passing a budget. This report has been updated since Superintendent Leyko's report on Thursday evening.

- Trustee Faris-Hylen thankful for the letter being sent out from all area Superintendents.
- Superintendent Leyko explained the district's position in case of a shutdown.
- Trustee Edsall stated that the Smart Gun Storage resolution adopted in 2023 is now a policy in the Policy Manual.

V. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: 25-26/026: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following:

V.A. New Hire

V.A.1. Hiring of Britten Steele as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 17 effective October 8, 2025. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of \$200 until certification is received.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VI. **Public Comment**

This is the 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.

- Member of the community - Safety of Conservative Students

VII. **Board Discussion**

VII.A. Resolution on Fiscal Year 2025-2026

- Trustee Faris-Hylen read a [resolution](#) urging the legislature to pass the Michigan School Aid Budget.
- Trustee Martin stated it is a reminder of what public school do for children; it is an important resolution and supports it.
- Trustee Edsall thanked Trustee Faris-Hylen for the work on this resolution and had no changes to it.
- The board supports the resolution and will amend the agenda to vote on it during this meeting.

VII. B. Amendment to Agenda

Motion: 25-26/027: I move that the Board of Education amend the agenda to add this resolution as Action Item VIII.B.

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII. **Action Items**

VIII.A. Technology Solutions Bid

Motion: 25-26/028: I move that the Board of Education approve the bid from Technology Solutions Unlimited for low voltage cabling in the amount of \$33,557.94.

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Lyons, Passed.

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Carl VanderZee, Communications by Design, was present to answer questions.

VIII.B Resolution on Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget

Motion: 25-26/029: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution on Fiscal Year 2025-26 Michigan School Aid Fund Budget Delays, as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

IX. **Committee Reports**

IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Meeting held on 9/24
- Discussion on:
 - Technology Updates;
 - Middle school courses: Communication sent out earlier for test out options;
 - Book Review Policy – Kathy Kowalski
 - Third Grade Indigenous Lesson with Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center

IX.B. Facilities Committee

- Meeting on 9/22

Billy Hastings:

- Memorial trees moved to shot put area providing shade for spectators;
- New hot water tank will be installed at the high school over Thanksgiving or winter break;
- Filter First program: installed 11 new bottle filters at high school and 8 at middle schools; elementary school met standards already;
- Showers at high school updated with rebuild kits;
- ELHS auditorium rigging system tested well; might need to replace curtain;
- New entrance at high school to be completed by Fall 2026;
- Health clinic set to open October 6.

Nikki Norris:

- MMS sports transition from city is going well; Mr. White is transitioning into new role;
- Fall track and tennis court hours: Track: 7:00 am – 1:00 pm; Tennis courts are open;
- Other high schools are using the tennis courts because they are so nice.

IX.C. Finance Committee

- Meeting on 10/6 in the HUB at the high school.

IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- Meeting on 9/29 in the HUB at the high school.

IX.E. Personnel Committee

- No report.

IX.F. Policy Committee

- Meeting on 10/6 in the HUB at the high school.

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Next meeting in 10/1.

X. **Announcements**

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is October 14, 2025.

XI. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

President

Secretary