

March 12, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 12, 2026 5:00 PM Eastern

Mill Creek Academy Library  
9039 Old State Hwy 72  
Williamsburg, MI 49690

Kyle Arnold: Present  
Lorraine Berak: Absent  
Kwin Morris: Present  
Kaitlyn Pasik: Present  
Carey Tafelsky: Present  
Present: 4, Absent: 1.

**I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Board of Education:**

**President Kwin Morris**

**Vice President Kaitlyn Pasik**

**Secretary Kyle Arnold**

**Treasurer Carey Tafelsky**

**Trustee Lorraine Berak**

**Central Staff:**

**Principal Nate Plum**

**Executive Assistant Kortni Huron**

**Director of Finance Laurie McCann**

**II. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

None.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA:**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 12, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- General Fund - \$53,079.51

**DONATIONS**

None.

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kyle Arnold and seconded by Kaitlyn Pasik, Carried.

Lorraine Berak: Absent, Kyle Arnold: Yea, Kwin Morris: Yea, Kaitlyn Pasik: Yea, Carey Tafelsky: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY TOPIC:**

**Time limitations: Fifteen minutes per item, three minutes per speaker per item.**

None.

#### **V. ACTION ITEMS:**

##### **V.A. 27-26 APPROVAL OF E-RATE 3-YEAR APPROVAL**

**RESOLVED:** That the Letter of Intent for Purchase of E-Rate for 3 years be approved, as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Carey Tafelsky and seconded by Kyle Arnold, Carried.

Lorraine Berak: Absent, Kyle Arnold: Yea, Kwin Morris: Yea, Kaitlyn Pasik: Yea, Carey Tafelsky: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Public Relations Update
- Board Member Renewals
  - Kaitlyn Pasik
  - Kyle Arnold
- Transitional Kindergarten Consideration
  
- Public Relations Update - Mill Creek Academy has entered into a contract with Chloe Marie LLC. Chloe and her team came on-site for a photo shoot and to record footage of the district. The partnership has been going very well, and the photo/video proofs that the district has reviewed are great. The district has a new Facebook page to share everyday advertising and items such as open enrollment. Those details will be released to families and the community soon.
- Board Member renewals - Superintendent McKenna made Kaitlyn and Kyle aware of their upcoming term ending. If they would like to continue on the board, documentation should be sent to Bryan McKenna directly for approval.
- Transitional Kindergarten - An informal meeting was held for the families who had voiced interest in a Transitional Kindergarten at Mill Creek Academy. Twelve families were in attendance, and the district predicts about 36 Kindergarten students in total to be expected in the fall. Once the district holds the screening day, the numbers will be a little firmer.

#### **VII. PRINCIPAL REPORT:**

- GSRP Start-Up Grant
- Kindergarten Parent Orientation Update
- March is Reading Month Update
- Parent-Teacher Conference Update
  
- GSRP Start-Up Grant - Rachael Birgy was in attendance and shared that she wrote and received a \$42,000 start-up grant for Mill Creek Academy.

- Kindergarten Parent Orientation Update - This was held last night, with a great turnout. Mr. Bunting had the interactive smartboard up and running for families to see.
- March is Reading Month Update - Principal Plum stated that the events/activities are in full swing. There is an assembly planned for students to celebrate their "Track the Minutes" initiative to read.
- Parent-Teacher Conference Update - These were held last week, with a 97.6% attendance rate.

### **VIII. AUTHORIZER REPORT:**

- 2026-27 Calendar Update
- Perception Survey Update
- Consolidated Grant Audit
- 2026-27 Calendar Update - Superintendent McKenna stated that the district will likely be starting before Labor Day in the fall. A calendar committee surveyed the EREA teachers' union, and about 75% of members voted to start before Labor Day. Other districts in the region are also planning on this for this fall.
- Perception Survey Update - The Elk Rapids Schools district conducted a survey about 3 years ago, and they think it's about time to survey our families and community again. The survey will be brought to the board for their consideration to approve in April. The survey will likely be published in May.
- Consolidated Grant Audit - MDE visited the district last week for one day to conduct the audit. There was only one finding, and it was related to a mileage reimbursement.

### **IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

None.

### **X. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES/FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- March 28 - April 5, 2026 - Spring Break
- March 6, 2026 - School Resumes
- April 9, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

### **XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

To adjourn at 6:01 p.m. This motion, made by Carey Tafelsky and seconded by Kaitlyn Pasik, Carried.

Lorraine Berak: Absent, Kyle Arnold: Yea, Kwin Morris: Yea, Kaitlyn Pasik: Yea, Carey Tafelsky: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1