

East Lansing Public Schools Regular Meeting January 12, 2026 7:00 PM	MacDonald Middle School Auditorium 1601 Burcham Dr East Lansing, MI 48823
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I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Martin.

I.B. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM. Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present.

Student Representative Dijagah – absent

Student Representative 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 Faris-Hylen.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/060: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the January 12, 2026, organizational meeting.

This motion, made by Torrez 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

I.E. Election of Officers

I.E.1. Election of President

Motion: 25-26/061: I move to nominate Elizabeth Lyons for President.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E.2. Election of Vice President

Motion: 25-26/062: I move to nominate Tali Faris-Hylen for Vice President.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E.3. Election of Treasurer

Motion: 25-26/063: I move to nominate Kath Edsall for Treasurer.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E.4. Election of Secretary

Motion: 25-26/064: I move to nominate Chris Martin for Secretary.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.F. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 25-26/065: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting:

I.F.1. December 8, 2025, regular meeting

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. Recognition

No recognition.

III. Student Representative Report

Student Representative Meghea reported:

- Students are preparing for finals this week.
- There is a lot to celebrate across our athletic programs.
- The gymnastics team won their most recent meet and is having an excellent season.
- Varsity boys' basketball remains undefeated, and KJ Tolbert was named Player of the Game in the last game.
- Girls basketball continues to perform well and has a home game tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
- EL girls wrestling placed 11th out of 25 teams at the DeWitt tournament. Mya Terranova finished first in her weight class, and Aniyah Adams won her first match.
- We are also looking forward to the upcoming Multicultural Assembly and Fair. The Fair is a new event, organized by MSAN and Student Council. It will celebrate student diversity through cultural attire, performances, dancing, and singing.

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

Superintendent Leyko mentioned there will be three students who will be recognized at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr luncheon held at the Lansing Center.

Trustee Edsall asked if the students will be at a future board meeting. Superintendent Leyko said we haven't in the past but they are acknowledged during the Recognition portion of the meeting.

V. Consent Agenda  
*Motion: 25-26/066: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following:*

V.A. New Hire

V.A.1. Hiring of Alexis Schankowski — 1.0 FTE School Social Worker at Marble Elementary at MA Step 9 effective January 26, 2026.

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Martin, 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 limited to five minutes. If a speaker requires more time, additional time may be granted after all others who have requested to speak have done so. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clarify or prevent significant misunderstandings.  
No Public Comment

VII. Board Discussion  
No Board Discussion

VIII. Action Items

**VIII.A. Proposed Board Meeting Calendar for 2026**

*Motion: 25-26/067: I move that the Board of Education adopt the proposed Board Meeting calendar for 2026, as presented.*

This motion, made by Tykocki 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

Trustee Martin commented on how there was an issue last year and had to schedule some meetings off cycle due to holidays and observances that take place in the fall. Glad to see those dates work better for the board meeting schedule.

VIII.B. **Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) for ELHS**

*Motion: 25-26/068: I move that the Board of Education award the following bids related to the FFE bid package for East Lansing High School.*

**NBS Commercial Interiors: \$60,663.66**

**DBI: \$88,711.41**

**Total: \$149,375.07**

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

Superintendent Leyko commented that there will be one more bid package with the replacement of door hardware for both buildings, carpet and a couple other things.

Trustee Edsall asked if there was enough in the contingency budget to cover the overage.

Superintendent Leyko responded that this came in under budget.

VIII.C. **Boiler Tube Replacement**

*Motion: 25-26/:069 I move that the Board of Education award the bid to furnish and install new boiler tubes for the Johnston South Boiler at the high school to Myers Plumbing and Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$63,654.00.*

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Edsall, 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**

- No report

IX.B. **Facilities Committee**

- No report

IX.C. **Finance Committee**

- No report
- Looking to schedule a meeting on February 2

IX.D. **Intergovernmental Relations**

- No report

IX.E. **Personnel Committee**

- No report

IX.F. Policy Committee

- No report

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Next meeting will be February 4 at 8:00 am

President Lyons will send out an email shortly to ask members for their choices for committee assignments.

X. Announcements

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is January 26, 2026. This meeting will be held at MacDonald Middle School. A delay in the new administration building due to a delay in getting the power connected. Power is supposed to be hooked up next week. Most likely the first meeting in February will still be at the middle school.

X.B. Trustee Edsall mentioned that the bond to rebuild Beekman Center and remodel Heartwood is moving ahead and the election will be May 5. There are resources available with FAQ's or reach out to Trustee Edsall or Trustee Tykocki.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

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President

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Secretary