Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Waverly Community Schools

Opening of Meeting
The regular monthly meeting of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education was held on Monday, June 15, 2026 in the Waverly Board of Education Meeting Room, located at 515 Snow Rd., Lansing, MI 48917. President Guevara called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. The pledge to the flag was led student representative Vivian Wolfe.

Members Present:	Alicia Guevara Deborah Lopez Vince Perkins Cathy Pike Ty Liggons Andrea Torres Emily Lenneman
Members Absent:	None

Special Presentations:
Superintendent Mitcham presented a certificate to Marisala Guevara for receiving the CAAC Scholar Athlete Award.

Superintendent Mitcham presented a certificate to Alannah Love for being the State Champion Division 1 in the High Jump.

Correspondence:
None

Public Comment For Agenda Items
The following individuals gave a public comment:

- East Intermediate Teacher, Nellie Jurgess, voiced concerns regarding the proposed alternative education program being proposed at Waverly Community Schools and potential current WEA contract violation regarding such.

Board Member Comment:
Member Lenneman:

- Thankful for the kindness and helpfulness of the educators in Waverly, who are always willing to help students.

Member Liggons:

- Attended the Behind the Scenes MASB event at the Capitol, which was not beneficial. Not able to speak with legislators and Waverly's district legislators were not in attendance.
- Graduation was a great event.
- Met with WEF regarding the proposed student event in 2026-27.
- Congratulations to our student athletes who were honored this evening.

Member Lopez:

- Graduation was great. Thank you to the high school staff for their hard work organizing graduation.
- Thank you to the Kiwanis and Delta Rotary clubs for supporting our students through scholarships and additional support.

Member Perkins:

- Kudos to Principal Terranova and the high school staff for organizing a successful graduation.

Member Pike:

- Enjoyed graduation, very nice event.
- The MASB Behind the Scenes event was a disappointment.
- Hopes the state budget is finalized earlier this year to ensure our district can have an accurate budget.

Student Representative Vivian Wolfe:

- Student Government have equity concerns regarding the creation of Waverly Bridges Academy. Feels more supports need to be given to existing students to keep students in person and engaged.
- Teacher and support staff resources are stretched thin.

Member Guevara

- Thanked Student Rep Vivian Wolfe for her attendance in input at board meetings
- Graduation was a terrific event It's always an honor to be part of that celebration. Thank you to the high school team for organizing.
- Please contact legislators encouraging them to finalize a budget as soon as possible.

Approval Agenda and Accept all Reports into Discussion

A motion was presented by Member Liggons and supported by Member Lopez to amend the agenda as presented by President Guevara.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

A motion was presented by Member Liggons and supported by Member Lopez approve the agenda and accept all reports into discussion.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 6 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Lenneman

Approval Consent Agenda Items
A motion was presented by Member Pike and supported by Member Lenneman to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

Committee Meetings

- Teaching & Learning Chair, Cathy Pike, reviewed the May 2026 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.
- Finance & Facilities Chair, Cathy, reviewed the May 2026 Finance & Facilities Committee meeting.

Presentation of Reports
For Action – Report #25-71, 2025-26 Budget Amendment Resolution
A motion was presented by Member Lopez and supported by Member Perkins, to support the 2025-26 budget amendment resolution as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

For Action – Report #25-72, 2026-2027 Budget Resolutions
A motion was presented by Member Torres and supported by Member Lenneman to approve the 2026-2027 Budget Resolutions as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

For Action – Report #25-73, Certification of Summer Tax Levy
A motion was presented by Member Liggons and supported by Members Lopez & Lenneman, to adopt the summery tax levy as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

For Action – Report #25-74 – Removed from Action
K-8 Science Curriculum, K-4 Handwriting Curriculum and AP History Textbook(s)
Teaching & Learning Director, Chris Huff, gave a presentation on this item and it will be brought for action at the July 2026 regular meeting.

For Action – Report #25-75, Creation of an Alternative Education School – Wavery Bridges Academy, Separate from Waverly High School
The Board of Education asked clarifying questions regarding the creation of Waverly Bridges Academy.
Teaching & Learning Director, Chris Huff, confirmed that this action item was only to proceed with creating the educational entity with MDE, not approving staffing.
Member Pike suggested legal advice regarding any violations of the WEA contract.

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Lopez to adopt the resolution to allow the creation of Waverly Bridges Academy

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 7 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 0

Policy Volume 40.2 Spring Update
Superintendent Mitcham reviewed the policy updates in NEOLA Volume 40.2. These policies will be brought for action/adoption at the July 20, 2026 regular meeting.

Teaching & Learning – Behavior Initiative – June Update
Teaching & Learning Director, Chris Huff, gave an update on the district behavior targets and identified the targeted behaviors.

- Physically Aggressive Behavior
- Disruption
- Defiance
- Target of 20% reduction of these behaviors by the end of the 2026-27 school year
- Will provide updates to the Board of Education

Superintendent's Report/Goals Update:
Superintendent Mitcham:

- The Central Office staff has or will be relocating to the High School and/or Middle School during the remodel construction of the Administration Building.
- New Principals for Elmwood Elementary – Christie Lehman and East Intermediate – Trenton Korver.
- Partnership with Ingham ISD to hire a new Communications Specialist for Waverly Community Schools
- School of Choice is now open for the 2026-27 school year

Public Comment – Open Comment for District Issues

The following individuals gave a public comment:

- Community member and student parent, Kait Bibb, voiced concerns regarding staff turn-over, lack of support. She also supports a hybrid option for students who need.
- Community member Carmen Fahie gave a public comment regarding track rental at Waverly High School for outside groups.
- Community member and student parent, Lisa Parsons:
    - Would like parents to be involved in behavior initiatives as well as administrators.
    - Requested the process of funding for the different sports teams and how the amount is determined. Each area for sports teams need to be reviewed for updates.
- WEA member Katherine Kelley-Hart:
    - Thanked the district for the great interview process for the East principal position.
    - Happy to have coach training for inclusion of our special education population.
    - Reviewed her contributions to Waverly Community Schools in all her different roles.
    - District teaching staff support our students in various ways and feels their compensation needs to reflect that support.
- Community member Whitney Smith requested the use of the Waverly High School track and equipment at no cost.
- WEA member Alan Weeks voiced concerns regarding declining staff retention and many veteran teachers leaving and poor district culture.
- Community member Robert Hollingsworth would like his track club to use the Waverly High School track and equipment at no cost.
- Community member Bonita Jones would like access to the Waverly High School track to be consistently open for community members with special access needs.
- WEA member Amanda Deisch voiced the need for more educational support for educators and the large amount of students on caseloads. The district needs additional staff and support.
- WEA member Oliva Mears voiced the need for more education support for educators and concern for large amounts of staff leaving. The lack of support from the district is not what is best for students and staff.
- WEA member Luke Hollenbaugh discussed the current district fund balance and teacher retention.
- WEA member Malissa Rothenhauser-Overley voiced concerns regarding current WEA contract negotiations and the need for more compensation for teachers. She also reviewed administrator compensation.
- WEA member Lothar Konietcko voiced concerns regarding teacher retention and district culture and fair compensation.
- WEA member Michael Shuptar voiced concerns regarding staff morale and insufficient funds for additional staff and courses offered, as well as class sizes.
- WEA member Nellie Jurgess:
    - Thanked the district negotiation team for continued open communication.
    - Thanked the district for including staff in upcoming initiatives (behavior).
    - Thanked the district for the East principal interview process.
    - Discussed the current fund balance of the district.

- Discussed the need for the district to invest in current teachers and increase staffing to help manage student needs.

Other Board Business

President Alicia Guevara announced her resignation from the Waverly Board of Education with her last day being June 30, 2026. She thanked the district for allowing her to service on the board for the last 8 years and is very proud of the Waverly Community Schools family.

Vice President Lopez thanked President Guevara for her dedication and loyalty to Waverly Community Students and her continued support of all staff and students. The District will miss her but wish her well in her new endeavors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Perkins, Secretary
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