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, July 20, 2026 in the Waverly Board of Education Meeting Room, located at 515 Snow Rd., Lansing, MI 48917. President Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Member Perkins.

Members Present: Deborah Lopez
Vince Perkins
Cathy Pike
Ty Liggons
Emily Lenneman

Members Absent: Andrea Torres

President Lopez requested a motion to amend the agenda to include the formal appointment of the candidate selected to fill the current board vacancy.

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Pike to amend the agenda as requested.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

President Lopez announced that the Waverly Board of Education interviewed and Michiko Alvarenga

Member Lopez asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Michiko Alvarenga fill the Waverly Board of Education vacancy created by the resignation of Alicia Guevara.

A motion was presented by Member Liggons and supported by Member Lenneman to approve the appointment of Michiko Alvarenga to the Waverly Board of Education through December 31, 2026.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

President Lopez requested nominations for the vacant Board Vice President position.

Member Perkins nominated Member Pike. Member Lenneman nominated Member Liggons. Both accepted the nomination.

A paper vote was taken. Member Pike received the majority of the votes.

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Lenneman to approve the appointment of Cathy Pike as Board Vice President.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

Roll Call Vote: Member Pike – Yes
Member Perkins – Yes
Member Liggons – Yes
Member Lenneman – Yes
Member Lopez - Yes

Member Liggons transitioned from Board Vice Secretary/Treasurer to Board Treasurer (policy 0161 & Robert's Rules of Order).

President Lopez requested nominations for Board Vice Secretary/Treasurer.
Member Pike nominated Member Lenneman, Member Lenneman accepted the nomination.

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Pike to approve the appointment of Emily Lenneman as Board Vice Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

Roll Call Vote: Member Pike – Yes
Member Perkins – Yes
Member Liggons – Yes
Member Lenneman – Yes
Member Lopez - Yes

Special Presentations:
Superintendent Mitcham honored life-long resident Dick Peffley for his outstanding leadership in the community. Mr. Peffley has had a 50- year career with the Lansing Board of Water & Light and has always supported the Waverly Community School District.
Waverly Education Foundation member Calvin Jones also expressed gratitude to Mr. Peffley and his contributions to the community.

Correspondence:
None

Public Comment For Agenda Items
None

Board Member Comment:

Member Pike:

- Looking forward to the upcoming 2026-27 school year and appreciates all leadership and staff for their continued support of the district.

Member Lenneman

- Welcome Michiko Alvarenga to the Waverly Board of Education.
- The board had great candidates for the board vacancy and appreciative for the large number of individuals who expressed interest.

Member Lopez:

- Confirmed the great pool of candidates who applied for the board vacancy.
- Looking forward to working with new member Michiko Alvarenga.

Approval Agenda and Accept all Reports into Discussion

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Pike to approve the agenda and accept all reports into discussion.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

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 – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

Presentation of Reports

For Action – Report #26-11, K-8 Science Curriculum, K-4 Handwriting Curriculum and AP U.S History Textbook Adoption

President Lopez confirmed that parents and students can view the list of approved textbooks to be used in this curriculum. Teaching & Learning Director Chris Huff confirmed.

A motion was presented by Member Liggons and supported by Member Lenneman, to adopt the listed curriculums as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

For Action – Report #26-12, Spring Policy Updates Volume 40.2 – Second Reading
A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Pike to adopt Volume 40.2 policies as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

For Action – Report #26-13, HVAC Construction Award – Administration Building
A motion was presented by Member Lenneman and supported by Member Perkins, to approve awards to the lowest possible bidder(s) from the Admin Building Renovation bid package, as presented.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

Superintendent's Report/Goals Update:
Superintendent Mitcham:

- Congratulations to Michiko Alvarenga on her appointment to the Waverly Board of Education.
- Reminder that there will be 4 board of education seats open on the November ballot and the deadline to file is July 21, 2026 at 4 pm.
- The State budget was passed.
- The district has a tentative agreement with the WEA, which will be brought to the board in August once approved by the WEA group.

Public Comment – Open Comment for District Issues
The following individuals gave a public comment:

- WEA member and swim coach, Kat Hart:
  - Invited the board members to the 2026-27 home swim meets as she would love to have them see the great group of Waverly swim athletes.
- WEA member Nicole Ohl-Shaw:
  - Thanked the Board for approving the 2028 school trip. The 2026 Italy trip was fantastic.
  - Questioned if the board knew why staff was leaving, how they are being treated and what is happening in each building. She encouraged board members to talk with staff and ask them these questions.
  - Heard that the student representative was reprimanded at the June meeting for asking questions. Does not feel that was acceptable and the student representative should be shown respect.
- WEA President, Nellie Jurgess:
  - Thanked the WEA negotiation team for the countless hours they contributed to contract negotiations.
  - Thanked the district negotiation team for productive negotiations and listing to WEA concerns.
  - Thanked the Special Ed committee for meeting and discussing WEA concerns.

- Thanked incoming East Principal, Trenton Korver, for reaching out to staff, getting ready for the 2026-27 school year.
- Thanked Kat Hart, WEA Vice President, for her support and endless help.

Other Board Business
None

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Liggons, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

Motion PASSED
Vote: Ayes – 5 ; Nays – 0; Absent – 1, Member Torres

Roll Call Vote: Member Pike – Yes
Member Perkins – Yes
Member Liggons – Yes
Member Lenneman – Yes
Member Lopez - Yes

The board exited open session at 6:32 pm.
The board returned to open session at 6:51 pm.

Finance Director, Evan Nuffer, thanked the board for the support given during the WEA contract negotiations process.

The board meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Perkins, Secretary
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