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, November 17, 2025 in the Waverly Board of Education Meeting Room, located at 515 Snow Rd., Lansing, MI 48917. President Guevara called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Member Liggons.

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

Correspondence:
None

Public Comment for Agenda Items:
None

Board Member Comment:
Member Lenneman:
- The school year is progressing well. Thank you to all staff making this happen successfully.

Member Lopez:
- Received the Vibe newsletter sent to all households in the school district, not just current families with student attending Waverly.

Member Pike:
- East Custodian, Jenny Shuall, is a great addition to East staff as she connects well with students is always willing to help where needed.
- Thanked Library Media Specialist, Rhonda Snook, for going above and beyond her job description as she accepts donations to augment middle school and high school libraries.

Member Torres:

- Thanked Superintendent Mitcham for communicating regularly with the board and providing weekly updates.

Student Representative Vivian Wolfe:

- Students are concerned about the potential discontinuation of the SAGA club, which has high student engagement.
- Spirit week concerns that certain groups could be discontinued and students are requesting a meeting to discuss equity for all groups/clubs.

Approval Agenda and Accept all Reports into Discussion

President Guevara requested a motion to amend the agenda to add a closed session at the end of the agenda, after Other Board Business, for the purpose of reviewing attorney-client privileged information under Section 8(H) of the Open Meetings Act and a student incident update.

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

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

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

Approval Consent Agenda Items

A motion was presented by Member Lopez and supported by Member Lenneman to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Committee Meetings

- Outreach & Advocacy
    - Committee Chair Ty Liggons reported there was not a committee meeting in October due to scheduling conflicts, but he did review the committee purpose with Superintendent Mitcham.

Presentation of Reports

For Action – Report #25-28, High School Out of State/Overnight Field Trip

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Lenneman, to approve the High School Boys Basketball Out of State/Overnight Field Trip in January/February 2026.

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

For Discussion – Policy First Reading – Fall Update Volume 40.1
Superintendent Mitcham reviewed the Fall policy updates. These policies will be brought for action/adoption at the regular December 8, 2025 board meeting.
Vice President Lopez will be proposing changes to current policy 3112 and will send to the policy committee for review.

Superintendent's Report:
Superintendent Mitcham reported:

- Sinking fund renewal passed on November 4th. A huge thank you to our Waverly community for voting yes and supporting our school district to enable critical maintenance to be completed yearly.
- Received a congratulatory letter from the State Superintendent and State Board of Education for the successful sinking fund renewal.
- Thank you to our community service clubs and food banks who helped our families during the budget uncertainty time.
- Lieutenant Governor Carlin Gilchrist visited Waverly High School classrooms on October 29, 2025 and spoke with students and staff.
- Construction update – Our construction company will update the board with a presentation during the regular January board meeting.
    - The Middle School office will be ready for occupancy this week.
- The Thanksgiving break will be November 26-30, 2025.
- All window coverings at the High School will be checked for stability.

Member Lenneman inquired about the construction materials behind Colt and the safety of those items and liability surrounding them being accessible. She requested caution tape surround the items.

Public Comment – Open Comment for District Issues
The following individuals gave a public comment:
Staff Member Nicole Ohl-Shaw – School ambiance and request to have more flexibility in building decoration.
Community member Natasha Ortega – concerns with the newly implemented health standards.
Community member Susie Pratt – concerns with student safety

Other Board Business
None
A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Members Pike and Lenneman to enter into closed session for the purpose of reviewing attorney/client privileged information under Section 8(H) of the Open Meetings Act and an update on a student incident.

Roll Call Vote:	Andrea Torres – Yes	Alicia Guevara - Yes
	Cathy Pike – Yes	Ty Liggons - Yes
	Vince Perkins – Yes	Emily Lenneman - Yes
	Debbie Lopez - Yes	

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

The board exited to closed session at 6:35 pm.
The board returned to open session at 7:30 pm.

A motion was presented by Member Perkins and supported by Member Pike to approve the Opt-In and Waiver resolution to receive 31aa Funding in accordance with the presented resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	Andrea Torres – Yes	Alicia Guevara - Yes
	Cathy Pike – Yes	Ty Liggons - Yes
	Vince Perkins – Yes	Emily Lenneman - Yes
	Debbie Lopez - Yes	

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Perkins, Secretary
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