

**Ionia County Intermediate School District**

2191 Harwood Road

Ionia, MI 48846

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**Board of Education**

Regular Board Meeting

March 13, 2025 – 4:00 pm

Looking Glass Conference Room

**1) Call to Order**

Board President, L. Hoxie-Green, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Present:

Linda Hoxie-Green - President

Randy Masterson - Vice-President

Maury Geiger - Secretary

Kerry Possehn - Trustee

Absent:

Brian Talbot - Treasurer

Others present: Ethan Ebenstein, Jamie Carnes, Natalie Fuller, Ted Paton, John Milewski, Kelly Piercefield, Shelley Devers, Tracy Dickinson

**4) Approval of Agenda**

Moved by R. Masterson, supported by K. Possehn, to approve the meeting agenda as presented with the addition of Action Item B regarding rescinding the Insulin Litigation Lawsuit Resolution.

*The motion passed unanimously*

**5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

- None

**6) Appointment of Officers**

- None

**7) Visitors/Public Comment**

- None

## 8) Consent Agenda

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, supported by K. Possehn, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of the January 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
*(February 13, 2025 board meeting was cancelled - no minutes for approval);*
- B. Approval of February Vouchers in the amount of \$3,197,184.49;  
Approval of March Vouchers in the amount of \$1,731,888.97;
- C. Approval of the Personnel Updates which included the hiring of Keegan Kelley (HCA) and Catherine Lower Valdez (Secretary for the Ionia County Career Center).

*A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously*

## 9) Administrative Reports

### A. Superintendent

Mr. Ebenstein added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Updated the board on the Insulin Litigation Lawsuit and recommended rescinding its resolution to participate from November 2024.
- MiLEAP onsite visit this last Thursday went very well;
- MAISA Conference attendance earlier this week;
- Property Transfer request that will be on the April 17th Board Meeting Agenda.

### B. Fiscal Services

Mr. Carnes added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Budget Amendments #2 Resolutions;
- May not have a need to purchase new vans this upcoming year as they have been using Dial-a-Ride to transport students, which has been working well.

### C. Special Education

Mrs. Fuller added/highlighted the following item(s):

- DHH Teacher position has been filled by ISD Retiree, Christine Wilcox, for the remainder of the school year;
- In January of 2026, the Office of Special Education will be monitoring activity in 10 ISD's across the State. Ionia ISD (Freedom Acres) and Coon School were chosen for a week of evaluation.

### D. General Education

Mrs. Piercefield added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Very busy time of the year with GSRP staff meeting with Principals and GE staff meeting with Superintendents/Instructional Leaders regarding what needs they may have;
- Looking to hold various trainings for teachers this summer.

### E. Technology

Mr. Milewski added/highlighted the following item(s):

- The Department is preparing for State-Wide testing next month.

F. Ionia County Career Center

Mr. Paton added/highlighted the following item(s):

- State FFA Convention;
- Students in the Diesel Program will be going to the State Competition;
- This will be the 2nd summer with students participating in the Work-Based Program.

**10) Action Items**

**A. 2024-2025 Amended Budget #2**

Moved by M. Geiger, and supported by R. Masterson, to approve the Amended Budget #2 Resolutions as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

**B. Rescinding of Insulin Litigation Lawsuit Resolution**

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, and supported by R. Masterson, to approve rescinding the Resolution, that was initially approved at the November 14, 2024 Board Meeting, to participate in the Insulin Litigation Class Action Lawsuit, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

**11) Discussion Topics**

- None

**12) Communications**

- None

**13) Comments by Board Members**

- None

**14) Items for Future Meetings**

- None

**15) Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation**

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, and supported by K. Possehn, to approve moving INTO Closed Session at 4:23pm to hold the Superintendent's evaluation, as requested by Mr. Ebenstein and as allowed under Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the Executive Session and motioned to move back into the Regular Session at 4:42pm.

## 16) Adjourn

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:42pm.

*Motion passed unanimously*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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Board Secretary