



SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Regular Board Meeting	DATE: May 13, 2025	TIME: 7:00 p.m.	LOCATION: John W. English Administrative Center
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashanti Bland, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Ware- DeVaul, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talisha Belk, Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/> Amani Johnson, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jillian Holloway, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Denson, Trustee	
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Green, Ed.D. Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lanissa Freeman, Deputy Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Jackson, Chief of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> , Chief of Talent Mtg
<input type="checkbox"/> April Rogers, Exe. Dir., State and Federal Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Smith, Exec. Director of ISSN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minutes: Carolyn Foster, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marc Ingram, Chief Financial Officer
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Luddington, Manager of Pupil Accounting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sommer Caldwell- Carruthers, Executive Director of Instruction
			Student Board Representatives: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Micaela Beckford, UHSA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Spragins, Southfield A&T

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Board President Bland at 7:00 p.m. Board President Bland read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. Trustee Johnson has an excused absence. Trustee Smith-Thomas arrived at 7:04 p.m. We are joined by members of the Executive Team and the administrators from both high schools. Our technical assistance is being handled by M1 Studios. We all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Board Matters

- Happy Birthday to Dr. Green!
- Just a reminder that privileges can be revoked for the upcoming senior activities (prom and graduation participation) for their behavior.
- Students still need to be in attendance for the end of the school year. The last day of school for non-KLC scholars is Friday, June 13, 2025.
- Thank you to everyone that attended the Spring Enrollment Fair.
- Trustee Denson mentioned that she and Trustee Johnson attended the Spring Institute in Mackinac Island. Trustee Denson spoke to some of the classes that she attended at this conference.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul spoke about information that she learned during a session with the Governance Relation Committee regarding cell phone use in schools.
- May is Mental Health month – Mrs. Paula Lightsey

3. Report of the Student Board Representatives

a. Micaela Beckford – University K-12 Academy (U K-12)

Happy Birthday to Dr. Green! Happy Teacher Appreciation Week – last week!

When I first walked into this role, my mission was simple: to be a vessel. A vessel for student voices, concerns, ideas, and dreams. I wanted every student to know that someone was always in their corner. That someone was fighting for them, listening to them, and believing in them. It has truly been an honor to serve a school with so much heart — a school filled with brilliant students, an unbeatable staff, top-notch administrators, and people who go the extra mile every single day. I

want to take a moment to thank a few individuals who helped me along this journey. First, thank you to Eric, my partner in this. You've truly been the ying to my yang. Your detailed and passionate reports always set the standard and pushed me to do better. Thank you for your consistency and dedication. Thank you to Dean Bogins for sending in my application! Your belief in me, even before the interview, is something I'll never forgotten. To the Trustees, thank you for giving me the benefit of the doubt, for allowing me to complete my interview, and ultimately, for allowing me the chance to represent my school. I'm grateful beyond words to Ms. Carolyn Foster, you have saved me more times than I can count. Your support and care have been a rock for me this year. Also, to Deans Sanford, Slate, Howard, and Bolden — thank you for guiding, encouraging, and helping me grow through every challenge.

"With the year kicking off with tons of opportunities and events for our Charger family, I've been reflecting on the lasting change I want to bring to our school — a change that will keep the impact to live on well after I've graduated. One of my initiatives is to improve transportation resources, ensuring that our students and clubs can explore opportunities both in and out of state."

That initiative is still ongoing. But I'm incredibly proud of the steps we've taken — and especially proud of how far our Debate Team has gone this year, traveling to places like Northwestern and Harvard. These opportunities matter due to the exposure it brought, and I know this is only the beginning. At one of our recent meetings, President Bland mentioned how she has noticed how Eric and I, felt more comfortable here. I truly believe that our comfort stems from the blending of the personalities on this board. You are all such unique, supportive, driven, and independent individuals. Thank you to everyone who watches these meetings and believes our student voice has power. With that being said, here is my final report, highlighting both past and current events at University K-12:

- **4/9/2025: SAT & PSAT Testing**
- **4/12/2025: Girls' Volleyball Team won the Championship Game.**
- **4/22/2025: Earth Day Participation**
- **4/26/2025: Father Daughter Dance**
- **4/30/2025: Superintendent's Senior Scholar Showcase**
- **5/1/2025: Decision Day and S.T.E.A.M. Night**
- **5/2/2025: Food Truck Fridays**
- **5/5/2025: AP Exams Begin**
 - Please check the College Board to see when you take your tests
- **5/5/2025 - 05/16/2025: Teacher Appreciation week**
 - Our amazing teachers were treated to a well-deserved catered breakfast and relaxing massages as a small token of our gratitude.
- **5/6/25: NJHS & NHS Induction Ceremony**
 - Congrats to all of our new inductees.
- **5/12/2025 - 05/16/2025: Senior Week**
- **5/19/2025 - 05/22/2025: Senior Spirit Week**
 - Stay tuned to the uk12senior IG page for more details
- **5/20/2025 - 05/22/2025: Senior Exams**
 - **5/20:** Hours 6 & 7
 - **5/21:** Hours 3 & 5
 - **5/22:** Hours 1 & 2
- **5/22/2025: Senior Clap Out** (After 2nd-hour exam – the whole school participates)
- **5/22/2025: Senior Sunset** at Belle Isle
- **5/29/2025: Prom** – "Enchanted Oasis" 7-11 PM, doors close at 8 PM.
- **6/2/2025: Graduation Rehearsal** (Auditorium) – Book & Chromebook drop-off, seating practice, cap & gown pickup, alumni shirt & yard sign distribution

- **6/3/2025:** Senior Banquet: Families gather to recognize senior accomplishments
- **6/6/2025:** Graduation @ 2:00 p.m. at the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre

Senior Spotlight:

Our seniors have truly excelled this year — leading clubs, organizing events, working jobs, and managing the chaos of college applications, decisions, and deadlines. This month, we honor and celebrate them for everything they've done. They deserve to be seen, heard, and applauded for going above and beyond.

As I prepare to graduate, I walk away knowing that I've given this role my all — and I leave it with a full heart. Thank you again for this opportunity, this platform, and this unforgettable experience.

Micaela is attending North Carolina A&T.

This is Micaela Beckford and that concludes my board report.

b. Eric Spragins – Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology (SA&T)

Senior Class of 2025 Highlights

- Grammy Night: Friday, May 9, 2025
- Senior Field Trip – Top Golf: Thursday, May 22, 2025
- Senior Prom: Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
- Graduation Preparation:
 - Rehearsal: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 (after the last final)
 - Cap & Gown Pickup: Tuesday, June 3, 2025 (senior shirts & yard signs are distributed)
 - Senior Breakfast: TBD
 - Graduation: Friday, June 6, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre

Student Achievements

- **Women of Tomorrow Scholarship Winners**
 - Alysia Phillips - \$500
 - Maitera Johnson - \$1,000
 - Shanti Shankar - \$2,500
- **CTE Student of the Year**
 - Micah Owens was recognized by Oakland Schools as SA&T's CTE Student of the Year
- **Emerge Virtual Reality Program:** Monday, April 28, 2025
 - Students explored careers in Health Sciences and Culinary Arts using virtual reality equipment in real-world scenarios
- **Detroit Economic Club Career Readiness Academy**
 - After a six-month career readiness program, select students attended a graduation at the Huntington Place. The program provided mentorship, networking, and exposure to Detroit business leaders and professionals from Penske, The Parade Company, and more.
- **The Direct Heir Foundation Showcase**
 - Art students from Mrs. Bergasse's classes showcased paintings inspired by fashion photography at the Suburban Showcase. The foundation, founded by Lori English, uplifts youth entrepreneurship.
- **National Honor Society Courthouse Visit**
 - Students visited the Levin Federal Courthouse and observed a naturalization ceremony, explored legal careers, and spoke with police, fire, and reentry professionals.
- **Student Council Blood Drive:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025
- **Decision Day:** May 1, 2025 – **Eric will be attending Morehouse College.**
- **"Bring Back the School Spirit the Warriors Way" video presentation:**
 - Eric thanked a host of people that helped him to get where he is today.
 - Eric honored the students that helped in the making of his presentation: Iris Par, Jaylen McNeely, and Brandon Holmes.

- The current Student Board Representatives were presented with their professional headshots, notes from the Trustees for the graduates, and stoles will be received at their graduation ceremony.

c. Introduction of the New Student Board Representatives

- Paris Whitman – Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology
- Chidi Nnaji – University K-12 Academy
- They were presented with their apparel for their new Student Board Representative position.

4. Report of the Superintendent

a. Employee of the Month: Ron Sallade – IT Manager

b. Partner of the Month: Linda Key - SFE Employee

c. Recognition of Area Council PTA President – Celestine Sanders

d. University K-12 Academy Presentation: Dean Sakina Bolden, AD Martin Sanford (9th – 12th), AD Kathy Slate (6th – 8th), and AD Dr. Ingra Howard (K – 5th)

- Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders Today
- There was an introduction of the deans of U K-12.
- The Uni Difference: Mari (12th grader) gave her Uni Difference testimonial.
- UK12 Enrollment: 155 new students accepted for the 2025-2026 School Year with 85 or 58% being new to the district. Equals Increased Revenue & Opportunity
- The Uni Difference: Trinity (3rd grade) gave her Uni Difference testimonial.
- UK12 Talent Management: We currently have zero vacancies at University K-12 Academy. Retention rate this year is at 100% with 5 teachers retiring. Notable: 4 former retirees returned this year in various instructional capacities.
- The Uni Difference: Ms. Carey and Mr. Lott gave their Uni Difference testimonial.
- Exceptional Program: Elementary School (K-5th) – Small Class Sizes, Athletics/Clubs, VW E-Lab (coming soon), Jungle Themed Calming Room
Middle School (6th-8th) – Championship, Athletics/Clubs, Pre-AP, Aquarium Calming Space (coming soon)
High School (9th-12th) – AP Capstone, 100% Graduation Rate, E-Sports/Game Lab (coming soon), Clubs/Athletics
- Pre-AP/AP Capstone: over \$13,067,373 in scholarships
- University K-12 Academy has received the AP Honor Roll from College Board.
2024 AP Participation – 134 test takers -15% from prior year. 2025 AP Participation – 329 test takers +141% from prior year
Work Hard...Play Hard
Applications are open from May 8, 2025 – May 16, 2025 Limited Seats Available!

e. Staffing Update Presentation

- The Staffing Update Presentation is the same.
- Tomorrow, May 14, 2025, we are having an all-day staffing meeting. We will be pre-planning for next school year. We will be sending out our Reasonable Assurance Letters to our staff by the end of the school year.

f. Legislative Update

- Tomorrow, there is a real bill coming up to committee on banning cell phones in the classroom during instructional time across the State of Michigan school districts.
- We are accepting applications for Head Start and we have been reassigned to Region 9 verses that of Region 5.

g. Bussey's Director's Report

- Bussey's Director's Report for April 2025 reporting.
- **Enrollment:** Early Head Start – 16 enrolled, 7 waitlisted
Head Start – 81 enrolled, 15 vacant GSRP – 68.5 enrolled, 11.5 vacant

- **Drops:** Early Head Start – 0 Head Start – 2 GSRP – 2
- Two of the Head Start slots are reversed for transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start in the spring.
- **Children Receiving Support Services:** 4 IEPs/IFSPs, 1 Referrals, 1 In Process, 1 R.E.E.D., 10 Compliance HS
- **Average Daily Attendance (ADA)** – 82% ADA
- **Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Month of February 2025**
 - Breakfast, lunch, and snack meals provided during the month of March 2025 totaled 6,648.

Compliance

- **Education:**
 - Implementation of High Scope Curriculum
 - COR Advantage Data Collection Period 3 – 3/3/2025 to 6/2/2025
 - Earth Day Celebration – April 22, 2025
 - Staff attended the International High Scope Conference in Ypsilanti – April 23-25, 2025
 - Weekly Tips for Teachers – Academic and Social Emotional
- **Family Engagement:**
 - Southfield Public Library – Monday, April 7, 2025: Parents obtained library cards for their children.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences – April 11, 2025
 - Parents vs, Staff Basketball Game – April 12, 2025
 - Car Seat Safety Matters (in partnership with the Southfield Police Department) – April 15, 2025
 - Link sheets – educational resources provided to parents to support and extend their child's learning experiences from the classroom
 - Family Volunteers – creating bulletin boards, assisting in classrooms, reading to students, daily living skills

Communications

[Expanding Educational Freedom & Opportunities for Families in Head Start Programs](#)

- **Enrollment Updates:**
 - The ERSEA team is actively processing applications and continuing to enroll children for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 program years.
- **Vacancies:**
 - 1 Lead Teacher (GSRP)
 - 6 Teachers CDA (Assistant Teachers) – 2 Head Start, 3 GSRP, 1 Head Start/GSRP
- **InKind Contributions through April 2025**
 - July 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025: \$225,160.26
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - Lego Land Field Trip – Monday, May 12, 2025 – Chick Room and Parrot Room; Tuesday May 13, 2025 – Blue Dog, Brown Bear, Horse, and Zebra Rooms and Monday, May 19, 2025 – Dino, Duck, Frog, and Tiger Rooms
 - District closed for Memorial Holiday – Friday, May 23, 2025 and Monday, May 26, 2025
 - Last day of school for HS/HS-GSRP/GSRP/ - Field Day – Thursday, May 29, 2025
 - In-house Field Trip – Thursday, May 29, 2025
 - Transition Ceremony – Friday, May 30, 2025
 - Kindergarten Bootcamp and Preschool Enrichment Program, Tuesday, June 3, 2025 – Thursday, June 27, 2025. The program will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays

5. Public Participation

- Participant #1: Global trade war; tariffs: federal funding
- Participant #2: Bussey concerns

6. Action Items

a. Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- i. April 15, 2025, Special Meeting/Student Hearings
- ii. April 22, 2025, Special Meeting/Study Session
- iii. April 28, 2025, Special Meeting
- Vice President Ware-DeVauld moved to open and approve Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Bland, Trustee Denson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Ware-DeVauld

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

b. Report 63-70 E-Rate Structured Cabling and Structured Fiber Cabling: 2025-26 E-Rate, 20% from the Bond

- This project will cover replacing structured cabling (standardized system of organizing and installing the physical infrastructure for telecommunications and data transfer in a building or campus) and structured fiber cabling (designing and installing fiber optic cable systems to support high-speed data, voice, and video communication across a building or campus) for the following schools- **Structured Cabling:** Birney K-8, Levey Middle School, Thompson K-8, Stevenson Elementary, Vandenberg World Cultures Academy. **Structured Fiber Cabling:** Southfield A&T, Birney K-8, Bussey Center, Kennedy Learning Center, Levey and Vandenberg. We are utilizing the E-Rate program for this project, which will allow us to receive up to 80% back on this project. Nerds Xpress provided the lowest and complete bid for both projects. Structured Cabling: \$28,248.43 (20% of \$141,242.15). Structured Fiber Cabling - \$21,215.81 (20% of \$106, 079.04).
- Vice President Ware-DeVauld moved to open and approve Report 63-70 E-Rate Structured Cabling and Structured Fiber Cabling and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.
- There was an ask to group Report 63-70 and Report 63-71 together.

c. Report 63-71 2025-26 E-Rate Network Electronics: 2025-26 E-Rate, 20% from the Bond

- This project will cover refreshing network closet equipment (UPS units and switches) and adding additional network closets as needed for the following schools- Stevenson, Birney K-8, Levey, Thompson K-8, Southfield A&T. We are utilizing the E-Rate program for this project, which will allow us to receive up to 80% back on this project. The bid from Delta Network Services was accurate, complete, and substantially lower. This is the vendor who has provided all of our network electronics in the district and aligns with what we currently have in place. The purchase and installation of network electronics is in the amount of \$80,563.06 (20% of \$402,815.32) from Delta Network Services.
- Vice President Ware-DeVauld moved to open and approve Report 63-70 E-Rate Structured Cabling and Structured Fiber Cabling and Report 63-71 2025-26 E-Rate Network Electronics and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.
- For clarification, Report 63-70 is for the structured cabling and fiber cabling. Report 63-71 is for network closet equipment. The copiers were already approved.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Ware-DeVaul, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Denson, Trustee Bland, Trustee Belk

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

d. Report 63-72 2025-26 Oakland Schools Budget

- Per the Michigan Student Code, Section 380.624(2), the proposed FY 2025-26 General Fund budget is submitted to its constituent districts' Board of Education for review by May 1. Not later than June 1, 2025 the board of each constituent district shall adopt a resolution of support or non-support of the General Fund budget.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul moved to open and approve Report 63-72 2025-26 Oakland Schools Budget and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Bland, Trustee Denson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Ware-DeVaul

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

e. Report 63-73 2025-2026 Curriculum Budget

- The Curriculum team put together a PowerPoint that reflected the resource, the description, stage, cost, and the funding source for each of the programs the District uses, for each of their departments.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul moved to open and approve Report 63-73 2025-26 Curriculum Budget and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Bland, Trustee Denson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Ware-DeVaul

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

f. Report 63-75 OCSBA Bylaws Amendments and Resolution Changes

- This is the 2nd read for the OCSBA Bylaws Amendments and Resolution Changes.
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul moved to open and approve Report 63-75 OCSBA Bylaws Amendments and Resolution Changes and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Ware-DeVaul, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Denson, Trustee Bland, Trustee Belk

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

g. Report 63-78 Personnel Action Report

- #3 will be sorely missed; job well done

- #4 is a rescission
- Vice President Ware-DeVaul moved to open and approve Report 63-78 Personnel Action Report and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Bland, Trustee Denson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Ware-DeVaul

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

7. Information Items

a. Report 63-79 Preliminary Approval of Playground Equipment and Installation Costs: Bond Funds

- This report seeks preliminary approval from the Board of Education in the amount of \$550,000.00 for the replacement and installation of playground equipment at Stevenson Elementary School (RFP 2025-07). This initiative is part of the District's broader facility improvement strategy and supports student wellness, safety, and engagement. Due to the time-sensitive nature of outdoor installation work and vendor lead times, preliminary approval is requested now so that, once bids for RFP 2025-07 are received, the District can proceed without delay—saving approximately two weeks in the decision-making process. For comparison, the Adler Elementary School playground project cost approximately \$350,000.00. This proactive step will help maintain critical summer construction timelines and minimize disruption to the school year.

b. Report 63-80 BP #28 Levey Middle School Roofing Upgrades: Bond Funds

- The project scope includes the demolition of the existing roof and the installation of a new roofing system covering the entirety of the building. The total award amount for BP #28 is \$2,220,540.00. The contingency amount for BP #28 is 10% of the project total value. The contingency amount is \$222,054.00, bringing the construction total to \$2,442,594.00.

c. Report 63-81 Abatement Services at Levey Middle School: Bond Funds

- The Bond Team recommends awarding the Asbestos Abatement Services to Qualified Abatement Services, Inc. The work scope encompasses the necessary services for this project. The total award recommendation is for \$332,640.00 including contingency based on the Total Environmental Services, LLC Inc. bid of \$302,400.00.

d. Report 63-82 Abatement Services at Thompson K-8: Bond Funds

- The Bond Team recommends awarding the Asbestos Abatement Services to Qualified Abatement Services, Inc. The work scope encompasses the necessary services for this project. The total award recommendation is for \$48,400.00 including contingency based on the Qualified Abatement Services, Inc. bid of \$44,000.00.

e. Report 63-83 New Construction & Specialty Renovations Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc, Amendment No. 2: Bond Funds

- The Amendment identifies Soils and Materials Engineering, Inc. as a consultant to Fanning/Howey Associated, Inc., for roofing at SA&T and U K-12. The compensation amendments for these services is a fixed fee of \$137,200.00: SA&T \$82,800.00 and U K-12 \$55,400.00.

f. Report 63-84 Geotechnical Services – Amendment No. 2 Notification: Bond Funds

- The Amendment adds services for SA&T and U K-12. The total compensation amendment for the services is \$67,800.00: SA&T - \$27,300.00 and U K-12 - \$40,500.00.
- Report 63-79 through Report 63-84 were grouped together. It was the wish of the Board to make these reports actionable because of the time constraints on the supplies/materials.
- The Board grouped Report 63-79 – Report 63-84 altogether.

- Vice President Ware-DeVauld moved to open and approve Report 63-79 Preliminary Approval of Playground Equipment and Installation Costs, Report 63-80 BP #28 Levey Middle School Roofing Upgrades, Report 63-81 Abatement Services at Levey Middle School, Report 63-82 Abatement Services at Thompson K-8, Report 63-83 New Construction & Specialty Renovations Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc, Amendment No. 2, and Report 63-84 Geotechnical Services – Amendment No. 2 Notification and it was supported by Treasurer Belk.

President Bland asked Secretary Smith-Thomas to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Denson, Trustee Bland, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Ware-DeVauld, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Belk

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

g. Report 63-85 Avance Contract

- Report 63-85 Avance Contract is an information item this evening.
- There was discussion of the wonderful things that Avance assisted the district with.
- We are requesting Avance to advance to the role of the bond. Becoming our communication specialist making sure the community is aware of what is happening with the bond.
- The contract will be presented to the Board during the May study session.
- Shout out to SA&T! They put together an “Informational Session” for all 8th graders in the Media Center.
- Report 63-85 Avance Contract was presented as an Information Item only this evening.

h. Financial Report

i. Monthly Bill Disbursement

- We sold \$50Mil of the Series 2 bond dollars in the first day.
- The risks are of federal funding and the uncertainty of the tariffs.
- On May 16, 2025, The State Revenue Estimating Conference is scheduled to occur in Lansing. We are hearing that the debate between the two parties is slowing down getting an adopted budget by the time we have our Truth in Taxation meeting.

8. For the Good of the Order

- Lori English’s class did a presentation on their Howard University trip and their reports were top-notch.
- Mari from the U K-12 presentation has agreed to sit down and explain how she got the \$5Mil in scholarships.
- Shout out to Mrs. English for allowing President Bland to sit in and listen to the wonderful reports her students reported out on.
- Happy Birthday to Dr. Green from the Board of Education!
- Congratulations to Dr. Green’s daughter, Dr. Sidney Martin graduated with a Doctorate!
- Dr. Green states that her family believes in giving back to our community. Dr. Martin and a team from Wayne State presented to students at SA&T on different areas of dermatology. They will be returning on Friday, May 16, 2025 to SA&T to continue to work with our students so that they can pay it forward to the next generation of medical doctors.
- Shout out to the Dance Team at UK12. Thank you to Ms. Pope!
- There are a lot of celebrations going on in the district for the next few months.
- To all the students, please aspire to get to the Superintendent’s Senior Showcase. It was really beautiful.

- a. Friday, May 23, 2025, Memorial Day Recess – NO SCHOOL
- b. Monday, May 26, 2025, Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- c. Tuesday, May 27, 2025, Special Board Meeting/Study Session @ 6:00 p.m.
- d. Friday, June 6, 2025, Graduation Day, Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre: SA&T @ 10:00 a.m. & U K-12 @ 2:00 p.m.
- e. Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Regular Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

President Bland adjourned the Special Board Meeting/Study Session at 8:56 p.m.

Approved on: May 27, 2025

Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Board Secretary