

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Martin at 7:04 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 7:04 PM.

Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present
Student Representative Dijagah: Present, Student Representative Meghea: Present
Superintendent Dori Leyko: Present

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens
The mission statement was read by Trustee Lyons.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/021: I move that the Board of Education approve the September 8, 2025, regular meeting agenda, as presented.

This motion, made by Torrez and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 25-26/022: I move that the Board of Education approve the following minutes:

I.E.1. August 25, 2025, regular meeting

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. **Recognition**

Trustee Faris-Hylen did not have any recognition to report.

III. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Dijagah and Meghea reported:

- Club Rush was a big success with many incoming freshmen and new students joining; new clubs formed include the Pre-Law Club and Fun Club. It's an important way for students to meet new people, and the variety of clubs is something to celebrate.

- First home Varsity football game was last Friday; despite the loss, the marching band debuted their show and the dance team performed a new piece. The student section showed great spirit.
- Students are excited for Spirit Week, the Homecoming parade on Friday, and the dance on Saturday.
- MSAN students will be traveling to Virginia this year.
- Seniors are beginning the college application process.
- Girls' volleyball team is on a winning streak.
- Girls' swim and dive team won their last two quads.
- Senior Sunrise kicked off the first week of school with strong attendance and plenty of photos.

Trustee Faris-Hylen shared that sophomore Addie Louagie hit a hole-in-one at last week's golf tournament.

Superintendent Leyko said her favorite moment from Friday's game was when she noticed everyone in the student section recording with their phones. At first, she thought it was a scuffle—but it turned out to be a praying mantis. Overall, it was a great atmosphere for our first home game, despite the loss.

Trustee Martin noted that one of his favorite parts of the Homecoming Parade is seeing all the student organizations represented and the important work they're doing.

IV. Superintendent's Report

Click [here](#) for the Superintendent's Report.

V. Public Comment

This is the opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

- Ross Gorman - ELEA - Tentative Agreement for ELEA

Superintendent Leyko spoke about the work of the bargaining team and clarified a few points in the contract.

VI. Board Discussion

Trustee Faris-Hylen mentioned the new attendance policy at the high school and the upcoming conferences at both the middle and high school. While information has been sent out, she would like to see additional communication to ensure it is presented clearly. She also raised concerns about traffic near Glencairn, noting that the city appears to be addressing the issue, and asked for clarity on what falls under the city's responsibility versus the Board's role.

Trustee Martin shared that he has received questions from families about conferences, with some concerned they may not be able to find time to meet with their students' teachers. While some communication has already been sent, he appreciates the district's efforts to

address these concerns. He also expressed confidence that the district can work with the city to make routes to school safer and asked the Board to be informed if additional support is needed in terms of communication or advocacy.

Superintendent Leyko explained that the new style of conferences came about through negotiations, allowing greater flexibility for parents and staff over a period of time. She noted that she would need to direct questions about the high school attendance policy to the high school administrators. She also reported being in contact with ELPD regarding traffic at Grand River and Kensington. Since the start of the school year, several steps have been taken:

- Road control officers have been conducting traffic enforcement at the intersection.
- Police have assisted with traffic management.
- Additional overtime has been posted for traffic enforcement during school start and end times.
- PACE has helped with crossing guard posts.
- MDOT has requested the school route plan for Glencairn and is reviewing the school zone and crossing on Grand River near the school, with transportation staff and Principal Richardson supplying the necessary information.

VII. **Action Items**

VII.A. **Collective Bargaining Agreement with the East Lansing Education Association (ELEA)**

Motion: 25-26/023: I move that the Board of Education approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the East Lansing Education Association (ELEA) as presented.

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Aye, Edsall: Aye, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion followed

VIII. **Committee Reports**

VIII.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- No report; scheduling a meeting the week of September 22

VIII.B. Facilities Committee

- No report; scheduling a meeting the week of September 22

VIII.C. Finance Committee

- Met on September 8 and discussed:
 - ELL funding
 - State funding - delay in budget;
 - MESSA renewal - came in lower
 - Audit update; presentation at the October 27 regular meeting

VIII.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report

VIII.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

VIII.F. Policy Committee

- Met on September 8 and discussed:
 - Five remaining Thrun policies; two do not need to add optional language; one will add the optional language and be placed in Items of Information; two still reviewing;
 - Facility naming policy;
 - Book review policy – Klaudia Burton and Kathy Kowalski;
 - Women’s Center proposal

VIII.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Met on September 3
 - Jennifer Smith, MASB – urging all to contact legislature regarding state budget;
 - Jason Mellema, Ingham ISD Superintendent discussed highlights from the Superintendent’s Round Table retreat;
 - Will be touring Beekman Center in November – renovations needed to the building;
 - Round table discussion with other Ingham County representatives;
 - Next meeting is October 1

IX. **Announcements**

IX.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is Thursday, September 25, 2025.

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

President

Secretary