

Ionia County Intermediate School District

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Ionia, MI 48846

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Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

November 14, 2024 – 4:00 pm

Looking Glass Conference Room

1) Call to Order

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

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Present:

Linda Hoxie-Green - President

Maury Geiger - Secretary

Kerry Possehn - Trustee

Absent:

Randy Masterson - Vice-President

Brian Talbot - Treasurer

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

4) Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Geiger, supported by K. Possehn, to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously

5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- None

6) Appointment of Officers

- None

7) Program Presentation

YEO & YEO 2023-2024 Financial Audit Presentation

Ali Barnes, CPA, CGFM, Managing Principal (YEO & YEO CPAs & Advisors), presented the results of the 2023-2024 school year financial audit for the Ionia County ISD.

Ms. Barnes noted that it was a “clean audit” and everything was accurate and presented as it should be. Regarding Internal Controls and Compliance, there were no Material Weaknesses, Significant Deficiencies, Material Noncompliance, and/or Management Comments for the audit.

It was noted that the District is doing very well and she commended the Business Office Staff stating it was an outstanding audit and the staff at YEO & YEO enjoy working with the ISD’s team.

8) Visitors/Public Comment

- Timothy McAllister (The Daily News) - No Comment

9) Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of the October 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes;
- B. Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$1,334,240.53;
- C. Approval of the Personnel Updates which included the hiring of: Rikki Avery, Katelyn Dungerow, LaRiesa Nummer and Shaila Peterson (Health Care Aides); Theresa Kreeger (Speech Language Pathologist); Margaret Besson (VI Specialist).

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

10) Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

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

- The reasoning behind and necessity of Action Items 11A, 11B, and 11C;
- Legislative Updates.

B. Fiscal Services

Mr. Carnes had nothing further to add to his written report.

C. Special Education

As presented.

D. General Education

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

- Commendation was given for the work Lisa Wandell has been doing for the Great Start Collaborative program, and for the great job with the GSC Parenting Workshop that was held on Tuesday;
- Staff have been busy conducting Coaching and PD Sessions with local Teachers, as well as many meetings with local Principals.

E. Technology

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

- Touring various LEA facilities with local Tech Directors;
- New Firewall has been installed at the Admin Building;
- The Technology Team will be attending the 2nd Annual Technology Summit in December.

F. Ionia County Career Center (formerly HIT)

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

- 61b Fiscal Agency funding cost came in;
- Waiting on 61 Dual Enrollment costs;
- Received encouraging update on prior students' acceptance in the Michigan Reconnect Program.

11) Action Items

A. Insulin Litigation Class Action Lawsuit

Moved by K. Possehn, and supported by M. Geiger, to approve signing both the "Contract for Representation" with Frantz Law Group and the "Insulin Litigation Resolution", as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

B. Updated Evaluation Models

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, and supported by K. Possehn, to approve the updated evaluation models for use with the Superintendent, Administrators, and Central Office Administration, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

C. Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority

Moved by M. Geiger, and supported by L. Hoxie-Green, to approve the signing of the "Board of Construction Codes" form to delegate school plan review and inspection authority to local units of government enforcing agencies for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

12) Discussion Topics

- None

13) Communications

- None

14) Comments by Board Members

- None

15) Items for Future Meetings

- None

16) Executive Session

- None

17) Adjourn

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary