

# Ionia County Intermediate School District

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Ionia, MI 48846

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## ISD Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

Looking Glass Conference Room

December 11, 2025 - 4:00 pm

### 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

Randy Masterson – Vice President

Brian Talbot - Treasurer

Kerry Possehn - Trustee

Absent:

Amber Rood - Secretary

Others present:

Ethan Ebenstein, Marvin Van Nortwick, Kelly Piercefield, Natalie Fuller, John Milewski, Ron Klumpp, Tracy Dickinson

### 4) Approval of Agenda

Moved by R. Masterson and supported by L. Hoxie-Green, to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

*The motion passed unanimously*

### 5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- None

### 6) Appointment of Officers

Randy Masterson was appointed to serve as Acting Secretary in Ms. Rood's absence.

### 7) Visitor/Public Comment

- Tim McAllister (*The Daily News - Greenville, MI*) had no comment.

## 8) Consent Agenda

Moved by B. Talbot and supported by R. Masterson, to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of the November 18, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes;
- B. Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$1,622,373.66;
- C. Personnel updates noting the hiring of Luciana Olvera and Michaela Tameling as Health Care Aides, and Raquel Brace as a School Social Worker.

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

## 9) Administrative Reports

### A. Superintendent

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

- Staff provided support to Ionia Public during the recent passing of an administrator;
- Kent ISD's upcoming visit to the Autism Education Center building;
- Safety & Security Training Opportunities with Kent ISD, including an upcoming tabletop exercise that will be held at the Ionia ISD;
- Legislative update.

### B. Fiscal Services

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

- Reviewed the Budget Amendment #1;
- Summer Tax Collection.

### C. Special Education

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

- Planning for upcoming visit by the Department of Education in January;
- Positive outcomes from DHH partnership with Michigan's Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students;
- Christmas party on December 16th at the Bowling Alley.

### D. General Education

Mrs. Piercefield added/highlighted the following items:

- Expressed appreciation for the Special Education staff for their assistance;
- The team has been busy providing teachers skills for further student engagement;
- The GSRP program has been working diligently which was evident by the advancement that students are making in their skills, as well as positive steps when it comes to engagement with parents and families.

### E. Technology

Mr. Milewski added/highlighted the following items:

- Construction of the Technology room has been completed, with many advantages being noted;
- Montcalm ISD's Technology Director's resignation.

F. Ionia County Career Center

Mr. Paton added/highlighted the following items:

- As presented.

**10) Action Items**

**A. 2026 Summer Tax Resolution**

Moved by B. Talbot and supported by R. Masterson to approve the adoption of the 2026 Summer Tax Resolution as presented, with Board President Linda Hoxie-Green being appointed to sign the Resolution in Ms. Rood's absence.

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

**B. 2025 - 2026 Amended Budgets #1**

Moved by R. Masterson and supported by B. Talbot, to approve the 2025-2026 Amended Budget #1 and Resolutions as presented, with Board President Linda Hoxie-Green being appointed to sign the Resolutions in Ms. Rood's absence.

*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**

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, and supported by B. Talbot, to approve moving INTO Executive Session at 4:22 pm to hold a discussion regarding the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) as requested by the Ionia ISD Administration and as allowed under Section 8(k) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the Closed Session and motioned to move back into the Regular Session at 4:37pm.

*The motion passed unanimously*

**16) Action Item****Emergency Operations Plan**

Moved by R. Masterson, supported by K. Possehn, to approve the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) as presented.

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

**17) Adjourn**

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:38 pm.

*Motion passed unanimously*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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Board Secretary