East Lansing Public Schools
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024 7:00 PM Eastern

Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. *Call to Order*

President Chris Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I.B. *Roll Call*

Dr. Terah Chambers:	Present
Dr. Kath Edsall:	Present
Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen:	Present
Mr. Gary Holbrook:	Present
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons:	Present
Mr. Chris Martin:	Present
Dr. Estrella Torrez:	Present
Superintendent Dori Leyko	Present

Present: 8. Absent: 0

I.C. *Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*

Trustee Torrez read the mission statement.

I.D. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: 23-24/114: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the June 10, 2024 regular meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons and seconded by Dr. Terah Chambers, was amended.

Dr. Kath Edsall amended the agenda to add the following:

V. Consent Agenda

5. Hiring of Calvin Smothers - 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher at Donley Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 26, 2024.

VIII. Action Items

A. Approval of Contract for Ms. Justyne Richardson, Glencairn Elementary Principal
Motion: The Board of Education approves the contract for Ms. Justyne Richardson as Glencairn Elementary Principal.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: 23-24/115: The Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meeting as presented.

I.E.1. May 13, 2024, regular meeting

This motion, made by Mr. Gary Holbrook and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. **Recognition**

II.A. 2024 Retirements

- Jennifer Chon
- Chris DeHaan
- Renee Vanremmen
- Brian Hyde
- Loretta Krol
- Lorraine Ware
- Mark Pontoni

Additional recognition:

Amazing news from our Track and Field team:
Congrats to the 4x200m relay of Janell Brown, Amelia Biehl, Lola Fore-Ogunfulabi and Gabby Pruitt who won all-state in track with a 7th place finish.

Also, congrats to Ariyana James who is all-state with a 3rd place finish in the high jump!

III. **Superintendent's Report**

Please click here for the Superintendent's Report.

IV. **Public Hearing**

IV.A. Opening of Public Hearing with comments from Richard Pugh, Director of Finance and Operations

2024-25 GF Original Budget June 10, 2024

Discussion followed

IV.B. Public Comments on 2024-25 Proposed Budget

No public comments

IV.C. Conclude Public Hearing

Public Hearing closed at 7:28 pm.

V. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: 23-24/116: The Board of Education approves the consent agenda to include the following items:

V.A. New Hires

V.A.1. Hiring of **Maria Camila Leon Buitrago** as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE 6th Grade Science Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 5 effective August 26, 2024. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of $200 until certification is received.

V.A.2. Hiring of **David Leen** - 1.0 FTE Math Teacher at East Lansing High School at BA Step 3 effective August 26, 2024.

V.A.3. Hiring of **Joel Longstreth** - 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 15 effective August 26, 2024.

V.A.4. Hiring of **Elisha Shantz** - 1.0 FTE Social Studies Teacher at East Lansing High School at BA Step 11 effective August 26, 2024.

V.A.5. Hiring of **Calvin Smothers** - 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher at Donley Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 26, 2024.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Mr. Gary Holbrook, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VI. **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.

No public comment

VII. **Board Discussion**

VII.A. Racial Equity Policy

- Comments from Klaudia Burton, Director of Equity and Social Justice
- Dr. Chambers gave background on the Racial Equity Policy - a working document

- Comments from President Chris Martin
- Comments from Dr. Kath Edsall
- Board members feel that is ready to go for action on June 24
- Individuals may contact Board members with questions

VIII. **Action Items**

VIII.A. **Approval of Contract for Ms. Justyne Richardson, Glencairn Elementary Principal**
Motion: 23-24.117: The Board of Education approves the contract for Ms. Justyne Richardson as Glencairn Elementary Principal.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII. B, **Director of Finance - Recommendation for Hire**
Motion: 23-24/118: The Board of Education approves the contract for Ms. Lisa Allen for the position of Director of Finance.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.C. **Resolution Calling for Bilateral Immediate Ceasefire**
Motion: 23-24/119: The Board of Education adopts the Resolution Calling for a Bilateral Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel and the Release of Innocent Civilians by the Parties in Conflict, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

Discussion followed

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.D. **Purchase of Technology Hardware**
Motion: 23-24/120: The Board of Education approves the purchase of 660 Chromebooks from SEHI Computer Products in the amount of $168,036.00.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Discussion followed

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.E. **Suspension of Pay-to-Participate Fees**

Motion: 23-24/121: The Board of Education approves the continuation of the suspension of the athletic and theater pay-to-participate fees for fiscal year 2024-25.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Terah Chambers, Passed.

Discussion followed

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.F. **Certification of form L-4029 (2024 Tax Rate Request)**

Motion: 23-24/122: The Board of Education approves the 2024 millage rates to be levied on July 1, 2024 as calculated per the Michigan Department of Treasury form L-4029 as presented.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.G. **2024-25 Original Budget**

VIII.G.1. **General Fund**

Motion: 23-24/123: The Board of Education adopts the 2024-2025 Original Budget resolution for the General Fund as presented on pages 5-6 of the Budget Book.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Mr. Gary Holbrook, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.G.2. **Food Service Fund**

Motion: 23-24/124: The Board of Education adopts the 2024-2025 Original Budget resolution for the Food Service Fund as presented on page 7 of the Budget Book.

This motion, made by Mr. Gary Holbrook and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.G.3. **Student/School Activity Fund**

Motion: 23-24/125: The Board of Education adopts the 2024-2025 Original Budget resolution for the Student/School Activity Fund as presented on page 8 of the Budget Book.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII.H. **Ratifying Resolution (2024 Bonds, Series 1)**

Motion: 23-24/126: The Board of Education approves the Ratifying Resolution for the 2024 School Building and Site Bonds, Series I, as presented.

This motion, made by Mr. Gary Holbrook and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Mr. Gary Holbrook: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

IX. **Committee Reports**

IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Presentation from the math department regarding new math curriculum
- Recognized student representatives

IX.B. Facilities Committee

- Updates from Billy Hastings
  - Fencing around retention ponds
  - No mow May areas at every building
  - Canceling of plowing contract - savings of $10,000
  - Lawn mowing at high school – savings of $29,000
  - Summer projects include:
    - Building tennis shed
    - Moving lockers around at MMS
    - Additional painting at MMS
- Updates from Nikki Norris
  - Summer track hours for community 7 :00 am – 5:00 pm
- Next meeting is scheduled for July 11

IX.C. Finance Committee

- 2024-25 Original Budget
- 2024 Tax Rates (L-4029)

- Continuation of suspension of pay-to-participate fees for 2024-25

IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report

IX.E. Personnel Committee

- Changes in Central Office - Pugh/Hamilton
- Discussed Supt evaluation - doesn't require an evaluation - will of the board not to an evaluation this year

IX.F. Policy Committee

- Discussed Racial Equity Policy
- No major items

X. **Announcements**

X.A. The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting is June 24, 2024.

XI. **Adjournment**

President Chris Martin called the meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

President

Secretary