East Lansing Public Schools
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 24, 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 7:01 pm.

I.B. *Roll Call*

Dr. Terah Chambers:	Present
Dr. Kath Edsall:	Absent
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: 7, Absent: 1.

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 23-24/127: The Board of Education approves the June 24, 2024, regular meeting agenda, as presented.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I.E. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: 23-24/128: The Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meeting:

I.E.1. June 10, 2024

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II. Recognition

- No recognition

III. **Superintendent's Report**

- No Superintendent's Report

IV. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: 23-24/129: The Board of Education approves the consent agenda of the following item:

IV.A. MHSAA Resolution 2024-25

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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.

- No public comment

VI. **Board Discussion**

- Cell phones at MMS and ELHS:
  - Chris Martin - The Surgeon General recommends curbing cell phone use for students; mental health issues and bullying; important for school districts to create a permission structure; this is a community effort
  - Tali Faris-Hylen – MMS did a wonderful job of no cell phone throughout the day; harder at the high school level; more restrictions at the high school level; would like to continue the conversation
  - Dori Leyko - a task for the high school workgroup to take on during PD and then possibly come to the Policy committee with recommendations
  - Estrella Torrez - incoming freshmen to be a part of the workgroup since they have experienced it at MMS
  - Terah Chambers - supports having a conversation but it is complicated and tricky; loves the no cell-phone policy at MMS; middle school students are an easier group to put a policy in place; high school is a little harder; students should be involved in the policy; just because the board explores something doesn't mean a policy is coming
  - Gary Holbrook - not cell phone but access to content such as social media; tablets, watches

VII. Action Items

VII.A. Recommendation to Hire Director of Special Education

Motion: 23-24/130: The Board of Education approves the contract for Dr. Precios Armstrong, Director of Special Education, effective July 8, 2024.

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.B. Racial Equity Policy

Motion: 23-24/131: The Board of Education adopts the Racial Equity Policy, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.C. B & A Agreement with City of East Lansing

Motion: 23-24/132: The Board of Education approves the Eighth Addendum to Contract for Services and Use of School Facilities Agreement, as presented.

This motion, made by Mr. Gary Holbrook and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.D. Purchase of Copiers and Renewal of Support Contract

Motion: 23-24/133: The Board of Education approves the purchase of copiers from AOS in the amount of $247,448.62 and renew the support contract at a cost of $5,397.32 per month.

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed. Discussion followed

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.E. Deputy Superintendent Contract

Motion: 23-24/134: The Board of Education approves the contract for Glenn Mitcham, Deputy Superintendent, as presented.

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

Discussion followed

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.F. **Superintendent Contract**

Motion: 23-24/135: The Board of Education approves the contract for Dori Leyko, Superintendent, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Mr. Gary Holbrook, Passed.

Discussion followed

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII. **Committee Reports**

VIII.A. Academic and Technology Committee
- No meeting

VIII.B. Facilities Committee
- No meeting
- Next meeting is July 11, 2024

VIII.C. Finance Committee
- No meeting

VIII.D. Intergovernmental Relations
- No meeting

VIII.E. Personnel Committee
- Last meeting discussed contracts
- No meeting scheduled

VIII.F. Policy Committee
- July 8 meeting is canceled
- Next meeting is August 5 at 10:30

IX. **Announcements**

IX.A. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be July 22, 2024.

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

President

Secretary