East Lansing Public Schools
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2025 7:00 PM Eastern

Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. *Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Martin at 7:01 pm.

I.B. *Roll Call*

Dr. Terah Chambers:	Present
Dr. Kath Edsall:	Present
Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen:	Present
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons:	Present
Mr. Chris Martin:	Present
Dr. Estrella Torrez:	Present
Ms. Abbie Tykocki:	Present
Student Representative Stella Alfredson	Arrived at 7:05 pm
Student Representative Holyn Walsh	Absent
Superintendent Dori Leyko	Present

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

The mission statement was read by Trustee Faris-Hylen.

I.D. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion 24-25/096: *I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda of the April 28, 2025 regular meeting, as presented.*

This motion, made by Dr. Estrella Torrez and seconded by Ms. Abbie Tykocki, Passed.

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: 24-25/097: *I move that the Board of Education approve the April 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Alfredson reported:

- Prom sales end this Friday
- Senior night for track is tonight; tennis is Thursday and soccer is next week
- Students are in good spirits looking forward to Prom and the sun and warmth

III. **Superintendent's Report**

Click here for the Superintendent's Report

Discussion followed

IV. **Recognition**

Trustee Faris-Hylen reported:

The East Lansing SOC competed at the State Science Olympiad tournament on Saturday, 4/26 at MSU.
Our team placed 12th out of 54 of the top teams in the state.

We had medalists in 5 events:

· 1st place Ecology: Aya Howard and Addie Schenker
· 2nd place Helicopter: Guhyun Jeong and Newman Liao
· 4th place Microbe Mission: Alex Paddock and Joliena Phan
· 4th place Botany (trial event): Ryan Rosenthal and Safa Djomehri
· 8th place Anatomy and Physiology: Alex Paddock and Safa Djomehri

Thanks to Coach Miller, Coach Turnbull, and Coach Paddock for all their guidance and help over the season, and all the science teachers who inspired the students to pursue science beyond the classroom.

Superintendent Leyko added a thank you to Coach Barger who was accidently left off the original email.

Trustee Tykocki reported:

On Wednesday, April 23, The Mental Health Advisory Committee, under the leadership of District Mental Health Coordinator, Heather Findley, sponsored the Second Annual Mental Health and Wellness Summit at East Lansing High School. The theme was Embracing Wellness. Together. The summit included presentations, resources, activities & prizes and light refreshments. Mark Foster, a long time ELHS Math teacher and football coach, shared his personal testimony of living with mental illness for over 20 years. Over 120 attendees, an increase in participation by about 25% over last year.

24 Mental Health & Wellness Vendors in the Hallways, 8 additional vendors in the student union with activities like journal decorating, slime, and kindness rock painting. 24 Organizations, Businesses and Individual donated raffle prizes.

Jackson County Intermediate School District made our t-shirts with help from the program Campus Outfitters, a school-based apparel shop staffed by students with special needs. The summit was supported with funding from the school district, East Lansing Basketball Club, and community councils from the high school, green elementary, and marble elementary. Several National Honors Society students donated their time to help with setting up and tearing down.

Media Coverage from East Lansing Info, WLNS, and WILX.

MHAC Members: Monica Trevino, Diane Cox, Natalie Moser, Anne'ka Mazette-Armstrong, Lisa Coyle, Anissa Munoz, Joseph Eiland, Jennifer Peatross, Krystal Davis-Dunn, Paul Walworth, Mark Foster, Amy Martin, Quiana Davis, Lila Tuell, Gabrielle Pruitt, Abbie Tykocki

MHAC Staff Who Worked their Rear-Ends Off: Kristin Sesti, Kristen Pfaendtner, Klaudia Burton, and Heather Findley

Discussion followed

The Board of Education recognized the Safe Routes to School team. Thanking them for their hard work and dedication over the years.

- Thomas Baumann
- Ginger Ogilvie
- Karin Pfeiffer
- Stefani Wagner



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.

- Adam Orange, ELEA representative – ELEA Concerns and Staff Layoffs

VI. **Board Discussion**

No Board Discussion

VII. **Action Items**

VII.A. **Policy 4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA)**

Motion: 24-25/098: I move that the Board of Education approve Policy 4113 Michigan Earned Sick Time (ESTA), as presented.

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, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VII.B. **Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells School Dining for FY 2025-26**

Motion: 24-25/099: I move that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to sign the attached Food Services Management Company Contract Renewal - Rate Agreement Form to renew with Chartwells School Dining for the FY 2025-26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) 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, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VII.C. **Security Camera and Door Access Upgrades**

Motion: 24-25/100: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with MOSS for the District security updates in the amount of $463,926.96.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Abbie Tykocki, Passed.

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VII.D. **Schools of Choice Recommend Slots for 2025-26**

Motion: 24-25/101: I move that the Board of Education approve the recommended Schools of Choice openings for 2025-26.

Grade	Recommended Openings
Y5/Kindergarten	20
1st grade	21
2nd grade	11
3rd grade	21
4th grade	20

5th grade	19
6th grade	8
7th grade	2
8th grade	4
9th grade	1
10th grade	2
11th grade	4
12th grade	3
Total:	**136**

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, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion followed

VII.E. **Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (FFE) package for the new Administration Building**

Motion: 24-25/102: I move that the Board of Education approve the award recommendations in the amount of $237,939.11 for Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment in the new Central Administration Building as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Abbie Tykocki, Passed.

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII. **Closed Session**

Motion 24-25/103: I move that the Board of Education move into closed session according to Section 8(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act related to collective bargaining.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting went into closed session at 7:47 pm and returned to open session at 8:37 pm.

IX. **Committee Reports**

IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- No report
- The next meeting is May 14

IX.B. Facilities Committee

- No report

IX.C. Finance Committee

- No report
- The next meeting is May 5

IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report
- Waiting to confirm a meeting with the City of East Lansing

IX.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

IX.F. Policy Committee

- No report

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- No report
- The next meeting is May 7

X. **Announcements**

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is May 19, 2025.

XI. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

President

Secretary