East Lansing Public Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting
October 14, 2025 7:00 PM

MacDonald Middle School Auditorium
1601 Burcham Dr
East Lansing, MI 48823

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 7:00 pm.

I.B. Roll Call
Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM. Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present.

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens
The mission statement was read by Trustee Lyons .

I.D. Approval of Agenda
Motion: 25-26/030: I move that the Board of Education approve the October 14, 2025, regular meeting agenda, as presented.

This motion, made by Torrez and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

I.E. Approval of Minutes
Motion: 25-26/031: I move that the Board of Education approve the following minutes as presented.

I.E.1. September 25, 2025 regular meeting

This motion, made by Lyons and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

II. **Recognition**
Click here for the Recognition presented by Trustee Faris-Hylen.

Trustee Martin recognized the middle school cross county team for a great job at their final meet of the season. Henry Tykocki finished first among the boys.

III. **Student Representative Report**
Student Representatives Dijagah and Meghea reported:

- NHS Can Drive was successful;
- NHS will be holding a Blood Drive;

- Band and Orchestra are holding a scrap metal drive on Sunday, 10/18;
- Cross Country team – JV and Varsity won the Shepherd meet; a lot of runners are setting new PR's; sophomore Kilian Boulware-Lopez is now the sixth fastest sophomore in East Lansing history;
- Swim and Dive have won every meet but one; won the Waverly Relays for the first time in quite some time; Ava Harmon qualified for MSA which is a statewide swim competition
- Golf had a strong end to their season placing third at regionals;
- Water Polo held senior night on Monday and had a good season this year;
- Portrait and yearbook students attended the MIPA conference;
- Student Congress will be going to MSU for a youth summit focused on equitable education;
- ELHS band placed second at Plymouth Canton and won best percussion; this Friday the marching band will be going to tour the elementary buildings;
- Powderpuff signups are closed and practices are underway with the game later this month; this will bring a lot of excitement and friendly competition;
- ELHS library is holding the annual pumpkin decorating competition – everyone's favorite fall traditions

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Click here for the Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Leyko and High School Principal Ashley Schwarzbek attended 2025 Michigan Gun Violence Intervention Summit. Went to support high school student, Jessica Mielock, who was one of five local high school students to be part of the youth panel. Students shared strategies, stories, and perspectives on reducing gun violence across our state.

V. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: 25-26/032: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following:

V.A. New Hire

V.A.1. Hiring of Mooneue Choi as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE Resource Room Teacher – ASD Focus at Marble Elementary at BA Step 3 effective October 15, 2025. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of $200 until certification is received.

This motion, made by Lyons and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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.

- Carissa Buchholz – Glencairn Elementary Harrison/Northlawn Crosswalk
- Will Paddock, ELEA – HS Bond, MMS halls, and Sick Bank

VII. **Board Discussion**

VII.A. Collaborative Meeting Request - Joint Action on After-School Youth Needs

- Trustee Torrez received a letter from the East Lansing Public Library regarding support for after school programming; limited opportunities for students; asking for collaboration and partnership; letter is requesting a meeting to think through with ELPS and City Council to address concerns;
- Trustee Martin asked how can the Board support the library and Hannah Center in conjunction with the City;
- Trustee Lyons stated that this should be part of Intergovernmental Committee with a joint meeting with City Council;
- Superintendent Leyko stated that if there are more than three board members present then there it has to be an Open Meeting;
- Intergovernmental Committee will schedule a joint meeting and then report back to the full board.

VII.B. Delegate Assembly

- Trustee Martin spoke about the Delegate Assembly – both he and Trustee Chambers were the delegates last year; they were unable to attend the assembly;
- There was discussion amongst the members about this year's assembly and that the delegate and alternate was due by October 2; since this wasn't discussed at the last meeting Trustee Martin and Chambers were appointed as delegates;
- Trustee Tykocki and Faris-Hylen indicated that they were willing to be the delegates; Trustee Chambers could be the alternate;

VII.C. Pedestrian Issues – Glencairn

- Trustee Faris-Hylen prepared communication to City Council with letter of support regarding the pedestrian issues.
- Amended the agenda to add Letter of Support as Action Item G.
  Motion: 25-26/034: I move to amend the agenda to add Action Item G Letter of Support for Pedestrian Issues.

  This motion, moved by Tykocki, and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

  Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

  Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII. Action Items

VIII.A. **Resolution to Support and Endorse the Invest in MI Kids Proposal**
Motion: 25-26/035: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Support and Endorse the Invest in MI Kids Proposal, as presented.

This motion, made by Torrez and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Resolution read by Trustee Faris-Hylen

VIII.B. **Multimedia Renovations**
Motion: 25-26/036: I move that the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of multimedia and AV hardware for the Central Administration building and meeting spaces from MOSS in the amount of $135,030.84.

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.C. **2026 Summer Tax Levy Resolution**
Motion: 25-26/037: I move that the Board of Education adopt the resolution, as presented, to impose a 100% summer tax levy to collect all school property taxes.

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.D. **PA 152 Resolution (80/20 vs Hard Cap) Resolution**
Motion:25-26/038: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Comply with PA 152 of 2011 as presented.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.E. **Policy Updates**
Motion 25-26/039: I move that the Board of Education approve the updates to the following policies.

VIII.E.1. 4105B Religious Workplace Accommodations for Employees and Applicants
VIII.E.2. 5421 Work-Based Learning Experience

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Lyons, Passed.

Discussion followed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.F. **Approval of Contract for Dr. Mark Dobson, Assistant Superintendent**
Motion 25-26/040: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract of Dr. Mark Dobson, Assistant Superintendent, effective start date October 31, 2025.

This motion, made by Lyons and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion followed – Dr. Dobson introduced himself to the board.

VIII.G. **Letter of Support**
Motion: 25-26/041: I move that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Support for Glencairn Pedestrian Issues to East Lansing City Council.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IX. Committee Reports

IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee
- No report

IX.B. Facilities Committee
- No report

IX.C. Finance Committee
- Audit Review w/Maner Costerisan
- State and Federal budget updates
- Upcoming board resolutions

IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations
- Set goals for upcoming year
- Reestablish communication with the City Council
- Next meeting 10/29 at 9:30 am

IX.E. Personnel Committee
- No report

IX.F. Policy Committee
- Thrun Policy Updates
- Renaming Policy
- Media Center Material

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)
- Review of Mental Health Services
- Cell Phone Ban
- Safety Update
- 25e Funding
- Next meeting tour of Beekman Center

X. Announcements

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is October 27, 2025.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

President

Secretary