East Lansing Public Schools Regular Meeting November 10, 2025 7:00 PM	MacDonald Middle School Auditorium 1601 Burcham Dr East Lansing, MI 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
Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM. Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Absent, Tykocki: Present.

Student Representatives: Dijagah: Present, Meghea: Present

Superintendent Leyko: Present

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens
Trustee Edsall read the mission statement.

I.D. Approval of Agenda
Motion: 25-26/047: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda of the November 10, 2025, regular meeting as presented.

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I.E. Approval of Minutes
Motion: 25-26/048: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting as presented.

I.E.1. October 27, 2025, regular meeting

This motion, made by Lyons and seconded by Chambers, Passed.

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II. Recognition

The Michigan High School Coaches Association recognized Nikki Norris as Athletic Director of the Year and our boys' basketball coach, Ray Mitchell, as Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year at a luncheon awards ceremony in Midland.

III. Student Representative Report

- The fall play *Almost Maine* opens this week, with performances Thursday through Sunday.
- The Buckthorn event, NHS's main event, was a big success.
- The annual Turkey Drive is taking place at the high school. First-hour classes are collecting donations through November 21 for families in need.
- Preseason conditioning for winter sports is underway.
- Seven students will be traveling to VA/DC for the MSAN student conference, November 12–15.
- We are looking forward to the upcoming full week of Thanksgiving Break.

Trustee Edsall asked about making donations. Student Representatives reported that they accept cash and may be able to Venmo, Mrs. Seyka.

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Please click here for the Superintendent's report.

Trustee Edsall reported that families may also use findhelp.org by typing in a zip code for food and housing assistance.

Superintendent Leyko stated that they are determining how the items will be distributed, noting that a drive-thru pickup is a possibility.

V. **Public Hearing**

V.A. Opening of Public Hearing

Recommendation of Rights, Respect, and Responsibility (Michigan Aligned, High School Lessons - 2023) to replace Michigan Model for Health "Healthy and Responsible Relationships: HIV, Other STIs, and Pregnancy Prevention" for high school health classrooms (grades 9–12).

V.B. Comments from Anne Scott, ELPS Sex Education Supervisor

Rights, Respect, and Responsibility presentation

Questions from Board members:

Trustee Edsall: Asked about the middle school curriculum and how challenging it will be, given that our teachers aren't certified.

The Michigan Model underwent significant updates this summer and is focused on HIV/STI education. Teachers do not need to be certified to teach the HIV/STI portion, but they cannot teach the broader sexual health curriculum.

Trustee Tykocki: Asked if there are resources to supplement what students are being taught.

SEAB is compiling resources for parents.

Trustee Faris-Hylen: Asked if the committee plans to hold more events like those from last year.

The committee is planning another community education event in the spring.

V.C. Public Comment
No Public Comment

V.D. Close of Public Hearing

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. Future Board Meeting Locations

Trustee Martin suggested postponing this discussion for now. The topic should first be addressed by the Facilities and Academic and Technology Committees.

Superintendent Leyko noted that further discussion with Christian Palasty is needed regarding the logistics of holding board meetings at other buildings. There are current issues with technology and live-streaming. The goal is to hold the January meeting in the new building.

VIII. **Closed Session**
Motion: 25-26/049: I move that the Board of Education go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the legal counsel regarding privileged attorney-client communications and legal advice concerning School State Aid Section 31aa.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The Board moved into closed session at 7:36 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 8:38 pm.

IX. **Action Items**

IX.A. **<u>School State Aid Act Section 31aa</u>**
Motion: 25-26/050: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to amend State School Aid Section 31aa, MCL 388.1631aa, to allocate funding for fiscal year 2025–26 to support school safety and student mental health initiatives, as presented.

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

Discussion followed:

Trustee Martin stated that it is unconstitutional for the state legislature to require a Board of Education and a school district to waive rights to attorney-client privilege in order to receive funding for safety, security, and mental health supports. This implicates the state constitution of 1963 and the 5th and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. He expressed that if we accept the money could potentially put people in the district at risk in the future. He stated that in good conscience he could not tell the superintendent to lay people off who have been hired to this work.

Trustee Tykocki agreed, noting it is a lose/lose situation—either way, people are being put at risk. She expressed appreciation for the district's mental health and safety teams.

Trustee Chambers commented on the many problematic aspects of the situation, particularly the process and lack of transparency from the legislature, and expressed frustration at being placed in this position.

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

Aye: 5, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

IX.B. **PowerSchool Litigation Resolution**

Motion: 25-26/051: I move that the Board of Education approve the resolution related to the PowerSchool litigation, as presented.

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.C. **Sex Education Guest Speaker: Lansing Women's Center "Empowering Youth Workshop: Understanding Consent for Dating and Life"**

Motion:25-26/052: I move that the Board of Education approve the Lansing Women's Center's "Empowering Youth Workshop Series: Understanding Consent for Dating & Life," facilitated by Dr. Samantha Vaive, as a guest sex education speaker for students in grades 6–12.

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.D. **Sex Education Guest Speaker: Lansing Area AIDS Network Presentation: "Gender and Sexuality"**

Motion: 25-26/053: I move that the Board of Education approve the addition of "Gender and Sexuality," presented by Katie Trickey, as a sex education guest speaker for students in grades 9–12.

This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Chambers, Passed.

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. **Committee Reports**

X.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- The next meeting is December 1 at 12:00 pm in the HUB.

X.B. Facilities Committee

Facilities Updates (Billy Hastings)

- Fall maintenance
- Hot water heaters installed over Thanksgiving break
- Upcoming proposal for boiler #2 at the high school
- Discussed purchasing a sprinter van for smaller activities and sport groups

Athletic Updates (Nikki Norris)

- Update on MMS sports and city vs. school hosting
- Nikki is transitioning Mr. White and it is going great

X.C. Finance Committee

- 31aa discussion
- 2025-26 Tuition rates
- BWL settlement
- Comerica has been the district's long-term banking partner; Fifth Third is acquiring Comerica

X.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- Followed up with City Manager and Councilmember Mark Meadows about Youth afterschool programming
- Next meeting is December 10 at 9:30 am in the HUB

X.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

X.F. Policy Committee

- Discussed policies 5405, 3118, 4113, 4113 F-1 and F-2
- Media center materials policy will be sent to Thrun to make it an official policy

- Land grant acknowledgment – Social Justice Club is scheduling a meeting with Nokomis Learning Center after the MSAN conference
- Thrun sent a suggestion for the Renaming policy; it will be taken to principals to see what adjustments should be made

X.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- The committee toured the Beekman Center, with Trustee Edsall joining.
- The building is in poor condition, including classrooms, hallways, and the pool.
- The ISD plans to put out a bond to build a new facility.
- There is no safe and secure entrance, nor an efficient drop-off/pick-up area for students.
- Staff and teachers at the building were fantastic.

XI. **Announcements**

XI.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is December 8, 2025.

XII. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm

President

Secretary