East Lansing Public Schools Regular Meeting December 8, 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 7:02 pm.

I.B. *Roll Call*

Attendance Taken at 7:03 PM.

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

Student Representatives Dijagah: Present, Meghea: Present

Superintendent Leyko: Present

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

The mission statement was read by Trustee Edsall.

I.D. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: 25-26/054: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the regular meeting on December 8, 2025, 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: Aye, Tykocki: Absent

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I.E. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: 25-26/055: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes for the following meetings:

I.E.1. November 10, 2025, regular meeting
I.E.2. November 10, 2025, closed session

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II. **Recognition**

Trustee Faris-Hylen did not receive any recognition.

III. **Student Representative Report**

Representatives Dijagah and Meghea reported:

- The Model UN club attended CASC, where sophomore Nadia Pauly earned the highest honors for her country representation. Students also participated in committee debates at the Lansing Center on Saturday.
- The Foreign Language Club held its annual holiday meeting, where attendees learned about Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.
- Before winter break, various clubs will participate in the Multicultural Potluck organized by the Social Justice Club and MSAN. Invited groups include the Students for Gender Equality Alliance, Black Student Union, Asian Student Union, and Muslim Student Union.
- NHS successfully concluded their Turkey Drive, exceeding donation goals thanks to the support of junior and senior volunteers.
- Winter Spirit Week themes have been set and will include PJ Day, Grout Fit, and Holiday Wear.
- Varsity and freshman basketball teams have started their season strong. The varsity team will play Sexton on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- Mya Terranova and Mia Washington went undefeated in girls' wrestling during their first invitational at the Kellogg Center.
- Dual enrollment students are currently completing their college course finals.
- Government and AP Government students submitted their "Government in Action" projects, which required completing community involvement hours—either by attending a school board meeting or participating in a club—and writing an essay and letter to someone who supported their project.
- Some students will attend the Youth Violence Prevention Summit tomorrow in Lansing.
- Recently, Collage showcased the school's fine arts programs, including theater, choir, band, orchestra, and visual arts. Student artwork was displayed in the Student Union, and Livewire gave a live performance.

- Trustee Edsall asked who is organizing the Youth Violence Prevention Summit.
  - Superintendent Leyko responded that it may be through the Michigan State Police Office of School Safety.
- Trustee Martin asked about Livewire.
  - Livewire is a high school band consisting of Casey Smith on drums, Stella Alfredson on vocals, Liam VanDerHeide on guitar, Elijah Braiman on keys, and Julia Valla on bass. The band has performed at the Farmers Market and the Pump House.

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

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V. **Public Hearing**

V.A. Opening of Public Hearing
Recommendation of Rights, Respect, and Responsibility (Michigan Aligned, High School Lessons -2023) to replace the 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

V.C. Public Comment
There were no public comments.

V.D. Close of Public Hearing
President Martin closed the public hearing at 7:21 pm.

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.

There were no public comments.

VII. **Presentation**

VII.A. East Lansing Educational Foundation Big Check Presentation



VIII. **Board Discussion**

There was no board discussion.

IX. **Action Items**

IX.A. **<u>Policy Updates</u>**

Motion: 25-26/056: I move that the Board of Education approve the revisions of the following policies.

IX.A.1. 3118 - Title IX Sexual Harassment
IX.A.2. 4113 - Michigan Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA)
IX.A.3. 5405 - Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.B. **Purchase of Technology Hardware**

Motion: 25-26/057: I move that the Board of Education approve the purchase of 415 Chromebooks from SEHI in the amount of $105,742.00.

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.C. **Sex Education Curriculum**

Motion: 25-26/058: I move that the Board of Education approve 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).

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.D. **Tuition Rates**

Motion: 25-26/059: I move that the Board of Education approve the 2025-26 tuition rates as presented.

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Committee Reports

X.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Met on December 1 and discussed:
  - Holding meetings at different buildings: due to technology limitations, one or two off-site meetings may be feasible.
  - Updates on E-Rate.
  - Chromebook purchases, which were approved by the board tonight.
  - District communication.
  - Assessment data presentation by Assistant Superintendent Dobson, scheduled for next year.

X.B. Facilities Committee

- Will schedule a meeting after the first of the year.

X.C. Finance Committee

- The December 1 meeting was canceled. A new meeting will be scheduled after the start of the year.

X.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- The next meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the HUB at East Lansing High School.

X.E. Personnel Committee

- Committee has not met.

X.F. Policy Committee

- The December 1 meeting was canceled. A new meeting will be scheduled after the start of the year.

X.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Trustee Tykocki was absent but sent in a report from the last meeting.
  - Continued discussion on county-wide cell phone policies.
  - Superintendent Mellema provided an update on the May 2026 Bond Initiative, which includes rebuilding Beekman Center and other Ingham ISD facilities.

XI. **Announcements**

XI.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is the organizational meeting on January 12, 2026.

XII. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Elizabeth Ryan
President

Secretary