East Lansing Public Schools
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2026 7:00 PM

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

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order
President Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

I.B. Roll Call
Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, 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 Chambers read our mission statement

I.D. Approval of Agenda
Motion: 25-26/080: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the February 9, 2026, meeting as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes
Motion: 25-26/081: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the following meeting as presented.

I.E.1. January 26, 2026, regular meeting

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. **Recognition**

Trustee Martin had no recognition to report

III. **Student Representative Report**

- The winter formal was this past weekend. Thank you to Ms. Mueller for all her hard work.
- Students of Gender Equality wrapped up their Penny Wars fundraiser. Proceeds will be donated to the Women's Center of Greater Lansing.
- AP Psych dissected sheep brains and Human Bio dissected sheep eyes. Chemistry is doing a lab with s'mores.
- Mean Girls musical rehearsals are under way. Pit received sheet music recently. The set crew is a small team and they are building a really big set in less than 40 days.
- The band went the Michigan Music Conference and performed a session called 25 tunes in 45 minutes. The band learned 25 songs in two weeks.
- Solo and Ensemble also took place. Students in both programs perform in a solo or group for an adjudicator and they get a score. Everyone who attended received a 1 or 2 rating, which are the highest scores.
- Band performed in the Tri District concert, which was hosted by East Lansing. This is a joint concert with Okemos and Haslett.
- The band and orchestra are rehearsing for Senior Solo. This is an event where a few seniors audition for the opportunity to perform their pieces with the full band or orchestra, or with piano accompaniment.
- Boys Varsity basketball is still undefeated. Wrestling is doing really well along with boys' swim and dive.

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Please click here for the Superintendent's Report

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.

There was no public comment

VI. **Board Discussion**

There was no board discussion

VII. **Action Items**

VII.A. Religious and Cultural Calendar 2026-2029

Motion: 25-26/082: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Religious and Cultural Calendar for the 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 school years.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VII.B. Budget Calendar

Motion: 25-26/083: I move that the Board of Education adopt the budget calendar for developing the East Lansing Public Schools 2026-27 budget as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII. **Committee Reports**

VIII.A. Academic and Technology Committee

Meeting held on February 2nd

- Welcomed Student Representatives Maeson Adams and Kyla Caldwell
- Discussed Planning for transition from 5th - 6th grade in Math
- Updates from technology - planning on projects out for the next several years
- Next meeting is March 9 at 10:30 am in the HUB at ELHS

VIII.B. Facilities Committee

Meeting held on January 30th

- Discussed parking lot lights repaired
- Boiler retubing at the high school is complete
- Bids for roof are complete
- Power washing middle school once roof project is finished
- Nikki Norris was unable to attend will discuss athletic updates at next meeting

VIII.C. Finance Committee
Meeting held on February 2nd

- Discussed first semester class size overages
- 2025-26 first budget revision review
- 2026-27 budget calendar – approved at this meeting
- Estimated blended enrollment
- Revenue Estimating Conference
- Merger between Fifth Third and Comerica
- Upcoming board recommendations:
  - Authorized signers
  - HS bid for landscaping
  - Tuition reimbursement

VIII.D. Intergovernmental Relations
Meeting held on February 3rd

- Joint meeting with the City of East Lansing, East Lansing Public Library and Hannah Community Center
- Robust discussion on a solution to support teens in out of school time
- Next meeting is March 10th to continue conversation

VIII.E. Personnel Committee
No report

VIII.F. Policy Committee
Meeting held on February 2nd

- Discussed three issues:
  - Policy on Media Center materials; waiting to hear back from Thrun on policy created by this committee with help from stockholders;
  - Land Grant Acknowledgment with the Social Justice Club
  - Renaming policy – this would be for things smaller than buildings or athletic fields; such as memorials (memorial trees) put up by individual buildings; need to have a consistent policy

VIII.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)
Meeting held on February 4th

- Presentation from Ingham ISD - attendance policy and boosting attendance numbers
- Lansing Public Schools Interim Superintendent, Jessica Benavides
- Reviewed by-laws and elected officers
- Webberville and Stockbridge spoke about their cell phone bands; disciplinary issues have decreased, engagement from students, test scores and attendance are both up

- Superintendent Leyko mentioned that the Governor is expected to sign legislation tomorrow

IX. **Announcements**

IX.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is February 23, 2026. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the new ELPS District Administration Building located at 6160 Towar Ave, East Lansing.

IX.B. Ingham ISD Superintendent, Jason Mellema will be presenting on the Ingham ISD SE Bond at the March 23 regular meeting/

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Elizabeth Ryans

President

Secretary