

Minutes of SEAB Hearing

The Board of Education Jenison Public Schools

A Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) Hearing meeting of the Board of Education of Jenison Public Schools was held Monday, December 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Jenison Center for the Arts Boardroom.

Call to Order:

President of the Board of Education, Dr. Hartman, called the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) Hearing to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present:

Eric Hartman, D.C.,
President

William Waalkes,
Vice President

Chris Reed, Ph.D.,
Treasurer

Jen Postema,
Secretary

Jennifer Griffin, DPM
Trustee

Shannon Hogan,
Trustee

Donna Mooney
Trustee

Others Present:

Brandon Graham, PhD,
Superintendent

Leslie Philipps,
Assistant Superintendent /
Title IX Coordinator

Christine Marcy,
Director of Finance and
Operations

Alana Kooi,
Co-Director of Teaching and
Learning

Madeline Lambert,
Jr. High Health/PE
Teacher

Julie Roby,
Director of Student Services

Katie Moy,
Chief of Staff

SEAB Hearing:

A public hearing about the Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) is required by law. The policy is published in the Board of Education Policies.

Introductions:

Dr. Graham introduced the Co-Chairs of the SEAB Committee. Alana Kooi, Co-Director of Teaching and Learning, and Madeline (Maddie) Lambert, Jr. High Health/PE Teacher, along with Julie Roby, Director of Student Services.

Legal Authority for the Public Hearing:

Before adopting any revisions in the materials or methods used in instruction under this section, including, but not limited to, revisions to provide for the teaching of abstinence from sex as a method of preventing unplanned or out-of-wedlock pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, the board of a school district shall hold at least 2 public hearings on the proposed revisions. The hearings shall be held at least one week apart, and public notice of the hearings shall be given in the manner required under Section 1201 for board meetings. A public hearing held pursuant to this Section may be held in

conjunction with a public hearing held pursuant to Section 1169.

Purpose of the Public Hearing:

The purpose of these meetings is to report to the public the progress of the school district's sex education advisory board and to obtain input from the public regarding the proposed revisions to the sex education curriculum and instruction for the district.

The Board of Education will review the recommendations and may offer feedback before voting on the curriculum at a future meeting.

Sex Education Advisory Board Recommendations:

The SEAB committee created a fully updated Cross-Categorical curriculum and provided the Board of Education with the proposed updated version.

Mrs. Kooi shared that the committee updated the Cross-Categorical curriculum to better meet the needs of this student population.

Mrs. Roby reminded the Board that the program serves non-diploma-bound students with autism spectrum disorders or cognitive impairments who spend most of their day in categorical classrooms and typically transition to Young Adult Services until age 26. Approximately 25–30 students are impacted, including several 12th graders who will soon leave the district. To support these vulnerable students before they leave high school, the team emphasizes the need for an updated curriculum focused on safety, personal boundaries, protection, and clear, direct instruction to build practical life skills for use beyond high school. The curriculum will be taught annually for reinforcement.

Mrs. Lambert reviewed the proposed curriculum, which aims to help students understand their bodies, respect themselves and others, and identify trusted adults. The revised curriculum addresses key topics such as relationships and safety, puberty and physical and emotional changes, respect for self and others, personal boundaries, sexual health and choices, harassment and consent, pregnancy and STIs, abstinence, pornography, and personal safety, with added emphasis on identifying a trusted safe adult students can reach out to if concerns arise. The curriculum uses age-appropriate topics with graphics that students understand.

Mrs. Mooney shared that she truly likes the curriculum and believes the material is appropriate for use across other grade levels and within the health curriculum.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Adjournment:

President of the Board of Education, Dr. Hartman, adjourned the Jenison Public Schools Board of Education SEAB Hearing at 6:07 pm with acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Postema, Secretary
Jenison Public Schools Board of Education