

East Lansing Public Schools  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 19, 2025 7:00 PM Eastern

Board Room  
509 Burcham Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

## **I. Opening of Meeting**

### *I.A. Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chris Martin, President.

### *I.B. Roll Call*

Dr. Terah Chambers:	Present
Dr. Kath Edsall:	Present
Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen:	Present
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons:	Present
Mr. Chris Martin:	Present
Dr. Estrella Torrez:	Present
Ms. Abbie Tykocki:	Present
Student Representative Stella Alfredson	Present
Student Representative Holyn Walsh	Present
Superintendent Dori Leyko	Present

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

The mission statement was read by Trustee Abbie Tykocki.

### *I.D. Approval of Agenda*

*Motion: 24-25/104: I move to approve the May 19, 2025, regular meeting agenda, as presented.*

This motion, made by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons and seconded by Dr. Estrella Torrez, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

### *I.E. Approval of Minutes*

*Motion: 24-25/105: I move to approve the April 28, 2025, regular meeting minutes, as presented.*

I.E.1. April 28, 2025, regular meeting

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Ms. Abbie Tykocki, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

## **II. Recognition**

### **II.A. Boys' Basketball State Championship Team** Comments from Coach Mitchell and players.



### **II.B. Student Representatives Holyn Walsh and Stella Alfredson**



Thank you to the percussion quartet from MacDonald Middle School for the performance before the start of the Board meeting. They were amazing and very talented.

- Lydia Myers
- Makayla Mendez-McKinnes
- Maranda Kilme-Burke
- Sonia Palomba

Special Olympics took place on May 15 with elementary, middle school and high school athletes competing. Marcus Edsall Parr received two 2nd place ribbons - 50-meter dash and the softball throw. It was a great day and a lot of fun.

Click [here](#) for additional recognition.

## **III. Student Representative Report**

- Student Council elections were held. The new liaisons for the 2025-26 were present and gave their bio.

- Student Council created – “Wish You Were Here”. Follow their Instagram to get an update on their meetings and what goes on in Student Council.
- Prom took place last weekend and the theme was *Midnight Meadow*. Held at the Kellogg Center and was a big success with plenty of room and the dinner was good. Post prom was a blast.
- Girls’ Varsity Soccer Districts are this week.
- Girls’ Varsity Tennis won CAAC’s and Regionals. This is three straight Regional titles in a row. They will compete in States at the end of the month in Kalamazoo.
- Water Polo advanced to Regionals.
- Senior tradition to be able to choose who hands them their diploma.
- Talent show will be May 25. Auditions took place on May 16.
- Seniors last day is May 23. They will parade at the elementary buildings and participate in a senior send-off at the football field.

#### IV. Superintendent's Report

Click [here](#) for the Superintendent Report.

Discussion followed

#### V. Consent Agenda

*Motion: 24-25/106: I move to approve the consent agenda to include the following:*

##### V.A. New Hires

V.A.1. Hiring of **Emma Sharp** as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE Resource Room Teacher at Robert L Green at BA Step 3 effective at the start of the 25/26 school year. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of \$200 until certification is received.

V.A.2. Hiring of **Anna Vandenbussche** as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE Resource Room Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at BA Step 3 effective at the start of the 25/26 school year. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of \$200 until certification is received.

V.A.3. Hiring of **Renee Weirauch** as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification -1.0 FTE Resource Room Teacher at East Lansing High School at MA Step 3 effective at the start of the 25/26 school year. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of \$200 until certification is received.

V.A.4. Hiring of **Haley Bovee** as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE Vocal Music Teacher at MacDonald Middle School and East Lansing High School at BA Step 3 effective at the start of the 25/26 school year. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of \$200 until certification is received.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth

Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

**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.

- John Lee – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class for Red Cedar Elementary
- Cherlyn Brown - Madison Cummins (teacher at Red Cedar)
- Amanda Schneider - ELEA – Keeping staff positions
- Ross Gorman - ELEA - Reduction
- Katie Hubbard – Decision to collapse a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade section at Red Cedar
- Cheryl - parent at Red Cedar - Class sizes and teachers
- Michelle White/Desmond Fincher -Jones – Red Cedar teacher
- Guadalupe Ayala – Ms. C-F/Red Cedar
- Shannon DeLap - Ms. C-F/Red Cedar
- Katie Blair - Red Cedar 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Molly Szpunar – East Lansing Info article today on MMS security issues
- Jessica Leahy - Mr. Konett
- Leilani Ayala – A student of Ms. C-F

## **VII. Board Discussion**

Trustee Edsall – Stated that public comment is not a give and take; they listen and the will process all comments and there will be other conversations. Each person is heard.

## **VIII. Action Items**

### **VIII.A. Ingham Intermediate School District's 2025-26 Proposed General Fund Budget**

*Motion: 24-25/107: I move that the Board of Education adopt the resolution in support of the proposed 2025-26 Ingham Intermediate School District General Fund budget, as presented.*

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

Discussion followed

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

**VIII.B. Ingham ISD Board of Education Candidate/Election**

*Motion: 24-25/108: I move that the Board of Education approve the resolution designating the school district's election representative and alternate and authorize the representative to cast a vote on behalf of the school district, as presented.*

VIII.B.1. Designate a representative and an alternate.

VIII.B.2. Name two (2) candidates for the two (2) six-year board seats. The candidates are Michael Flowers, Incumbent, and Erin Schor, Incumbent.

VIII.B.3. Name one (1) candidate for the one (1) open partial two-year board seat. The candidates are Joel Gerring and Caitlyn Salow.

This motion, made by Ms. Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen.

Motion amended: I move to amend the motion to designate Ms. Abbie Tykocki as the district's election representative and Mr. Chris Martin as the alternate.

This motion was moved by Ms. Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen.

Motion amended: I move to amend the motion to select Caitlyn Salow as the nominee.

This motion was moved by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Abbie Tykocki.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Motion passed.

**VIII.C. Awards Bid for Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond Bid Package #2 High School Addition**

*Motion: 24-25/109: I move the Board of Education award the following bids related to the High School Addition as follows:*

Category 05 Structural Steel- Zak Welding & Custom Fab.	\$ 346,650
Category 08 General Trades- LJ Trumble Builders	\$ 625,085
Category 09 Metal Stud & Drywall- Grand River Interiors & Plaster	\$ 609,000
Category 31 Sitework- Central Excavation	\$ 769,410
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$2,350,145</i>

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Passed.

Discussion followed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Dr. Estrella Torrez: Aye, Ms. Abbie Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

## **IX. Committee Reports**

### **IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee**

- Book Break – Ms. Kowalski
- Student Recognition
- Tech Updates
- Book Challenge Update

### **IX.B. Facilities Committee**

- No meeting
- Working on scheduling building tours for new Board members

### **IX.C. Finance Committee**

- Ingham ISD General Fund Budget
- Bid package#2 bid results
- Review of 2024-25 Final Budget
- Preliminary 2025-26 revenue, salary, and benefits estimate
- Scheduled an additional meeting May 22

### **IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations**

- Trying to schedule a meeting with the City

### **IX.E. Personnel Committee**

- No meeting
- Superintendent Evaluation – June 23

### **IX.F. Policy Committee**

- Book review policy – K. Kowalski and G. Mitcham working on a draft
- Policy 5206 language
- Thrun Client/Attorney Privileged letter – three injunctions on certification; letter may not be necessary
- Recognition and Honors – Policy 3304.01 – further discussion

### **IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)**

- Discussed budget - pending impacts to ISD
- Cuts to Medicaid

## **X. Announcements**

X.A. East Lansing High School Graduation is June 5, 2025, 7:00 pm at the Breslin Center.

X.B. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is June 9, 2025.

X.C. There will be a Board/Administration Goal Setting work session at 5:00 pm in the Student Union.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

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President

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Secretary