

***Ionia County Intermediate School District***

*2191 Harwood Road*

*Ionia, MI 48846*

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**Board of Education**

Regular Board Meeting

June 12, 2025 – 4:00 pm

Looking Glass Conference Room

**1) Call to Order**

Board President, Linda Hoxie-Green, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

**3) Roll Call**

Present:

Linda Hoxie-Green - President

Randy Masterson - Vice-President

Maury Geiger - Secretary

Brian Talbot - Treasurer

Absent:

Kerry Possehn - Trustee

Others present: Ethan Ebenstein, Jamie Carnes, Natalie Fuller, Ted Paton, John Milewski, Shelley Devers, Tracy Dickinson, Amber Rood

**4) Approval of Agenda**

Moved by R. Masterson, supported by M. Geiger, to approve the meeting agenda with the Superintendent's Contract Approval being added as Action Item I.

*The motion passed unanimously*

**5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

- Action Item I - Superintendent Contract Approval, was added.

**6) Appointment of Officers**

- None

## 7) Visitors/Public Comment

- Amber Rood (*incoming ISD board member*) provided no comment.

## 8) Consent Agenda

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, supported by B. Talbot, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of the May 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes;
- B. Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$1,841,462.63.

*A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously*

## 9) Administrative Reports

### A. Superintendent

Mr. Ebenstein added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Policy update Second Reading and Adoption;
- Updated status of the Property Transfer Request;
- Legislative updates.

### B. Fiscal Services

Mr. Carnes added/highlighted the following item(s):

- As presented during the Truth-in-Budgeting Meeting

### C. Special Education

Mrs. Fuller added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Need to repost the Administrator of Accountability and Program Improvement position as the selected candidate pulled their name out;
- The ISD's Plan of adding the DHH program was approved my MDE;
- Currently planning PD for staff, SE Coordinators, and the Parent Advisory Committee for the 2025-26 school year.

### D. General Education

- As presented.

### E. Technology

Mr. Milewski added/highlighted the following item(s):

- The Technology Department is currently in the process of renovating the Technology Room to enclose the Servers.

### F. Ionia County Career Center

Mr. Paton added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Summer Work-Based Learning diesel student program is continuing;
- Looking to hire a HealthCare Foundations Instructor in view of Mrs. Milewski's resignation;
- Continuation of the FFA Summer Programming

## 10) Action Items

### A. 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendments

Moved by B. Talbot, and supported by L. Hoxie-Green, to approve the 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendments for the Vocational Education Fund, General Fund, Special Education Fund, and Student/School Activity Fund, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

### B. 2025-2026 Original Budgets

Moved by R. Masterson, and supported by M. Geiger, to approve the 2025-2026 Original Budgets setting expenditures for the Vocational Education Fund, General Fund, Special Education Fund, and Student/School Activity Fund, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

### C. 2025 L-4029 Tax Rate Request

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, and supported by B. Talbot, to approve adopting the 2025 L-4029 Tax Rate Request to allow summer and winter tax collection, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

### D. Non-Union Wage Request

Moved by B. Talbot, and supported by L. Hoxie-Green, to approve a wage increase for Administrative and Non-Union Staff for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

### E. Resolution Authorizing Membership

Moved by R. Masterson, and supported by L. Hoxie-Green, to approve Authorizing Public Entity (*Ionia County Intermediate School District*) Membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool (*WMHIP*) for a minimum three-year period, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

### F. Perkins Act Fiscal Requirement Policy - 2nd Reading and Adoption

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green, and supported by M. Geiger, to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of new board policy Perkins Act Fiscal Requirement to be placed under Article VI - Finances, Section 21 of the current Ionia County ISD Board Policies, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

**G. Career Center “ACTE Vision” Out-of-State Conference**

Moved by M. Geiger, and supported by R. Masterson, to approve two CTE teachers’ attendance at the ACTE Vision Conference in Nashville, TN from December 9-12, 2025, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

**H. Career Center Plant & Animal Science / FFA Out-of-State & Overnight Conferences**

Moved by B. Talbot, and supported by L. Hoxie-Green, to approve the Out-of-State and Overnight Conferences for the Ionia County Career Center Plant & Animal Science Class during the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

**I. Superintendent Contract**

Mr. Carnes provided information regarding extending Mr. Ebenstein’s contract and updates that were added to his contract.

Moved by M. Geiger, supported by L. Hoxie-Green, to approve extending Superintendent Ebenstein’s contract through June 30, 2030, as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

**11) Discussion Topics**

- L. Hoxie-Green acknowledged that this was Mr. Geiger and Mr. Carnes’ last board meeting, thanking them for their service and wishing them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

**12) Communications**

- None

**13) Comments by Board Members**

- None

**14) Items for Future Meetings**

- None

**15) Closed Session**

- None

**16) Adjourn**

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:22 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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Board Secretary