

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

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

Student Representatives Dijagah and Meghea: Absent

Superintendent Leyko: Present

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens
Trustee Torrez read the mission statement.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/094: I move that the Board of Education approve the March 9, 2026, regular meeting agenda, as presented.

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Chambers, 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: 25-26/095: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026, regular meeting, 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

II. **Recognition**

- Marble welcomed Michigan Opera Theatre Outreach for Opera 101 and an all-school assembly performance on February 26. Fourth-grade students worked with teaching artists during music class to create their own versions of famous opera scenes. Thank you to the East Lansing Arts Commission for providing the cultural arts grant that made this experience possible. Special thanks to Carla Larzelere for completing the grant application, coordinating with Michigan Opera Outreach, and organizing the performance.

- Sami Tucker has launched the East Lansing Volleyball Club and created a volleyball league where teams can compete in a format similar to the Red Cedar Basketball League.
- East Lansing High School welcomed future Chinese educators from Beijing on February 26. The visit included a school tour, classroom observations, and a Q&A session with staff and students. Thank you to Steven Neal for helping facilitate the visit with Principal Ashley Schwarzbek.
- Glencairn Elementary School recently opened a clothing closet available to all elementary families. The fundraiser was organized by a group of K–5 volunteers and provides a place where students can shop and take home items they need. The group also donated nonperishable food items to Edgewood Village through the Glencairn Gives Back initiative.
- The MacDonald Middle School MathCounts team placed third as a team at the regional MathCounts Competition held at Michigan State University. The school’s robotics team also competed in the state competition titled “*If It Works, It Works.*”
- Donley Elementary School Principal Tracey Barton would like to recognize Taryn Tucker for her dedication to promoting literacy and creating meaningful learning opportunities for students. She applied for Donley’s second-grade cohort to participate in the “*Detroit Lions Tackle Reading Program*” at Ford Field. Students attended the literacy celebration, heard Brock Wright of the Detroit Lions read aloud, and participated in interactive activities designed to foster a love of reading.
- Athletic achievements include Talia Andrews of East Lansing High School, who earned the state championship in floor exercise in gymnastics, and KJ Tolbert, who was named Mr. Basketball of Michigan.

III. **Student Representative Report**

No report

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

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V. **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing opened at 7:14 pm.

V.A. Opening of Public Hearing

Recommendation of the Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB) to approve the adoption of the revised 2025 Michigan Model HIV and other STIs unit to replace the 2010/2012 version for 7th and 8th grades.

V.B. Comments from Anne Scott, ELPS Sex Education Supervisor

Trustee Chambers expressed her appreciation to Anne Scott for dedication and hard work on the SEAB committee.

V.C. Public Comment

V.D. Close of Public Hearing
Public Hearing closed at 7:17 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.

- Sarah Willson - Whitehills ASD program
- Forest Tate - Whitehills ASD program

VII. **Board Discussion**

Trustee Tykocki mentioned that Mean Girls at East Lansing High School is opening March 12th.

VIII. **Action Items**

VIII.A. **Seventh and Eighth Grade HIV/STI Education Curriculum Approval Recommendation**

Motion: 25-26/096: I move that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the revised 2025 Michigan Model HIV and Other STIs unit to replace the 2010/2012 version.

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.B. **Award Bids for Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond Bid Package #3- High School and Middle School Flooring, Doors, Frames, and Hardware Bid**

Motion: 25-26/097: I move that the Board of Education award the following bids related to the High School addition and Middle School update as follows:

Category 08A High School Doors, Frames, and Hardware	William Reichenbach Co	\$326,950
Category 08B Middle School Doors, Frames, and Hardware	Integrity Interiors Inc	\$238,392
Category 09B Middle School Flooring	Omega Floors	\$357,777
	Total	\$923,119

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Trustee Edsall addressed that the flooring and door hardware at the middle school is much needed.

Trustee Martin clarified that this work will be completed before the start of next school year.

VIII.C. Award Bids for Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond Bid Package #3 High School and Middle School Building/HVAC Controls Bid

Motion: 25-26/098: I move that the Board of Education award the following bids related to the High School addition and Middle School update as follows:

Category 23A High School Building/HVAC Controls-	Trane	\$1,119,948
Category 23B Middle School Building/HVAC Controls	Trane	\$ 680,032
	Total	\$1,799,980

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

IX. Committee Reports

IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Received a Sex Education update from Anne Scott, Sex Education Supervisor.
- Elementary curriculum updates related to English Language Arts (ELA) were discussed.
- The next meeting will be held on April 6 in the HUB at East Lansing High School.
- Summer meetings will be held in the board room.

IX.B. Facilities Committee

- No report and will be scheduling a meeting soon

IX.C. Finance Committee

- Met on March 2 and discussed the following:
 - Chartwells contract renewal for 2026–27; a remaining balance of \$800 is available to spend down.
 - Section 27L(2) educator compensation and ongoing negotiations.
 - Preparation for the 2026–27 budget.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 6.

IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- Meeting on March 10 at 11:00 am in the board room.

IX.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

IX.F. Policy Committee

- Did not meet; next meeting is April 6 at 10:30 in the board room.

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Legislative update from Jennifer Smith, MASB:
 - Governor released the proposed budget.
 - Discussed moving to weighted foundations to better support students with the greatest needs, along with a push for literacy, including the expectation that all ISDs will receive at least one additional literacy coach next year.
- Superintendent Leyko spoke about local superintendents working to build a strong network of middle school administrators.
- Jason Russell from Secure Environmental Consultants discussed creating a common language across schools when working with law enforcement.
- The updated education policy was presented.
- Neighboring district updates:
 - Lansing took a group of students to Washington, DC for a leadership conference.
 - Stockbridge sent their Robotics team to the Dominican Republic.
 - Dansville successfully refinanced a bond, saving \$2.4 million.
 - Holt is in the process of hiring a new superintendent and pursuing a millage renewal.
 - Williamston reported a 97% graduation rate.
 - Webberville's basketball team is performing strongly.
 - ISD students had a notable showing in culinary arts.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, in person at Thorburn Education Center.

X. **Announcements**

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is March 23, 2026.

X.B. Boys' basketball will play Ann Arbor Pioneer on Tuesday at Don Johnson Fieldhouse in the quarter finals. If they win, they will play in the semi finals at the Breslin on Friday at 2:00 pm.

XI. **Adjournment**

President Lyons adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

President

Secretary