



**Commentary on the Board Agenda
Regular Meeting
September 8, 2025
Jenison Center for the Arts**

6:00 PM SEAB Hearing:

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Legal Authority for the Public Hearing
 - a. 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.
4. Purpose of the Public Hearing
 - a. The purpose of these meetings is to report to the public the progress of the school district sex education advisory board and to obtain input from the public regarding the proposed revision to the sex education curriculum and instruction for the district.
5. Sex Education Advisory Board Recommendations
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn

6:30 PM Regular Meeting:

Call to Order:

Recognition: Parent Liaisons

Recess:

Reconvene:

Public Comment:

Approval of Agenda:

Action Items:

1. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. August 18, 2025, Board of Education meeting minutes are included for approval.

2. Approval of Financial Report

- a. The August financial report with Chris Marcy's executive summary is included for approval.

3. Approval of Out of State Trips

High School

Orchestra:

- Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida, November 24-30, itinerary attached.

Marching Band:

- September 20-21, Bands of America Northwest Ohio Regional Championships, University of Toledo, OH. Depart 4:30 am; return approx. 3 am Sunday (no hotel stay)
- November 14-16: Bands of America Grand National Championships, Indianapolis, IN.

Varsity Winter Guard:

- February 20-22: WGI Indianapolis Regional Championship
- March 13-15: WGI Avon (IN) Regional Championship
- April 8-12: WGI World Championships - Dayton, OH

DECA:

- Ultimate DECA Power Trip, November 20-23, Washington DC
- District 2 Competition, December 15, GVSU
- Sports & Entertainment Marketing Conference, January 28-Feb 1, Orlando, FL
- State Career Development Conference, March 5-7, Detroit, MI
- International Career Development Conference, April 24-28, Atlanta, GA

Art/French:

- Chicago Art Institute: annual trip to Chicago, Friday October 17. Millennium Park, Art Institute of Chicago, Café Lea, Boat Tour. Day trip, no overnight.

Junior High

- The East Coast Trip leaves on Friday, May 29, 2026, and returns on Thursday, June 4, 2026. The trip explores Boston, New York City, Gettysburg, and Hershey Park.
- The Costa Rica Spanish Immersion Trip leaves on June 12, 2026, and returns on June 26, 2026. It explores Costa Rica and Panama. Clare Chamberlin is the main contact and organizer of this trip.

4. Approval of 7th-grade Reproductive Health Presentation Changes

As shared in two public hearings, it is recommended to approve the changes to the 7th-grade reproductive health presentation.

5. Approval of Book Purchase

There is approximately \$120,000 remaining in the 35j grant which was awarded to improve K-5 literacy. Teaching and Learning is recommending approval of purchasing additional classroom and library books to exhaust the remaining funds by the expiration date of September 30, 2025. Approval of this purchase will allow orders to be placed and processed in a timely manner to ensure materials are available for staff and students as needed. Alana Kooi will be available to answer any questions.

6. Approval of Food Service Prices Increase

Please see the attached memo from Food Service Director, Mary Darnton. Approval of a \$0.75 increase for breakfast and \$0.50 for lunch effective October 1, 2025 is necessary if the Michigan School Aid Budget is not passed or if the Michigan School Meals program is not extended.

7. Approval of Longitudinal Evaluation of the Unified Champion Schools Program Study

Special Olympics North America, the University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration, and Special Olympics Michigan are partnering on a three-year study to evaluate the long-term impact of the Unified Champion Schools (UCS) program on students, schools, and communities. The study will measure outcomes such as student social skills, self-determination, school and social connectedness, and post-school success, while also identifying broader benefits for schools and communities.

Participating schools will complete an initial survey and assessment, with students (both UCS participants and comparison groups) interviewed twice annually over three years. Graduates will also be followed to assess long-term effects. Compensation includes \$25 gift cards for student participants per survey/interview and \$250 annually for each school liaison. The start of the study depends on approval; the first round of data is anticipated in October or November of this year, with permission forms ideally distributed as soon as approval is granted. Findings will provide valuable insights to strengthen and expand the UCS program.

Discussion Items:

1. MASB Delegates

- a. MASB's 2025 Delegate Assembly will begin Thursday, October 23 at 7 p.m. at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Acme. Delegates selected by boards of education across the state will decide MASB's positions on a wide variety of issues affecting education. All delegates and alternates must be school board members. All delegates must be certified and submitted by Thursday, October 2. Katie will certify delegates on behalf of the board.

2. Superintendent's Update

Adjournment: