

Minutes of the Academic & Technology Committee of the
East Lansing Board of Education
East Lansing High School - Hub
2/2/2026 at 12:00pm

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Terah Chambers at 12:01pm.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Chris Martin, Estrella Torrez, Mark Dobson,
Christian Palasty, Kyla Caldwell (student rep), Mason Adams
(student rep)

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Estrella Torrez and seconded by Terah Chambers. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Tabled this item until next meeting.

Public Comment – 3 minutes

None.

Meeting Topics/Discussion Items

- Welcome to new student members Kyla and Mason
- Curriculum updates:
 - MMS Transition Communication
 - Update about information that will be distributed to 5th grade parents about their students moving to the middle school. They will be provided information about the MMS math curriculum, including “test out” procedures and commitments.
 - Ms. Martin will visit each elementary school, each elementary school visits the middle school.
 - MiPHY (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth)
 - Between now and March will send information about this upcoming survey to families about its purpose and use.
- Technology updates:
 - Technology investments
 - Overall discussion about budget for technology: annual budget and sinking fund are the two ways projects are covered. Current sinking fund millage expires in 2028. Try to create a rotation for replacement of things like overhead projectors, chrome books, and iPads. But current planning doesn’t include larger ticket items like the auditorium sound systems or lighting (lighting has been replaced; sound system is needed). Not in the budget for this year but hopefully next year. Sound system upgrade is urgent. Likely to

cost about \$200k. In 2028 will have to renew sinking fund – will require community vote.

- Fiber WAN updates
 - Should be able to use e-rate for this project (similar to last 3 that were approved at January Board meeting). This project would be to upgrade our fiber WAN throughout the district. Cost would be \$140k (and if approved for e-rate we would only pay 20% of that cost).
- Cyber Security
 - We do have a cybersecurity plan, very dynamic and always changing. We utilize two external programs that assist with our district cybersecurity. Will likely become an increased cost based on how many issues related to cybersecurity school districts are facing.
- Other Items
 - Moved to next stage of communication with Powerschool. Now have more control and knowledge about who receives communication from us. Bright Arrow has a smart application for cell phones that will allow caregivers to streamline communication to one place.
 - Has translation capacity so families can select language for text communication. Will follow up additional text-to-speech capabilities.
 - Kindergarten information night coming up Feb 24.
 - Meeting dates

Announcements

- Will need to discuss additional meeting dates beyond March. But March committee meeting will be held March 9 at 10:30am.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.