



East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting
October 11, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823



Agenda

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. *Call to Order*
- B. *Roll Call*
- C. *Mission: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*
- D. *Approval of Agenda*
The Board of Education approve the agenda of the October 11, 2021 regular meeting, as presented.
- E. *Approval of Minutes September 27, 2021* 3
- F. *The Board of Education approve the September 27, 2021 regular meeting minutes, as presented.*

II. Recognition

III. Student Representative Report

IV. Superintendent's Report

V. COVID Update

VI. Consent Agenda 8

The Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following items:

- *hiring of Katherine Blair, .50 FTE Robert L. Green Elementary School Social Worker at MA Step 9 level pending licensure approval.*
- *hiring of Sarah Moreno, 1.0 FTE Elementary School Social Worker at MA Step 6 level effective October 25, 2021.*
- *hiring of Amy Miros, 1.0 FTE Donley Elementary Art Teacher at MA Step 13 level effective October 25, 2021.*

VII.

VIII. 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.

IX. Board Discussion

X. Action Items

XI. Committee Reports

- A. *Academic and Technology Committee*

- B. Facilities Committee
- C. Finance Committee
- D. Intergovernmental Relations
- E. Personnel Committee
- F. Policy Committee

XII. **Announcements**

XIII. **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dori Leyko
Superintendent*

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

Board President Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Dr. Terah Chambers: Present
Dr. Kath Edsall: Present
Ms. Monica Fink: Present
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Present
Mr. Chris Martin: Present
Ms. Kate Powers: Present
Ms. Debbie Walton: Present
Student Representative
 Elisabeth Beer: Absent
 Anne McIlhagga: Present
Superintendent Leyko: Present

Present: 9 Absent: 1

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

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion 21-22/028: The Board of Education approve the agenda of the September 27, 2021 regular meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Ms. Kate Powers and seconded by Ms. Monica Fink, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

- *September 13, 2021*

Motion 21-22/029: The Board of Education approve the September 13, 2021 regular meeting minutes, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons and seconded by Mr. Chris Martin, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. Recognition

Mr. Martin asked community to share individual or team recognition with the Board.

Ms. Fink recognized everyone who worked on the dedication of Robert L. Green Elementary.

III. Student Representative Report

Student Representative Anne McIlhagga reported:

- Homecoming was last Friday. Although there was no game the administration and student council put a spirit rally together with an amazing turnout.
- Ms. Mueller did a fantastic job (as always) with the Homecoming parade. The Grand Marshalls this year were Jane Ventsias, Katie Topp and CeCe Anderson.
- Dance was fine but could have used more planning for an outdoor dance. There was trouble with timing and placement.
- Overall the week went really well.
- Clubs have started up with meetings this week. All clubs must be approved by Student Council.
- Amnesty International held a penny wars. Monies collected will go to UN refugees.
- Student Council will be splitting the money for floats between Haven House and Red Cross.
- Black Student Union members attended the renaming of Robert L. Green Elementary event. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.
- Virtual college visits continue during Excel on M/W and/or F.
- Over half way through first marking period. Grades and attendance are pretty normal. It is a learning curve to back in it but it is worth being able to be in-person.
- Superintendent Leyko recognized Anne for her incredible job speaking about the Grand Marshalls and her help on Student Council.

IV. Superintendent's Report

COVID Reporting Updates

As of this afternoon (9/27/21), ELPS is reporting the following COVID data for school-related cases:

School	Active cases (students and/or staff)	Number of individuals currently in quarantine as a result of school-related cases*	Cumulative cases for 2021-22
Donley Elementary	0	0	2
Glencairn Elementary	16	24	20
Marble Elementary	0	0	2
Red Cedar Elementary	1	0	4
Robert L. Green Elementary	2	5	2
Whitehills Elementary	1	1	3
MacDonald MS	0	0	2
East Lansing HS	0	0	6

Dedication Event for Robert L. Green Elementary School

Friday's dedication event to formally rename and dedicate Robert L. Green Elementary School was a great success. We were so excited to welcome Dr. Green, his wife and sons, other family and friends, Ernest Green of The Little Rock Nine and Martin Luther King Jr. III, and many other special guests. Special thanks to Principal Amy Webster and her team for the efforts that went into the event, especially music teacher Cari Cravotta for not only composing a new school song but also

orchestrating a music program that included all of the students and tailored to Dr. Green's musical taste.

ELHS Homecoming 2021

In spite of not having a homecoming football game Friday night, the parade and community pep rally were awesome – the home stands were filled! The homecoming dance was held Saturday night out on the football field.

New Positions

Our new District Wellness Leader, Lindsey Young, started today, and there is a consent item on tonight's agenda for action on a recommendation for a school nurse. We are excited to have both positions filled with excellent candidates who will be focused on physical and social-emotional health and wellness of our students and staff.

Discussion followed.

V. Bond Update

Donley – Phase 2 and Red Cedar

- Ground mount steel for the solar arrays will be starting this Wednesday, and the panels will begin being installed next week. Then, the Donley site will be seeded.

All Buildings

- A presentation will be made to the Board next month and shared publicly for the plans for the remaining bond funds. A bulk of these funds will be spent to construct outdoor learning classrooms at each of the six elementary buildings. We will go out to bid for this work in December and bring to the Board for action in January 2022.

Discussion followed.

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion 21-22/030: The Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following item:

- hiring of **Sara Smith**, 1.0 FTE District School Nurse at BA Step 5.5 level, effective October 4, 2021.

This motion, made by Ms. Debbie Walton and seconded by Ms. Kate Powers, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

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- Elaine Hardy 1412 Meadow Rue – Robert L. Green Project – Thank you!
- Dr. Heather Marlow, 1016 Cresenwood Rd – COVID 19 outbreak, COVID 19 testing.
- Mike Feldpausch, DEISJ at elementary level.
- Dr. Nichole Biber, 1037 Blanchette – Outdoor spaces, sustainability.

- Nick Wright, 1559 Cahill Dr – Assistance and brainstorming ideas to help reduce litter at ELPS.

VIII. Presentation

- *June 30, 2021 Audited Financial Statements by Dave Nielsen, Maner Costerisan*

Discussion followed.

IX. Board Discussion

- Dr. Edsall – Robert L. Green dedication events were the pinnacle of her tenure on the school board. A big appreciation for all the support from board, administration and staff.
- Dr. Chambers – Reiterated on what a great day it was including the weather. A side highlight was meeting Ernest Green of the Little Rock Nine. It was a remarkable experience.
- Ms. Walton – Last Friday was a celebration of community; dedication, parade, pep rally. So proud of everything that took place.
- Dr. Lyons – There was a lot of support for the pep rally and would like to see it happen again.
- Supt. Leyko - Stressful week but it was all worth it.

X. Action Items

A. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Motion 21-22/031: The Board of Education accept the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Kate Powers, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

B. Creating a Respectful and Open Workplace for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act Resolution

Motion 21-22/032: The Board of Education adopt the CROWN Act Resolution, as presented.

This motion, made by Ms. Monica Fink and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion followed. CROWN Act resolution read into minutes.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Academic and Technology Committee

- No report; Next meeting 10/18/21.

B. Facilities Committee

- No report; Next meeting 10/18/21.

C. Finance Committee

- Next meeting 10/14/21 3:00 pm.

D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report.

E. Personnel Committee

- No report.

F. Policy Committee

- We are behind where we thought we would be with the new policy manual - it is coming soon.
- Moving forward with racial equity work and working with Klaudia Burton.
- Next meeting 10/13/21.

XII. Announcements

None

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

President

Secretary



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dori Leyko
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Human Resources Action Items

DATE: October 8, 2021

Hires

It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring, of **Katherine Blair**, .50 FTE Robert L. Green Elementary School Social Worker at MA Step 9 level pending licensure approval.

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