



# East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

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Regular Meeting  
November 28, 2022 - 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 Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*

D. *Approval of Agenda*

*Motion: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the November 28, 2022 regular meeting, as presented.*

E. *Approval of Minutes*

**November 14, 2022**

*Motion: The Board of Education approves the minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular meeting, as presented.*

### **II. Recognition**

### **III. Student Representative Report**

### **IV. Superintendent's Report**

### **V. Consent Agenda**

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**Motion: The Board of Education approves the consent agenda to including the following:**

- A. Hiring of **Heather Lounsbury**, 1.0 FTE High School Special Education teacher at MA Step 17, effective November 29, 2022.

**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.

**VII. Action Items**

**VIII. Committee Reports**

- A. Academic and Technology Committee
- B. Facilities Committee
- C. Finance Committee
- D. Intergovernmental Relations
- E. Personnel Committee
- F. Policy Committee

**IX. Announcements**

**X. Adjournment**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Dori Leyko  
Superintendent*

Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2022, 7:00 PM Eastern

Board Room  
509 Burcham Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

## I. Opening of Meeting

### I.A. Call to Order

Board President Kate Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Representatives:	
Gabriel Benavides	Absent
Alexander Mielock	Present
Ms. Dori Leyko	Present

Present: 9. Absent: 1

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

### I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion 22-23/034: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the November 14, 2022 regular meeting, as presented.

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

#### I.E.1. October 24, 2022

Motion: 22-23/035: The Board of Education approves the October 24, 2022 regular meeting minutes, as presented.

This motion, made by Ms. Debbie Walton 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

## II. Recognition

- The Quiz Bowl team competed in their first tournament and won first place in Varsity, winning five of their six rounds. Congratulations to Maggie Callender, Mona Borhan, Peter Ahlin, David Barger, Margaret Beaver, Clara Craig, and Ty Wysong.
  
- Congratulations on our National Merit Scholarship
  - Semifinalist: Vaughn Jarvi;
  - Commended students: William Beekman, John Bonnell, Skyler Hamlin, Elke Schrenk;
  - College Board National Recognition:
    - National African American Recognition Award: Janayia Edwards, Kennedy Duncan;
    - National Hispanic Recognition Award: Tate Schwartz, John McGuire

## III. Student Representative Report

Student Representative Mielock reported:

- Swim and Dive team will be competing in the State Swim meet at Calvin College. Good luck to Evie Wittrock, Gwen Petrie, Sarah Bergdolt, Sophia Fickies, and Rachel Capriotti.
- Congratulations to the football team on their great season. They were District champions.
- The theater department will be performing A Midsummer Night's Dream this weekend.

## IV. Superintendent's Report

### Board of Education - Election Update

Four open seats and ten candidates for the East Lansing Board of Education were on last Tuesday's ballot.

Two incumbents - Kath Edsall and Terah Chambers - were reelected to four-year terms.

Two newcomers - Tali Faris-Hylen and Amanda Cormier - were elected to four-year terms. They will begin their service on the Board in January 2023.

Board of Education President Kate Powers and Vice-President Chris Martin will conclude their service to the District at the end of the calendar year.

### Construction Update

All materials are onsite for the completion of the Outdoor Learning Centers. Donley's is complete, and Marble's was scheduled to be completed Friday. Then, they will move on to Green, Whitehills, Glencairn, and Red Cedar – installation takes about a week at each site. Solar fencing at Donley is scheduled to begin November 18.

We are working with our architects and construction manager to make a few adjustments to the courtyard playground at Red Cedar and some ADA updates at our playgrounds.

**ELPS Seeking Second-Shift Custodians**

ELPS is hiring custodians and custodial supervisors - district-employed. Our day shifts are full, but we still have evening shifts available (3:00 – 11:00 p.m.). Starting pay is \$16-19 per hour plus full benefits.

**Thanksgiving Meal Support Opportunities**

Attached is a flyer that provides information regarding three local opportunities for Thanksgiving food items or hot meals.

[Thanksgiving Resources 2022](#)

**Holiday/Winter Break Giving Opportunity to Support ELPS Families**

Last year, ELPS was able to provide support to over 130 ELPS families over winter break through donations from community members, the East Lansing Police Department and the East Lansing Fire Department. We'd like to offer this support to our ELPS families once again this season. Every dollar collected is redistributed to ELPS families.

To make a donation via Venmo - please use the address Dori-Leyko.

To make a Donation via check - Please write the check to ELPS and send to the address below.

We will use these funds to purchase grocery and other gift cards (Target, VISA, etc.) to provide to our families.

Donations will need to be received by the end of the day December 7 so we have time to purchase the gift cards and distribute to families before break.

Donations can be mailed to:

ELPS Support c/o Superintendent's Office

501 Burcham Drive

East Lansing, MI 48823

**At-Home COVID Tests Available**

Each building has at-home COVID-19 tests available - please contact your school office if you'd like to pick some up or have them sent home with your student.

Discussion followed.

**V. Consent Agenda**

Motion: 22-23/036: The Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda to include the following item:

V.A. Hiring of Kathryn Maloney, 1.0 FTE Glencairn resource room/interventionist at MA Step 4 effective November 15, 2022.

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, Passed.

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 1

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No public comment.

**VII. Action Items**

**VII.A. Custodial equipment purchase**

Motion: 22-23/037: The Board of Education approve the purchase of the custodial equipment in the amount of \$222,010.95, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall 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

Discussion followed.

**VII.B. 2023 Summer Tax Levy Resolution**

Motion: 22-23/038: The Board of Education adopt the resolution, as presented, to impose a 100% summer tax levy to collect all school property taxes.

This motion, made by Dr. Terah Chambers and seconded by Ms. Debbie Walton, 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.

**VII.C. 2022-23 Tuition Rates**

Motion: 22-23/039: The Board of Education approve the 2022-23 tuition rates as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons, 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.

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**VIII.A. Academic and Technology Committee**

- No report.
- Next meeting is December 14 at 11:00.

**VIII.B. Facilities Committee**

- No report.

**VIII.C. Finance Committee**

- Next meeting is Thursday, November 17 at 3:00 pm.

**VIII.D. Intergovernmental Relations**

- No report.

**VIII.E. Personnel Committee**

- No report.
- Will be scheduling a meeting in the next few weeks.

**VIII.F. Policy Committee**

- Next meeting is Wednesday, November 16 at 4:00 pm.

**IX. Announcements**

- National Children's Grief Awareness Day is Thursday, November 17. Children's Grief Awareness Day seeks to bring attention to the fact that often support can make all the difference in the life of a grieving child. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the painful impact that the death of a loved one has on the life of a child, an opportunity to make sure that these children receive the support they need. Please wear [blue](#) on Thursday to show support for a grieving child.

**X. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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**President**

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**Secretary**



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Dori Leyko  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**SUBJECT:** Human Resources Action Item

**DATE:** November 21, 2022

**Hire**

It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of **Heather Lounsbury**, 1.0 FTE high school special education teacher at MA Step 17 effective November 29, 2022.