



East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting
August 28, 2023 - 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. Oath of Office

1. Gary Holbrook

E. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the August 28, 2023, regular meeting, as presented.

F. Approval of Minutes

Motion: The Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

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| 1. August 14, 2023, regular meeting | 3 |
| 2. August 18, 2023, special meeting | 8 |

II. **Recognition**

III. **Student Representative Report**

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

V. **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.

VI. Board Discussion

VII. Committee Reports

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

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dori Leyko
Superintendent*

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

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

I.B. Roll Call

Dr. Terah Chambers:	Present
Dr. Kath Edsall:	Present
Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen:	Present
Ms. Monica Fink:	Present
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons:	Present
Mr. Chris Martin:	Present
Ms. Dori Leyko, Superintendent	Present

Present 7. Absent 0.

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

The Mission Statement was read by Trustee Faris-Hylen.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 23-24/014: The Board of Education approves the agenda for the August 14, 2023 regular meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Mr. Chris Martin and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye

Aye: 6, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 23-24/015: The Board of Education approves the minutes from the July 24, 2023, special meeting, July 24, 2023, regular meeting, and the August 4, 2023, special meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Ms. Monica Fink: Abstain (With Conflict), Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

II. Recognition

Ginger Johnston and Brennan Ford won the Sparty award at the four-day Michigan Interscholastic Press Association Journalism camp this summer. The Sparty award is the highest award you can get at MIPA. There were eight sections, and one group per section received a Sparty Award. Ginger and Brennan received it for their work on their yearbook theme of Timeless.

150-200 kids attended MIPA camp.

III. Superintendent's Report

Classes Begin Next Wednesday, August 23

Students return to school next Wednesday! The first day is a ½ day for elementary students and a full day for middle and high school students. Start and end times are as follows:

Elementary: Full day (8:45 a.m. – 3:37 p.m.); Half day (8:45 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.)

Access the elementary school year calendar here: https://elps.us/downloads/district_-_calendars/2023-24_elementary_school_calendar_updated_5-6-22.pdf

MacDonald Middle School: Full day (8:05 a.m. – 2:53 p.m.); Half day (8:05 – 11:20 a.m.)

Access the MMS school year calendar here: https://elps.us/downloads/district_-_calendars/2023-24_elementary_school_calendar_updated_5-6-22.pdf

East Lansing High School: Full day (7:45 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.); Half day (7:45 – 11:00 a.m.)

Access the ELHS school year calendar here: https://elps.us/downloads/district_-_calendars/2023-24_high_school_calendar_updated_5-6-22.pdf

Early Childhood Special Education: A.M. Session (8:40 – 11:46 a.m.), PM Session (12:31 – 3:37 p.m.)

Access the ECSE school year calendar here: https://elps.us/downloads/district_-_calendars/ecse_calendar_23-24.pdf

Note: There is no school Friday, Sep.1 and Monday, Sep. 4 in observance of Labor Day.

2023-24 Friday Professional Learning Days for Staff – No School for Students

There will be no classes on these five Fridays throughout the school year for the purpose of staff professional learning:

- Friday, October 13
- Friday, November 10
- Friday, February 16
- Friday, March 8
- Friday, April 26

Communities In Schools Backpack Giveaway

Communities in Schools (CIS) and TechSmith collected 500 backpacks with supplies to distribute last Friday to ELPS students. Sparty, Miss Michigan and a DJ were onsite for the distribution event, along with many of our ELPS administrators. Extra backpacks will be at our middle and high school and available to students who still need one. Big thanks to CIS and TechSmith for their support for our students and families.

De-Escalation and Controlled Entry Training Held Last Week for Administrators, Administrative Assistants

Last Thursday, all building administrators and administrative assistants participated in training on De-escalation Strategies and Controlled Entry Procedures. Secure Education Consultants (SEC) facilitated the training. The de-escalation training will also be offered for all staff on four of our five professional learning Fridays throughout the school year.

We are also aligning our visitor protocols across buildings and will be communicating these protocols to staff and families prior to the start of school. These expectations will also be posted at school entrances.

Our building administrators also participated in Investigations in Schools: Best Practices for Administrators last week with SEC.

Our middle and high school staff will participate in SEC's Critical Incident Response Trainings next Tuesday, August 22. Elementary staff had this training last April, and there is a recorded version that our new elementary staff can view until another in-person session is offered.

Safe Routes to School Bi-Annual Collaboration Meeting Held Last Week

Last week, our Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Team met with a group of our district and building administrators, ELPD representatives and individuals from the City of East Lansing for our bi-annual collaboration meeting. Safe Routes to School leaders provided updates on the major-grants, mini-grants and educational activities. Representatives from SRTS will be onsite at each building's Back-to-School Nights to be available to families for guidance on traveling to and from school.

Discussion followed.

IV. Consent Agenda

Motion: 23-24/016: The Board of Education approves the consent agenda to include the following items:

IV.A. Amended New Hires

IV.A.1. Hiring of **Sara Thompson**, as a conditional hire until certification is issued - 1.0 FTE high and middle school English and Theater teacher at BA Step 3 effective August 21, 2023. The previous board submission was incorrectly approved at MA Step 3.

IV.A.2. Hiring of **Anna Threatt** - 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher at Glencairn Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 21, 2023. Previously, the board submission was incorrectly approved at BA Step 5.

IV.B. New Hires

IV.B.1. Hiring of **Aliya Bright**, as a conditional hire until certification is issued - 1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Teacher at Marble Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 21, 2023.

IV.B.2. Hiring of **Lauren Hackerd** - 1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Teacher at Donley Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 21, 2023.

IV.B.3. Hiring of **Sophonie Carlson** - 1.0 FTE 6th Grade Science Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at BA Step 5 effective August 21, 2023.

IV.B.4. Hiring of **Amy McAllister** - 1.0 FTE Spanish Teacher at East Lansing High School and MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 15 effective August 21, 2023.

IV.B.5. Hiring of **Maya Hoene** as a conditional hire until certification is issued - 1.0 FTE Young 5s Teacher at Red Cedar Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 21, 2023.

IV.B.6. Hiring of **Jennifer Shipley** as a conditional hire under the Welcome Back Proud Michigan Educators Program - 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher at Robert L Green Elementary School at BA Step 6 effective August 21, 2023.

This motion made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Mr. Chris Martin, passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0

V. 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.

- Chris Umphlett, 1410 Fair Oaks, East Lansing 48823 – Board Vacancy – Support for Mike F.

VI. Board Vacancy Interviews

VI.A. Mike Feldpausch

Discussion followed.

VI.B. Gary Holbrook

Discussion followed.

VI.C. Adam DeLay

The candidate withdrew from consideration.

Discussion followed after all interviews had taken place.

Motion 23-24/017: The Board of Education moves to appoint Mr. Gary Holbrook to the Board for the appointment vacated by Amanda Cormier.

This motion moved by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Mr. Chris Martin, passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye

Aye: 6 Nay: 0

VII. Committee Reports

VII.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- No meeting. Will be scheduling a meeting soon.

VII.B. Facilities Committee

- Next meeting is August 17 at 12:30 pm in the Board room.

VII.C. Finance Committee

- Next meeting is September 27 at 12:30 pm in the Board room.
- Audited financial statements will be discussed.

VII.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No meeting or updates.

VII.E. Personnel Committee

- No meeting or updates.

VII.F. Policy Committee

- No updates.
- Next meeting is August 15 at 10:00 am in the Board room.

VIII. Announcements

No announcements.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

President

Secretary

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

Board President Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 8:02 am.

I.B. Roll Call

Dr. Terah Chambers:	Present
Dr. Kath Edsall:	Present
Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen:	Present
Ms. Monica Fink:	Absent
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons:	Present
Mr. Chris Martin:	Absent
Ms. Dori Leyko, Superintendent	Present

Present: 5, Absent: 2.

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

The mission statement was read by Dr. Kath Edsall.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion 23-24/018: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the August 18, 2023, special meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen.

Friendly amendment to the agenda made by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Motion 23-24/019: The Board of Education approves the hiring of Kimberly Myers at 1.0 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist at East Lansing High School at MA Step 16.5 effective August 21, 2023.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Absent, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Absent.

Aye: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

II. Consent Agenda

Motion 23-24/020: The Board of Education approves the consent agenda to include the following items:

II.A. Amended New Hire

II.A.1. Hiring of **Jennifer Shipley** as a conditional hire under the Welcome Back Proud Michigan Educators Program - 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher at Robert L Green at MA Step 6 effective August 21, 2023. The previous board submission was incorrectly approved at BA Step 6.

II.B. New Hires

II.B.1. Hiring of **Katerin Duran-Batista** as a conditional hire pending obtainment of a qualifying permit and/or additional certification to instruct English Learners - 1.0 FTE English Language Learner Teacher at East Lansing High School and MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 10.5 effective August 21, 2023.

II.B.2. Hiring of **Kristin Day** - 1.0 FTE English Teacher at East Lansing High School at MA Step 13 effective August 21, 2023.

II.B.3. Hiring of **Rosaline Kuiper-Price** - 1.0 FTE EI/Behavior Support Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 17 effective August 21, 2023.

II.B.4. Hiring of **Kimberly Myers** at 1.0 FTE Speech and Language Pathologist at East Lansing High School at MA Step 16.5 effective August 21, 2023.

This motion, made by Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen and seconded by Dr. Kath Edsall, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Tali Faris-Hylen: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Absent, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Absent

Aye: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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No public comment.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 am. 9

President

Secretary