



# East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

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Regular Meeting  
September 11, 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. *Approval of Agenda*

*Motion: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the September 11, 2023, regular meeting, as presented.*

E. *Approval of Minutes*

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

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### **II. Recognition**

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

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

### **V. Consent Agenda**

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

#### **A. New Hire**

1. Hiring of **Amy Dalton** - 1.0 FTE 6th Grade Math Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 13 effective September 12, 2023.

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**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.**

- - A. **Presentation**
    - 1. *Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) Process in ELPS*
      - Matt Morales, Director of Health and Safety
      - Heather Findley, District Mental Health Coordinator
      - Paul Shanks, Behavioral Systems Specialist

VII. **Board Discussion**

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*

## I. Opening of Meeting

### I.A. Call to Order

Board President Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### I.B. Roll Call

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

Present: 6, Absent: 2.

I.C. *Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*  
The Mission Statement was read by Mr. Chris Martin.

### I.D. Oath of Office

I.D.1. Gary Holbrook

### I.E. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 23-24/021: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the August 28, 2023, regular meeting, as presented.

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

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

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

### I.F. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 23-24/022: The Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

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

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

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

I.F.1. August 14, 2023, regular meeting

I.F.2. August 18, 2023, special meeting

## II. Recognition

Superintendent Leyko recognized the following during the Professional learning for staff.

- Facilities and grounds - Tavo Arceo and crew.
- Technology department - Christian Palasty and staff. A special thank you to Kali Stevens for the updated District Facebook page.
- Custodial and maintenance crew - Billy Hastings and Vince Watson. Received a lot of comments about how amazing the buildings and rooms look this year.
- Summer school staff - elementary teachers, paras, secretaries, high school and middle school 101 and E2020 credit recovery.
- Michigan Lottery Educator of the Year - Kathryn Kluzak, Robert L. Green.

## III. Student Representative Report

No report.

## IV. Superintendent's Report

\*ELPS Updates will be sent every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, following Monday Board of Education meetings.

### **Great First Short Week of School**

We had a great first short week of school last week! Professional learning for staff was held Monday and Tuesday. Monday's morning whole-district session included a presentation of District Goals and recognition of staff who completed 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service to ELPS. Elementary schools held their Back-to-School Night last Monday evening. Curriculum Night is Sep. 6 at East Lansing High School and Sep. 7 at MacDonald Middle School.

### **No School this Friday, Sep. 1 and Monday, Sep. 4**

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

### **ELEF Tailgate Next Friday, Sep. 8**

The East Lansing Educational Foundation will be holding its annual tailgate next Friday, Sep. 8 before the varsity football game against Okemos. The tailgate will be held on the west side of the stadium from 5:15 – 6:45 p.m. (or until food is gone). Cost is \$5.00, which includes a hamburger, veggie burger or hot dog, potato salad, watermelon, chips, cookie and a drink. New kindergarten students will receive a free hot dog meal!

**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

**Secondary Safety, Security and Accessibility Bond Proposal Under Consideration**

Based on an assessment of middle and high school safety, security and accessibility needs, along with stakeholder feedback last winter, District leaders are considering a bond proposal to improve these aspects at our secondary buildings. We are aiming for a May 2024 election and will be convening a Bond Advisory Committee soon. We are still in the very early stages of this work – much more information will be forthcoming.

Discussion followed.

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- Amanda Schneider and Renee VanRemmen - Back to school.
- Nichole Biber - Climate and curriculum.
- Rosalie McGill - Recycling and compost bin at Robert L. Green.
- Brad Lutz - Communication.
- Angelo Moreno - ELPL Interim Director.
- Mike Feldpausch - Justice Leaders Collaborative.

**VI. Board Discussion**

- Kath Edsall - Recycling bins in the district.
- Chris Martin - City has been talking about composting.
- Terah Chambers - The topic has been discussed before; will reach out to Rosalie about composting and recycling.

**VII. Committee Reports****VII.A. Academic and Technology Committee**

- The next meeting is August 30, 2023 at 12:00 pm.

VII.B. Facilities Committee

- Community Gardens - Billy Hastings is plotting out the best places at each elementary school.
- Installed handicapped access areas at each elementary to the path from asphalt to swing set.
- Track and tennis court hours worked well this summer.
- Improvements to tennis courts have been bid out.
- Pool roof was completed and the pool boiler has gotten three bids.
- Pending or potential Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond proposal.

VII.C. Finance Committee

- Next meeting is September 27, 2023 at 12:30 pm.

VII.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report.

VII.E. Personnel Committee

- No report.

VII.F. Policy Committee

- Next meeting is September 13, 2023 at 10:00 am.

**VIII. Announcements**

Happy to see all the students back at school. Exciting start to the year.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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President

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Secretary



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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Education

**FROM:** Rulesha Glover-Payne  
*Chief Human Resources Officer*

**SUBJECT:** Human Resources Action Item

**DATE:** August 29, 2023

**Hire**

It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of **Amy Dalton** - 1.0 FTE 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 13 effective September 12, 2023.