



# East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

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Items of Information  
May 13, 2024 - 7:00 PM  
Board Room  
509 Burcham Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823



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*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Dori Leyko**  
**Superintendent**

## East Lansing Public Schools Board of Education

### Resolution Calling for a Bilateral Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza and Israel and Release of Innocent Civilians by the Parties in Conflict

**WHEREAS**, the East Lansing Public Schools have a duty to educate and protect the mental, emotional, and physical health of children as evidenced by our mission statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the East Lansing Board of Education has a duty to actively communicate its concerns and make its position known to elected representatives at both the state and national level (ELPS BOE Policy Section 2201.01); and,

**WHEREAS**, the federal government holds immense powers to save Israeli and Palestinian lives and local elected officials play a role in our democracy to urge needed legislative and policy changes at all levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza has led to the loss of over 35,000 lives including 12,300 children, 97 journalists, 224 Humanitarian aid workers and 179 UNRWA workers as well as immeasurable suffering affecting the global community, including students and families within our district; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is important for educational institutions to acknowledge global events and their impact on students, staff, and families, especially those from affected regions; and

**WHEREAS**, the rise of hate speech, including anti-Arab racism, anti-Jewish racism, anti-Palestinian racism, Islamophobia, and antisemitism, in discourse surrounding the conflict, is contrary to the values of the East Lansing Public School District; and

**WHEREAS**, engaging in age-appropriate, nuanced and culturally sensitive learning through the study of real-world problems is an educationally sound practice; and

**WHEREAS**, The East Lansing Public School district has in place a non-discrimination policy (ELPS BOE Policy 3115), now therefore it be

**RESOLVED**, The East Lansing Public School District Board of Education

- Expresses support for an immediate bilateral ceasefire in Gaza and Israel, release of all hostages and detainees held indefinitely without charges and unrestricted humanitarian aid at the levels recommended by the U.N. to the Palestinian people;
- Urges the Michigan delegation, including Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin, Senator Debbie Stabenow and Senator Gary Peters, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, to support H Res. 786 calling for an immediate de-escalation and permanent ceasefire in Gaza;
- Condemns hate speech and discrimination: The Board firmly condemns any form of hate speech, including all forms of anti-Arab racism, anti-Jewish racism, anti-Palestinian racism,

Islamophobia and antisemitism, and discrimination against any individual based on personal background whether Israeli or Palestinian:

- Encourages educators within the East Lansing Public School District to facilitate informed and respectful dialogue about the conflict, aiming to foster a deeper understanding among students and staff, and to combat misinformation and prejudice;
- Acknowledges its responsibility to provide appropriate tools for teachers. The Board commits to providing the necessary professional development and resources to support staff in facilitating respectful, nuance and age-appropriate dialogue around culturally sensitive real-world conflicts;
- Reaffirms commitment to diversity and inclusion: The Board reaffirms its commitment to creating an inclusive educational environment that respects and values diversity, and that actively promotes peace, understanding and mutual respect among all members of the school community;
- Directs the Administrative Assistant of the East Lansing Public Schools Board of Education to transmit copies of this resolution to:
  - Governor Whitmer
  - Michigan Senator Singh
  - Michigan Representatives Tsernoglou and Brixie
  - US Representative Slotkin
  - US Senators Peters and Stabenow
  - All members of the State Board of Education (Michigan)
  - President, Michigan Association of School Administrators
  - President, Michigan Association of School Administrators
  - President, Michigan Education Association
  - Local print, voice, and internet media

**ISOA Executive Board Meeting  
May 1, 2024  
Minutes**

**Present**

Haslett  
Ingham ISD  
Ingham ISD  
Lansing  
Mason  
Okemos  
Waverly  
Williamston  
Amy Clark  
Jason Mellema  
John Wolenberg  
Nino Rodriguez  
Michael Kelly  
Jayme Taylor  
Alicia Guevara Warren  
Sarah Belanger

**Absent**

East Lansing  
Dansville  
Holt  
Leslie  
Stockbridge  
Gary Holbrook  
Mike Kapp  
Rob Halgren  
Dominic Ambroggio  
Keven Numinen

**Ingham ISD General Fund Budget**

Jason Mellema reviewed the Ingham ISD general fund budget. LEAs and board members have received the budget and the corresponding budget resolutions. Local boards are asked to pass the ISD budget resolution (for or against) by June 1, 2024.

**Q & A**

- **ESSER Funds and the ISD Budget** – The ISD didn’t receive the ESSER dollars that local districts received – the ISD received approximately 25K total. The budget issues the LEAs are facing with the ESSER funding coming to an end won’t impact the ISD budget the same way.
- **SE Finance and the LEA Budget** – For 2024-25 there is no change to the SE finance formula and revenues for districts. The change to the formula will take place in the 2025-26 school year. The ISD board will vote on the adjustments to Section C of the SE finance formula during their May meeting. The rest of the formula work (Sections A and B) will be done by December 2024.
- **ISD SE Fund Balance** – Ingham ISD is the eighth largest ISD in the state and has the smallest SE fund balance with a \$98 million budget and a fund balance of \$445,000 or .05%.
- **OPEB Funding** – Districts will realize reduced expenses if the Governor leaves OPEB as is.
  - Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)– will be overfunded at 140% this September. The Governor is looking at taking the overfunded amount and reallocating it in the budget.
  - This money is unfunded liability for health care that has been paid by the districts. The debt is held by each district, paid by districts, so any overage should go back to the districts.
  - If we do not protect this money now, this is one more place money will be taken to fill other holes.
  - The superintendents have been talking with legislators to keep the money where it is so it benefits districts. Contact [Jason](#) or your superintendent for more information.

# Ingham School Officers Association

## Superintendents' Round Table Update

Jason provided an update from the superintendents April Round Table meeting:

- School Safety Roundtable – The next school safety roundtable will be held on May 9 at Holt High School. The exercise, in partnership with local law enforcement, will focus on procedures during an external threat to the school district.
- Dr. Mark Largent, MSU Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, met with the superintendents to discuss the change to the MSU teaching program from five years to four. The change will mean MSU will have student teachers from the five-year program and four-year program who will need placements. The districts within the Ingham ISD service area will be the prime locations for placements.
- SE Transportation Contract – Updated and revised for a five-year period.
- SE Funding Discussion – The formula and needed changes have been an ongoing discussion item with the Superintendents, SE Directors, and Business Officials. The formula hasn't been updated since the 90's and needed to change.

## 2024-2025 Suggested Meeting Topics

Due to time constraints, an email will go out to the ISOA Board requesting meeting topics for next year.

## District Updates

**Lansing** – Mt Hope and Willow construction work continues. The Board established a Junior Board which consists of Lansing students from different schools who attend monthly meetings and provide an update to the Board. The LSD Board had their retreat with a focus on future plans for the district.

**Ingham ISD** – The Student Showcase will be on Thursday, May 9 at the Wilson Talent Center. This is a great opportunity to see the center and the work that students have been engaged in during the school year. The WTC will host a Car Show Drive-in on May 29 from 3:00-8:00pm.

**Mason** – A Safe Driving Campaign was started by students. One of their initiatives is a safe driving billboard in the 127/Cedar Street area. The district is working with MDHHS on Expanding, Enhancing, Emotional Health (E3) Program which is a program located in a school or on school grounds that provides on-site comprehensive mental health services.

**Williamston** – The annual end of year student activities has begun including NHS induction, Preschool-K-12 Fine Arts Festival, M-STEP and NWEA testing. The district will have a bond initiative this fall. A Williamston Teacher won regional Teacher of the Year and will move on to the state.

## 2024-25 Meetings

September 4, 2024

October 2, 2024 – Legislative Breakfast

November 6, 2024

December 4, 2024

January – No Meeting

February 5, 2025

March 5, 2025

April – No Meeting

May 7, 2025

Minutes of the Policy Committee of the  
East Lansing Board of Education  
East Lansing High School – Board Meeting  
509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI  
April 15, 2024  
10:30am-12:00pm

**Opening of Meeting**

Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

**Roll Call**

Present: Terah Chambers, Gary Holbrook, Kath Edsall, Dori Leyko, Klaudia Burton, Rulesha Glover-Payne

Absent: None

**Approval of Agenda**

Kath Edsall offered the motion to approve the agenda. Gary Holbrook seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Kath Edsall offered the motion to approve the agenda. Gary Holbrook seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Public Comment – 3 minutes**

None

**Meeting Topics/Action Items**

- Racial Equity Policy
  - Discussed revised racial equity policy/guidance, including guidance received from Thrun. Next steps include sending to full Board for consideration. At the same time Klaudia Burton will share with Equity Teams for feedback. Board response will determine next steps.
- Religious Observance Policy
  - Superintendent and Director for Equity and Social Justice will discuss potential need for additional/updated policy.
- AFSCME update
  - Tentative agreement had been reached; additional information will be shared with the full Board when details finalized.
- Boundary Inquiry
  - Community members in Hawk’s Nest community that is currently part of Lansing School District inquired about process to become part of ELPS. We receive inquiries like this periodically. Given there are new Board members on Policy shared historical context.

- Land Acknowledgement Update
  - No new updates from the student group.
- Updates from other board members
  - Updates from community forum where other area school board members were present.
- Other items
  - None.

**Announcements**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:55am.



## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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Members: Kath Edsall (Chair), Gary Holbrook, and Estrella Torrez

### Agenda

May 7, 2024 – 10:35 a.m.

ELHS Board Room

1. Opening of Meeting
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Approval of Agenda
  - d. Approval of Minutes: April 15, 2024
2. Public Comment
3. Items of Discussion
  - a. Food Service Management Company renewal
  - b. IISD 2024-25 GF Budget
  - c. AFSCME CBA
  - d. Section 127 Plan
  - e. 2023-24 Final Budget Revision
  - f. Ingham ISD SE Funding Committee Review
  - g. 2024-25 Budget Development
4. Adjournment



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### Minutes – April 15, 2024

1. Opening of Meeting
  - a. Finance Committee member, Kath Edsall called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
  - b. Roll Call
    1. Members Present: Kath Edsall and Gary Holbrook
    2. Excused Absences: Estrella Torrez
    3. Nonmembers present: Dori Leyko (Superintendent) and Rich Pugh (Director of Finance & Operations)
  - c. Approval of Agenda
    - Moved by Gary Holbrook and supported by Kath Edsall that the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting of April 15, 2024 be approved as presented. The motion carried 2-0.
  - d. Approval of Minutes
    - Moved by Gary Holbrook and supported by Kath Edsall that the minutes of the March 4, 2024 Finance Committee meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried 2-0.
2. Public Comment
  - a. None.
3. Discussion
  - a. Reviewed second semester class size overage stipends and historical total class size overage stipend amounts.
  - b. Review accounts payable procedural updates including ACH payments.
  - c. Continued review of emergency egress at Red Cedar Elementary for the Ivanhoe neighborhood.
  - d. Reviewed Ingham ISD 2024-25 Proposed General Fund Budget.
  - e. Reviewed the impact of the Governor's budget proposal related to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) being fully funded.
  - f. Reviewed the draft 2023-24 Final Budget Revision.
4. Adjournment
  - a. Kath Edsall declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

## Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

6pm-8:00pm 4.22.24

In Person (In the HUB at ELHS)

1. **Call to Order (Fin)**
  - Present:
  - Absent:
  - Note taker:
2. **Approval of the meeting agenda**
  - A motion to approve the agenda was made by
3. **Approval of the meeting minutes**
  - A motion to approve the minutes was made by
4. **Public Comment (If Applicable)**
5. **Agenda Topics**
  - **Summit Review: (6:15-6:30)**
    - Review Map
    - Review Program
    - Review Passport
    - Review volunteers
  - **Summit Walk Through (6:45-7:30)**

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| Main Gym                      | Hoola Hooping, bball, ball games                           | Hallway/Table        | Ingham County Health Department                |
| Gymnastics room               | Natural Nutrition: Eat Well, Feel Well                     | Hallway/Table        | Canines for Change                             |
| Classroom: Theater            | Therapy Today, Getting Services Today                      | Hallway/Table        | East Lansing Public Library                    |
| Classroom: Choir Room         | Mental health issues with that guy? Never, not Mr. Foster! | Hallway/Table        | Cedar Creek Hospital                           |
| Aux Gym                       | Introduction to Mindfulness & Meditation                   | Hallway/Table        | Ingham ISD                                     |
| Fuzzy/Calm Corner- Board Room | Canine's For Change-confirmed 3 dogs                       | Hallway/Table        | United Resiliency - A Program of Common Ground |
| Student Union                 | Make-Your-Own Sensory Slime Rooted Counseling              |                      |  |
| Student Union                 | ML Knitting Club   | Two tables at door 8 | Welcome/Goodbye                                |
| Student Union                 | Be Positive: Journal Making                                | Throughout           | Questions/Maps/Directions                      |
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| Student Union                 | Nyx-Writer's Workshop                                      |                      |  |

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- **7:30-7:45 Questions?**

8. **New Business/ Future Meeting Topics**

9. **Announcements**

Next Full Committee Meeting: TBD

10. **Adjournment**

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  - Absent: Gina Zerka, Leo Kendall, Gabby Hodkinson, Quiana Davis
  - Note taker: Kristin Sesti
2. **Approval of the meeting agenda**
  - A motion to approve the agenda was made by
3. **Approval of the meeting minutes**
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4. **Public Comment (If Applicable) NA**
5. **Agenda Topics**
  - **Summit Review:**
    - Review Map
    - Review Program
    - Review Passport
    - Review volunteers
  - **Task Oriented Items**
    - Wrote thank you cards for participants
    - Started putting together lanyards
    - Started putting together signs
  - **Summit Walk Through (7:30-8:00)**

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