



East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Items of Information
January 13, 2025 - 7:00 PM
Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

Agenda

I. Future Action

A. Safe and Supportive School Environment Resolution



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East Lansing Board of Education

Resolution affirming its commitment to a safe and supportive school environment for all students, regardless of immigration status

WHEREAS, it is the right of every child, regardless of immigration status, to access a free public K-12 education: and

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Plyler v. Doe* (S.Ct. 1982) held it unconstitutional to deny a free public education to undocumented children: and

WHEREAS, the East Lansing Public School District affirms its mission of nurturing each child, educating all students, and building world citizens; and

WHEREAS, each Board member will remember that a Board member's primary concern must be the educational welfare of students attending the District's schools (ELPS Board Policy 2302 A. 1.); and

WHEREAS, the District works to foster welcoming and safe school environments for all students and staff, including those who may be undocumented or have undocumented family members or may have received temporary legal status including Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the 2024 Presidential Election may have caused fear, concern, confusion, sadness, anger, or anxiety in ELPS staff, students, and their families: and

WHEREAS, the incoming administration has signaled an intent to overturn an US. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy issued in 2011 that stated that the agency will not conduct immigration enforcement activity at any sensitive location including schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the potential for ICE officials to conduct increased enforcement efforts to detain undocumented individuals, and that such efforts may result in ICE officials seeking to enter upon school grounds for purposes of enforcement; and

WHEREAS, ICE activities in and around schools, early childhood centers and other District facilities would risk severe disruption to the learning environment and potentially keep children from seeking a constitutional right to education; and

WHEREAS, the Board, by adopting the within Resolution, intends to avoid such disruption and interference with the education of District students.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the East Lansing Board of Education as follows:

1. District staff shall continue to treat all students in an equitable manner without regard for race, ethnicity, immigration status or national origin.
2. The Board will do everything in its power to afford equal protection to all members of our community from attempts to criminalize or target them based on race, ethnicity, immigration status, or national origin.
3. ELPS will not aid the ICE agency in the enforcement of federal civil immigration law. Therefore, ICE will not be permitted access to ELPS facilities, students, or personnel except in the rare instances in which ELPS is provided with a criminal warrant.

4. The Intergovernmental Committee of the Board of Education will include in its legislative agenda advocacy at the state and federal levels for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Temporary Protective Status, and Refugee Settlement Programs, as well as oppose any legislation for the creation of a Muslim registry system or eroding civil rights protections upon our communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in its continued commitment to the protection of student privacy, that the District shall review its record-keeping policies and practices. The district shall consult with legal counsel to determine ways to minimize or eliminate the data collected on student's immigration status. This includes a review of the current practice of having parents or guardians provide birth certificates and social security numbers upon enrollment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District shall post this Resolution at every school site and distribute it to District staff, students, and parents using the usual means of communication; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board affirms that District employees have the academic freedom to discuss this Resolution during class time provided it is age-appropriate, and students are to be made aware that District counselors are available to discuss the subjects contained in this Resolution.

II. Committees

A. Mental Health Advisory Committee

1. Minutes - December 9, 2024

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Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

12.9.2024

ELHS Library and Hub

5:30pm-7:00pm

Call to Order (Start in the Library) (Fin) Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm

- Present: Fin, Quiana Davis, Jennifer Peatross, Kristin Sesti, Kristen Pfaendtner, Natalie Moser, Gabrielle Pruitt, Erin Parcell, Abbie Tykocki, Paul Walworth, Klaudia Burton
- Absent: Lila Tuell, Mark Foster, Amy Martin, Joseph Eiland, Krystal Davis-Dunn, Somer Ramadan
- Note taker: Jennifer Peatross [Sign in for Attendance](#)

Approval of the meeting agenda (Fin)







- A motion to approve the [agenda](#) was made by Kristin Sesti and seconded by Pfaendtner

Approval of the meeting minutes

- A motion to approve the [minutes](#) was made by Erin and seconded by Abby

Public Comment n/a

Agenda Topics: 5:40

- Welcome/Introductions-Those who have not introduced themselves, do so now
 - Committee and Action Focus
 - Activities/Initiatives: Cocoa and Cram, Hygge, Positivity Grams, Stall, Zines
 -  Mental Health and Wellness Summit  Fundraiser and Publicity  Elementary  Secondary
 - **Mental Health and Wellness Summit : April 23, 2025**
 - Next Steps:
 - Each Committee given contact information for potential partners/buildings/admin
 - Create a timeline for what you want to do throughout the year
 - For example, with the 'zines and mental health art:
 - Contact building admin-are they interested? If so, ask for art contact folks
 - Ask for times of the month that may work
 - Solidify project/date/who will be involved
- 6:20 pm-6:25 pm-Break and Transition to HUB [The zoom link](#)
- **6:25-700: Building local school capacity to effectively connect students to mental health supports (pg 2)**
 -  GPL MDHHS Project Description 2024-2025 (003).pdf
 -  SAEBRS_MySAEBRS_Screening_Tool.pdf
 - **Sarah Forrest**, Project Leader, Harvard Kennedy School Government Performance Lab (GPL) supporting MDHHS Bureau of Children's Coordinated Health Policy & Supports
 - **Carla Pretto**, Executive Director Association for Children's Mental Health
 - **Sunshine Riddle**, Family-Driven Youth-Guided Analyst, Association for Children's Mental Health
 - Aneysa Rogers - Mental Health and Education Partnership Analyst at Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
 - Dianna Robinson- *Family Training & Empowerment Specialist &ACMH Parent Advisory Committee Coordinator*

New Business/ Future Meeting Topics

- Introduction of new members (Quiana Davis)
- Sesti and Pfaendtner have agreed to co-chair/facilitate the Mental Health club at the HS (2nd meeting was held today) - SPARK (Students Promoting Awareness Resilience and Kindness)
- Brief overview of documents given out by Fin
- Mental Health Summit Date originally scheduled for April 30th; Now moved Summit to **April 23, 2024** from 5-7pm (maybe extending to 7:30pm)
- Committee Breakouts
 - MH Summit, Elementary, Secondary, Fundraising and Publicity

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Presentation with Carla Pretto and Sunshine Riddle (Association for Children's Mental Health) funded by SAMSA; also Sarah Forrest through Harvard and DHHS partnerships

Who we want to reach:

- **Youth and families where there are barriers to mental health access & current programing may not be meeting needs like:**
- Youth and families in poverty
- Youth and families with high stigma about mental health
 - immigrant & first generation students, ELL
 - High achieving students - academics, sports - where pressure may be intense
 - Youth and families who have been involved in systems - child welfare, juvenile justice
 - Male students
 - Those opting out of screening tools or school SEL initiatives
- Lack of connection to school and community
 - Discipline
 - Alternative pathway to graduation (Graduation Alliance)

What's going well that we'd like to build on:

- High participation in MySAEBERS screening tool (only 53 opt out)
- Peer messengers and strategies for both youth and caregivers
- Hope Club - Providers coordinate to provide universal point of access to needed services, including mental health & basic needs
- 47 referrals to 31N currently in ELPS this school year; 7 declined and 4 already receiving services

Announcements

- Next Full Committee Meeting: 1.13.25

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm

B. Finance Committee

1. Agenda - January 6, 2025

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Members: Kath Edsall (Chair), Estrella Torrez, and Vacancy

Agenda

January 6, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

ELHS Board Room

1. Opening of Meeting
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Approval of Agenda
 - d. Approval of Minutes: December 2, 2024
2. Public Comment
3. Items of Discussion
 - a. Consolidated Grant Final Allocations
 - b. Section 31aa Supplemental Award Estimate
 - c. Bond Issue 2nd Series and Bond Refunding Underwriting Fee
 - d. HB 6058 Possible Financial Impacts
4. Adjournment



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

Minutes – December 2, 2024

1. Opening of Meeting
 - a. Finance Committee member Kath Edsall called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
 - b. Roll Call
 1. Members Present: Kath Edsall and Estrella Torrez
 2. Excused Absences: Gary Holbrook
 3. Nonmembers present: Dori Leyko (Superintendent), Rich Pugh (Director of Finance & Operations) and Lisa Allen (Director of Finance)
 - c. Approval of Agenda
 - Moved by Estrella Torrez and supported by Kath Edsall, the agenda for the December 2, 2024, Finance Committee meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried 2-0.
 - d. Approval of Minutes
 - Moved by Estrella Torrez and supported by Kath Edsall, the minutes of the October 7, 2024, Finance Committee meeting be approved as presented. The motion carried 2-0.
2. Public Comment
 - a. None.
3. Discussion
 - a. Reviewed the first-semester class size overages and the historical summary.
 - b. Reviewed the reimbursements for those approved for the 27K Student Loan Repayment Program.
 - c. Reviewed the estimated blended pupil membership full-time equivalency (FTE) report and compared the enrollment from the updated estimate to the original budget. Blended enrollment is projected to be down 26.20 FTE from the original budget but up 8 FTE from prior year audited blended enrollment.
 - d. Received information regarding the prior year's State Aid adjustments.
 - i. For 2022 and 2023, combined, approximately \$294K was received due to a change in a property's taxability. The amount will be a pass-thru as the taxing authority will send a bill to reimburse the taxpayer.
 - ii. For 2024, approximately \$466K was received due to updates in the captured values, which will increase the bottom line.
 - e. Received information on the 147c2 (One-time MSPERS) deposit of \$600k. The amount will be a pass-thru and have a zero-sum effect on the budget.
 - f. Received information on the 147a4 (MSPERS cost offset) deposit. This revenue is being received in lieu of a Foundation increase for 2025. There will be minimal effect on the bottom line of the budget.
 - g. Received information on the 147g 3% employee retiree health care deduction reimbursement. The district will receive funds to reimburse employees subject to the 3%. More clarification is forthcoming and may not be available until February 2025.
 - h. The Ingham County ISD shared the 2023-24 final claim estimate will be approximately \$500K higher than originally estimated. This will have a positive impact on the revised budget.
4. Adjournment
 - a. Kath Edsall declared the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Dori Leyko
Superintendent***