



East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting
October 27, 2025 - 7:00 PM
MacDonald Middle School Auditorium
1601 Burcham Dr
East Lansing, MI 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: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda of the October 27, 2025, regular meeting, as presented.

E. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the October 14, 2025, regular meeting minutes, as presented.

1. October 14, 2025, regular meeting

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I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 7:00 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM. Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present.

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens
The mission statement was read by Trustee Lyons .

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/030: I move that the Board of Education approve the October 14, 2025, regular meeting agenda, as presented.

This motion, made by Torrez and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 25-26/031: I move that the Board of Education approve the following minutes as presented.

I.E.1. September 25, 2025 regular meeting

This motion, made by Lyons and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

II. **Recognition**

Click [here](#) for the Recognition presented by Trustee Faris-Hylen.

Trustee Martin recognized the middle school cross county team for a great job at their final meet of the season. Henry Tykocki finished first among the boys.

III. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representatives Dijagah and Meghea reported:

- NHS Can Drive was successful;
- NHS will be holding a Blood Drive;

- Band and Orchestra are holding a scrap metal drive on Sunday, 10/18;
- Cross Country team – JV and Varsity won the Shepherd meet; a lot of runners are setting new PR's; sophomore Kilian Boulware-Lopez is now the sixth fastest sophomore in East Lansing history;
- Swim and Dive have won every meet but one; won the Waverly Relays for the first time in quite some time; Ava Harmon qualified for MSA which is a statewide swim competition
- Golf had a strong end to their season placing third at regionals;
- Water Polo held senior night on Monday and had a good season this year;
- Portrait and yearbook students attended the MIPA conference;
- Student Congress will be going to MSU for a youth summit focused on equitable education;
- ELHS band placed second at Plymouth Canton and won best percussion; this Friday the marching band will be going to tour the elementary buildings;
- Powderpuff signups are closed and practices are underway with the game later this month; this will bring a lot of excitement and friendly competition;
- ELHS library is holding the annual pumpkin decorating competition – everyone's favorite fall traditions

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Click [here](#) for the Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Leyko and High School Principal Ashley Schwarzbek attended 2025 Michigan Gun Violence Intervention Summit. Went to support high school student, Jessica Mielock, who was one of five local high school students to be part of the youth panel. Students shared strategies, stories, and perspectives on reducing gun violence across our state.

V. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: 25-26/032: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following:

V.A. New Hire

V.A.1. Hiring of Mooneue Choi as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE Resource Room Teacher – ASD Focus at Marble Elementary at BA Step 3 effective October 15, 2025. The individual will be paid at a daily rate of \$200 until certification is received.

This motion, made by Lyons and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VI. **Public Comment**

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- Carissa Buchholz – Glencairn Elementary Harrison/Northlawn Crosswalk
- Will Paddock, ELEA – HS Bond, MMS halls, and Sick Bank

VII. **Board Discussion**

VII.A. Collaborative Meeting Request - Joint Action on After-School Youth Needs

- Trustee Torrez received a letter from the East Lansing Public Library regarding support for after school programming; limited opportunities for students; asking for collaboration and partnership; letter is requesting a meeting to think through with ELPS and City Council to address concerns;
- Trustee Martin asked how can the Board support the library and Hannah Center in conjunction with the City;
- Trustee Lyons stated that this should be part of Intergovernmental Committee with a joint meeting with City Council;
- Superintendent Leyko stated that if there are more than three board members present then there it has to be an Open Meeting;
- Intergovernmental Committee will schedule a joint meeting and then report back to the full board.

VII.B. Delegate Assembly

- Trustee Martin spoke about the Delegate Assembly – both he and Trustee Chambers were the delegates last year; they were unable to attend the assembly;
- There was discussion amongst the members about this year’s assembly and that the delegate and alternate was due by October 2; since this wasn’t discussed at the last meeting Trustee Martin and Chambers were appointed as delegates;
- Trustee Tykocki and Faris-Hylen indicated that they were willing to be the delegates; Trustee Chambers could be the alternate;

VII.C. Pedestrian Issues – Glencairn

- Trustee Faris-Hylen prepared communication to City Council with [letter of support](#) regarding the pedestrian issues.
- Amended the agenda to add Letter of Support as Action Item G.
Motion: 25-26/034: I move to amend the agenda to add Action Item G Letter of Support for Pedestrian Issues.

This motion, moved by Tykocki, and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII. Action Items

VIII.A. **Resolution to Support and Endorse the Invest in MI Kids Proposal**

Motion: 25-26/035: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Support and Endorse the Invest in MI Kids Proposal, as presented.

This motion, made by Torrez and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

[Resolution](#) read by Trustee Faris-Hylen

VIII.B. **Multimedia Renovations**

Motion: 25-26/036: I move that the Board of Education approve the purchase and installation of multimedia and AV hardware for the Central Administration building and meeting spaces from MOSS in the amount of \$135,030.84.

This motion, made by Tykocki and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.C. **2026 Summer Tax Levy Resolution**

Motion: 25-26/037: I move that 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 Tykocki and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.D. **PA 152 Resolution (80/20 vs Hard Cap) Resolution**

Motion: 25-26/038: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Comply with PA 152 of 2011 as presented.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Tykocki, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.E. **Policy Updates**

Motion 25-26/039: I move that the Board of Education approve the updates to the following policies.

VIII.E.1. 4105B Religious Workplace Accommodations for Employees and Applicants

VIII.E.2. 5421 Work-Based Learning Experience

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Lyons, Passed.

Discussion followed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.F. **Approval of Contract for Dr. Mark Dobson, Assistant Superintendent**

Motion 25-26/040: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract of Dr. Mark Dobson, Assistant Superintendent, effective start date October 31, 2025.

This motion, made by Lyons and seconded by Faris-Hylen, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion followed – Dr. Dobson introduced himself to the board.

VIII.G. **Letter of Support**

Motion: 25-26/041: I move that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Support for Glenclair Pedestrian Issues to East Lansing City Council.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Torrez, Passed.

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Absent, Faris-Hylen: Aye, Lyons: Aye, Martin: Aye, Torrez: Aye, Tykocki: Aye

Aye: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

IX. **Committee Reports**

IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- No report

IX.B. Facilities Committee

- No report

IX.C. Finance Committee

- Audit Review w/Maner Costerisan
- State and Federal budget updates
- Upcoming board resolutions

- IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations
 - Set goals for upcoming year
 - Reestablish communication with the City Council
 - Next meeting 10/29 at 9:30 am

- IX.E. Personnel Committee
 - No report

- IX.F. Policy Committee
 - Thrun Policy Updates
 - Renaming Policy
 - Media Center Material

- IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)
 - Review of Mental Health Services
 - Cell Phone Ban
 - Safety Update
 - 25e Funding
 - Next meeting tour of Beekman Center

X. Announcements

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is October 27, 2025.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

President

Secretary

II. Recognition

III. Student Representative Report

IV. Superintendent's Report

V. Consent Agenda

Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda for the following item:

A. New Hire

1. Hiring of Cyndy Vue - 1.0 FTE School Social Worker at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 13 effective date October 28, 2025.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Rulesha Glover-Payne
Chief Human Resources Officer

SUBJECT: Human Resources Action Item

DATE: October 8, 2025

Hire

It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of **Cyndy Vue** - 1.0 FTE School Social Worker at MacDonald Middle School at MA Step 13 effective date October 28, 2025.

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. Presentation

A. Dave Nielsen, Maner Costerisan - Audited Financial Statements

VIII. Board Discussion

IX. Action Items

A. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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Motion: I move that the Board of Education accept the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, as presented.



MEMORANDUM

TO: ELPS Board of Education, Dori Leyko, Superintendent

FROM: Lisa Allen, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Action Item – Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2025

DATE: October 27, 2025

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, as presented.

Background

In accordance with state law, school districts must complete an annual independent audit of their financial statements. The audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, was conducted by Maner Costerisan.

Dave Nielsen, Principal with Maner Costerisan, will present the results to the Board of Education at the October 27, 2025, meeting. Upon acceptance, the audited financial statements will be posted on the District's website in compliance with Michigan Department of Education transparency requirements.

As of June 30, 2025, the General Fund fund balance was \$14,948,656, or 26.1% of total revenues and other financing sources—a decrease of \$1,012,212 from the prior year, and \$130,294 higher than projected in the final budget revision.

The federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has not yet released the final Compliance Supplement, which provides the required procedures for the federal Single Audit. Until that guidance is issued, Maner Costerisan cannot complete that portion of the audit. To meet the November 1 state filing deadline, the compliance portion will be issued separately once the OMB guidance becomes available.

B. Policy Update

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Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the update of Policy 5420 - Sex Education, as presented.

Series 5000: Students, Curriculum, and Academic Matters

5400 Curriculum, Instruction, and Parent Involvement

5420 Sex Education

A. Communicable Disease Instruction

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that students are taught about dangerous communicable diseases. Instruction must include the principal modes by which dangerous communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, are spread and the best methods for disease restriction and prevention.

Instruction must be provided by qualified instructors as defined by state law. Instruction must stress that abstinence from sex is: (1) a responsible and effective method of preventing sexually transmitted diseases, and (2) a positive lifestyle for unmarried young people.

B. Revision to Materials and Methods of Instruction

Before revising curriculum about dangerous communicable diseases, the Board will hold at least 2 public hearings occurring at least 1 week apart on the proposed revisions.

C. Sex Education Advisory Board

The Board will create a sex education advisory board to:

1. establish sex education program goals and objectives for student knowledge and skills that are likely to reduce the rates of sex, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases;
2. review materials and methods of instruction used in the District's sex education program;
3. make recommendations to the Board for implementation of a sex education program; and
4. evaluate, measure, and report the attainment of program goals and objectives at least every 2 years.

The sex education advisory board must include the following members: Parents, students, educators, local clergy, and community health professionals. At least half of the members must be Parents who have a student in the District. A majority of those Parents must not be employed by a school district.

The sex education advisory board will have 2 co-chairs appointed by the Board. One co-chair must be a Parent of a student in the District.

The Board may, in its discretion, determine and modify terms of service for sex education advisory board members, the number of members, and the membership selection process.

Co-chairs or their designees will provide members of the sex education advisory board 2 weeks' electronic or written notice of meetings.

D. Sex Education Courses

The Board authorizes age-appropriate, medically-accurate instruction in sex education including, but not limited to, family planning, human sexuality, and the emotional, physical, psychological, hygienic, economic, and social aspects of family life. Instruction may also include the subjects of reproductive health and the recognition, prevention, and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. The District's sex education curriculum must comply with state law.

Sex education is an elective course and is not required for graduation.

E. Reproductive Health Instruction

A reproductive health instruction program must be supervised by a licensed physician, a registered nurse, or other person certified by the State Board of Education as qualified.

No person may dispense or distribute a family planning drug or device on District property.

Clinical abortion is not considered a method of family planning, and abortion must not be taught as a method of reproductive health.

F. Revision to Materials and Methods of Instruction

Before revising sex education materials or methods of instruction, or before revising curriculum about dangerous communicable diseases, the Board will hold at least 2 public hearings occurring at least 1 week apart on the proposed revisions.

G. Parental Notice and Opt-Out

A student may not be enrolled in a class in which family planning or reproductive health is discussed unless the student's Parent is provided advance notice of the course content, is given a prior opportunity to review the course materials, and is provided advance notice of the right to excuse the student from the class. If a Parent excuses a student from the class in writing, the student will not be penalized or lose academic credit for not attending the class.

A Parent may file written notice that the student is excused from all sex education offered by the District. If the District receives written notice, the student may not be enrolled in a sex education class unless authorized by the Parent in writing.

Legal authority: MCL 380.1169, 380.1506, 380.1507, 380.1507a, 380.1507b]

Date adopted: December 13, 2021

Date Revised: December 9, 2024

Date Revised: October 27, 2025

X. Committee Reports

- A. Academic and Technology Committee
- B. Facilities Committee
- C. Finance Committee
- D. Intergovernmental Relations
- E. Personnel Committee
- F. Policy Committee
- G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

XI. Announcements

- A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is November 10, 2025.

XII. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

***Dori Leyko
Superintendent***