



# East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

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Items of Information  
February 9, 2026 - 7:00 PM  
Board Room  
509 Burcham Drive  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823



## Agenda

### I. Future Action

- A. Fiber Infrastructure Upgrade
- B. Award Bids for Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond Bid Package #2 High School Addition Landscape Re-Bid
- C. IRC Section 127 Plan
- D. Authorized Check Signers

### II. Letter from Representative Tsernoglou

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**PENELOPE TSERNOGLOU**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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**OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEES:**  
STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (MVC)  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SECURITY

January 29, 2026

Dear East Lansing Board of Education,

I wanted to reach out to thank you all for your service on the East Lansing School Board. I'm sure that serving as part of the Board of Education is a huge time commitment, and your dedication does not go unnoticed. January is School Board Appreciation month and I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much I appreciate you and your colleagues and all the work that you do for our community.

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Please feel free to reach out to my office if there is ever anything we can be of assistance with. We would love to prepare and present tributes to any current or exiting School board members for their outstanding work or any other community members who you believe should be recognized for their contributions to the community. We are also happy to discuss or research any state policy issues that you may like to get more information about.

During my first term in office, I began a teacher of the month program for my district and it has been a huge success! I honor the teachers with a certificate, bring treats for the kids, and tell them about my job at the Capitol, as well as answer any questions they may have about my work as state representative. The nomination form can be found below, and we would love to see more nominations from all the districts.

I plan to engage with the schools in reading month again this year and have fulfilled all teacher and principal requests to participate in other classroom visits with the students. I am always looking for new ways to interact with our schools, so please keep me in mind if you have any ideas!

Thank you again for everything you do. I truly appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Penelope Tsernoglou  
State Representative  
75<sup>th</sup> House District

Teacher of the Month program: <https://forms.gle/ZgPayXnTgV6N134S6>

**III. Committees**

**A. Academic and Technology Committee**

1. Agenda - February 2, 2026

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## Academic and Technology Committee Agenda

ELHS HUB

February 2, 2026

12:00 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Welcome Student Members – Mason Adams and Kyla Caldwell
- VI. Items for Discussion
  - a. Curriculum updates:
    - i MMS Transition Communication
    - ii MiPHY
  - b. Technology updates:
    - i Technology investments
    - ii Fiber WAN updates
    - iii CyberSecurity
  - c. Other Items
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment





Minutes of the Academic & Technology Committee of the  
East Lansing Board of Education  
East Lansing High School - Hub  
2/2/2026 at 12:00pm

**Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Terah Chambers at 12:01pm.

**Roll Call**

Present: Terah Chambers, Chris Martin, Estrella Torrez, Mark Dobson,  
Christian Palasty, Kyla Caldwell (student rep), Mason Adams  
(student rep)

Absent: None

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Estrella Torrez and seconded by Terah Chambers. Unanimously approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

Tabled this item until next meeting.

**Public Comment – 3 minutes**

None.

**Meeting Topics/Discussion Items**

- Welcome to new student members Kyla and Mason
- Curriculum updates:
  - MMS Transition Communication
    - Update about information that will be distributed to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents about their students moving to the middle school. They will be provided information about the MMS math curriculum, including “test out” procedures and commitments.
    - Ms. Martin will visit each elementary school, each elementary school visits the middle school.
  - MiPHY (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth)
    - Between now and March will send information about this upcoming survey to families about its purpose and use.
- Technology updates:
  - Technology investments
    - Overall discussion about budget for technology: annual budget and sinking fund are the two ways projects are covered. Current sinking fund millage expires in 2028. Try to create a rotation for replacement of things like overhead projectors, chrome books, and iPads. But current planning doesn’t include larger ticket items like the auditorium sound systems or lighting (lighting has been replaced; sound system is needed). Not in the budget for this year but hopefully next year. Sound system upgrade is urgent. Likely to

cost about \$200k. In 2028 will have to renew sinking fund – will require community vote.

- Fiber WAN updates
  - Should be able to use e-rate for this project (similar to last 3 that were approved at January Board meeting). This project would be to upgrade our fiber WAN throughout the district. Cost would be \$140k (and if approved for e-rate we would only pay 20% of that cost).
- Cyber Security
  - We do have a cybersecurity plan, very dynamic and always changing. We utilize two external programs that assist with our district cybersecurity. Will likely become an increased cost based on how many issues related to cybersecurity school districts are facing.
- Other Items
  - Moved to next stage of communication with Powerschool. Now have more control and knowledge about who receives communication from us. Bright Arrow has a smart application for cell phones that will allow caregivers to streamline communication to one place.
    - Has translation capacity so families can select language for text communication. Will follow up additional text-to-speech capabilities.
  - Kindergarten information night coming up Feb 24.
  - Meeting dates

### **Announcements**

- Will need to discuss additional meeting dates beyond March. But March committee meeting will be held March 9 at 10:30am.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:06pm.

**B. Facilities Committee**

1. Agenda - January 30, 2026

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East Lansing Public Schools

Facilities Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2026 1:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2025
- V. Public Comment
- VI. Agenda Items:
  1. Facilities Updates (Billy)
    - a. Winter actions and recap
    - b. Future actions
    - c. Bond update
  2. Athletic/Event Updates (Nikki)
    - a. MMS sports and city vs. school hosting (update)
    - b. Winter track hours  
Track is 7 am – 1 pm M-F Fall (is it closed in Winter?)  
Weekend/night hour updates?
    - c. Spring scheduling to note
  3. Any additional updates





Facilities Committee Meeting  
January 30, 2026 1:30 pm

- I. Call to Order – 1:40 pm
- II. Roll Call
  - Billy Hastings
  - Elizabeth Lyons
  - Chris Martin
  - Tali Faris-Hylen
- III. Approval of Agenda
  - Trustee Martin made motion, Trustee Lyons seconded
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2025
  - Trustee Martin made motion, Trustee Lyons seconded
- V. Public Comment
  - None present but per request, Tali brought up Dr. Nichole Biber’s request to build a pollinator garden onsite at the high school once construction is complete. Tali to inform Dr. Biber requests go thru Ms. Leyko.
- VI. Agenda Items:
  1. Facilities Updates (Billy)
    - a. Winter actions and recap
      - getting parking lot lights repaired at high school staff lot
      - boiler retubing complete at high school
      - bids are done for roof so that design is taking place now
    - b. Future actions
      - moving and construction complete
      - preparing for roof
      - power washing at middle school after roof is completed
    - c. Bond update
      - everything appears to be on track and on budget
      - to be completed by August/beginning of next school year
  2. Athletic/Event Updates (Nikki) – unable to attend
    - a. MMS sports and city vs. school hosting (update)
    - b. Winter track hours
      - Track is 7 am – 1 pm M-F Fall (is it closed in Winter?)
      - Weekend/night hour updates?
    - c. Spring scheduling to note
  3. Any additional updates

Meeting adjourned 2 pm

**C. Finance Committee**

1. Agenda - February 2, 2026

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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

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Members: Kath Edsall (Chair), Estrella Torrez, and Abbie Tykocki

### Agenda

February 2, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

ELHS HUB

1. Opening of Meeting
  - a. Call to order
  - b. Roll call.
  - c. Approval of agenda: February 2, 2026
  - d. Approval of minutes: November 3, 2025
2. Public Comment
3. Items of Discussion
  - a. First semester class size overages.
  - b. Estimated blended enrollment.
  - c. Section 31aa updates
  - d. Section 27L(2)educator compensation
  - e. January CREC updates
  - f. 2025-26 first budget revision review
  - g. 2026-27 budget calendar
  - h. Comerica Bank update
  - i. Upcoming board recommendations
    - i. Authorized check signers
    - ii. HS bid for landscaping
    - iii. IRC 127 amendment
4. Adjournment





Minutes of the Finance Committee of the  
East Lansing Board of Education  
509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823- ELHS Hub  
November 3, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

**Opening of Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Kath Edsall at 1:06 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Members- Kath Edsall, Estrella Torrez, and Abbie Tykocki  
Non-members- Dori Leyko, Superintendent, Mark Dobson, Assistant  
Superintendent, and Lisa Allen, Director of Finance

Absent: None

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Estrella Torrez. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the October 6, 2025, minutes was made by Estrella Torrez and seconded by Abbie Tykocki. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment – 3 minutes**

None

**Meeting Topics/Discussion Items**

- Section 31aa School Mental Health and Safety grant. The committee agreed to proceed with a board action authorizing Dori Leyko to formally opt in on behalf of the district.
- 2025-26 tuition rates for non-resident pupils
- BWL settlement of franchise fees
- 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank acquisition of Comerica Bank
- Federal budget updates

**Announcements**

- Upcoming board resolutions
  - 11/10/2025 informational item on 2025-26 tuition rates for non-resident pupils
  - 11/24/2025 action item on 2025-26 tuition rates for non-public pupils.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

**D. Intergovernmental Committee**  
1. Agenda - February 3, 2026

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**East Lansing**  
Public Schools

# Intergovernmental Committee Meeting

February 3, 2026  
East Lansing High School HUB  
11:00 am

## Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes – [October 29, 2025](#)

IV. Public Comment

IV. Items for Discussion

1. Continuation of conversation of youth programming
2. Discussion of recent legislation

V. Announcements

VI. Adjournment



## Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Estrella Torrez at 11:05 am.

## Roll Call

Present: Abbie Tykocki, Justin Drwencke, Robert Bellman, [Amy Zaagman](#), Chrissie Evaskis-Garrett, Liz Kish, Ameenah Ashante, Mark Meadows, [Dori Leyko](#), Estrella Torrez, Elizabeth Lyons

Absent:

## Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Elizabeth Lyons. Unanimously approved

## Approval of Minutes

None

## Public Comment – 3 minutes

None

## Meeting Topics/Discussion Items

- East Lansing Public Library - requests that we revisit a 2019 discussion asking for a safe, sustainable solution to support teens in out of school time
  - Challenges include:
    - Library is a small space
    - Teen programming
  - Solutions offered thus far:
    - Creating a separate space
    - Security staff
    - Training staff to work with young people
    - Mitigate action plan
    - Age specific programming (ie. Tween Tuesday)
    - Team Leadership Council
  - Offering tutoring, coaching, video gaming, iPads
  - Factors impacting number of youth
    - School schedule impacts

- Hannah Community Center
  - Open gym after school
  - Potential for students to use IDs for entrance
  
- East Lansing Public Schools
  - Solutions offered thus far:
    - After school tutoring
    - Food provided
    - Friday movie
    - Middle school clubs
  
- City of East Lansing
  - Potential to engage outside consultant?
  
- Next steps
  - City of East Lansing:
    - Engage Cherette Institute
      - Locate notes hosted by the East Lansing City Council on town hall held on January 23, 2023
      - Contact Michigan Municipal League for potential solutions
  - East Lansing Public Library
    - Provide chronology of conversations and actions
    - Continue to engage with ALA for creative solutions
  - Hannah Community Center
    - Explore allowing students accessing space with student IDs
    - Explore use of alternate spaces in the center
  - East Lansing Public Schools
    - Engage MASB in conversation for creative solutions
    - Speak with Athletic Director regarding scheduling
    - Locate notes from previous conversations
    - Contact parents and MSU students organizing middle school afterschool clubs

**Announcements**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15

**E. Mental Health Advisory Committee**

1. Agenda - January 26, 2026

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### **Attendance, Welcome and Introductions**

- **Present:**
  - [Sign in Form](#)
- **Not Present:**
- **Note Taker:**

### **Approval of the meeting agenda (Fin) -**

### **Approval of the meeting minutes**

### **Review of Last Meeting and Clarification**

- Logos
- 3rd Annual Mental Health and Awareness Summit

### **Review of Past Initiatives & Outcomes (5:50 – 6:00 PM)**

- Review of 12/8/25 Meeting

### **Current Priorities & Projects: Moving forward**

- Program Evaluation, Policy Review and Development:
  - Review MySAEBRS Google Form
    - Align Questions for Elementary Staff
    - Align Questions for Secondary Staff
    - How do we reassure staff for deaggregating data?
    - What questions do we want to know as a district?
    - What questions would it be helpful as a parent to feel the district knows?
- [Mental Health and Awareness Summit](#)
- Strategic Planning: 1 year, 3 year and 5 year Plan

### **Discussion: Needs & Opportunities (6:35 – 6:55 PM)**

- Brainstorm ideas for future initiatives or collaborations

### **Next Steps & Action Items (6:55 – 7:00 PM)**

- Assign responsibilities or follow-ups
- January 26, 2026 5:30pm-7:00pm

Mental Health Advisory Committee

1/26/26 5:30pm-7:00pm HUB

East Lansing High School

**Adjournment- Closing & Next Meeting Date (6:55–7:00 PM)**



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December 8, 2025/ 5:30pm / ELHS

## AGENDA

### **Call to Order (Start in the Library) (Fin) - 5:36pm**

- [Sign in for Attendance](#) - Everyone did introductions

### **Approval of the meeting agenda (Fin) -**

- A motion to approve the [agenda](#) was made by

### **Approval of the meeting minutes**

- A motion to approve the [minutes](#) was made by - Erin moved 5:47 pm and 2nd Tyler

### **Public Comment**

### **Agenda Topics: 5:40**

- Welcome/Introductions-Those who have not introduced themselves, do so now
  - Committee and Action Focus - Fin gave a history of the group and what prompted its inception (student advocacy/liaison to the administration/hope to work with possibly policy gaps)
  - We need a logo - google sheet sent to vote on it
  - Activities/Initiatives: Cocoa and Cram, Hygge, Positivity, Stall, Zines
  - [Mental Health and Wellness Summit Fundraiser and Publicity ElementarySecondary](#)
    - Activities - Chris, Erin, Brandon, Kristen, Anika, and Jen
    - Policy/Strategic Plan - Amy, Stephanie, Dahlia, Autumn, Tyler, Jason, Laurie
  - Mental Health and Wellness Summit : April 29, 2025
  - Next Steps:
    - Each Committee given contact information for potential partners/buildings/admin -
    - C6:20 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)**
  - Procedure Committee discussed MySAEBRS Parent Memo
  - Activities Committee Discussed Summit

### **New Business/ Future Meeting Topics**

### **Announcements**

- Next Full Committee Meeting: 1.26.25

### **10. Adjournment 7:00pm**

F. **Policy Committee**

1. Agenda - February 2, 2026

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ELPS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Policy Committee Agenda  
February 2, 2026  
10:30 am  
East Lansing High School HUB

1. Roll call
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the minutes – November 3, 2025
4. Public Comment
5. Agenda Items
  - Media Center materials
  - Land grant acknowledgement
  - Renaming policy
6. Announcements
7. Adjourn





East Lansing Public Schools

Board of Education  
Policy Committee Minutes  
February 2, 2026  
10:30am

1. Roll Call: Terah, Tali, Rulesha, Dori, Mark, Kath
2. Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Terah, Seconded by Tali, All ayes
3. Approval of the minutes from November 3, 2025: Motion by Tali, Seconded by Terah, all ayes
4. Public Comment: none
5. Agenda Items:
  - a. Media Center Materials: Kath sent Thrun our proposed policy and Thrun suggested we implement their optional item C in Policy 5407. After brief discussion, the committee decided against Thrun's suggestion and wants to use the policy that was created by this committee with the help of many stockholders. Kath will share this with Thrun.
  - b. Land Grant Acknowledgement: Kath will circle back to Klaudia and Mr. Neal> Have they scheduled anything with Nokemos?
  - c. Renaming policy: carried over to next meeting as Dori touches base with building principals for input.
  - d. Added discussion on state cell phone use legislation. Currently, school building leaders and teachers seem to support the procedures in place at MMS and ELHS
6. Announcements: Future meeting dates: March 2, April 6, May 4 and August 6 at 10:30. Location to hopefully be in the new administration building. Dori will notify Kelly of these dates.
7. Adjourned at 11:30

**G. Sex Education Advisory Board**

1. Agenda - January 15, 2026

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**ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting  
Board Meeting Room – East Lansing High School  
January 15th, 2026, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

- 1) **Call to Order.**
- 2) **Membership Roll Call.**
- 2) **Approval/Modifications to the Previous Meeting Minutes**
- 3) **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**
- 4) **Public Comment:**
- 5) **Guest Speaker: N/A**
- 6) **Presentations/Committee Reports**
  - a. Sex Ed Director Report:
  - b. Committee Reports:
    - i. Data and Evaluation Committee Report (Heather Marlow/Andrea Kelley/Jonathan Gold/Megan Maas)
    - ii. Community Education Committee Report (Karessa Wheeler/Bridget Burns)
    - iii. Curriculum Committee Report (Danny Hearit, Asmau Ayub, Chad O'Neil, Melisa Fore)
- 7) **Unfinished Business**
- 8) **New Business**
  - a. SEAB Recommendation: Adopt the Michigan Model Updated HIV/STI Curriculum and Update Grade Level Materials for 7th and 8th Grade
- 9) **Announcements**
- 11) **Adjournment**



**ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting  
HUB – East Lansing High School  
November 20th, 2025, 6:30 -8:00 PM**

**1) Call to Order.**

**2) Membership Roll Call.**

- 1) Not Present - Chad O'Neil and Karessa Weir
- 2) Welcome: Mark Dobson, Asst. Superintendent & District Staff Liaison to SEAB - Mark Dobson introduced himself and was welcomed by SEAB members.

**2) Approval/Modifications to the Previous Meeting Minutes**

- a. **Add Jonathan Gold and Megan Maas to the curriculum committee.**
- b. **Correct Asmau Ayub and Melissa Fore's names in minutes.**

**3) Approval/Additions to the Agenda**

- a. **Amended**

**4) Public Comment:**

- a. With a large public attendance of the meeting from MSU students observing the meeting, Co-Chair Danny Hearit and Mark Dobson provided a brief synopsis of what the SEAB purpose and role is in approving sexual health education for the East Lansing Public Schools.

**5) Guest Speaker: N/A**

**6) Presentations/Committee Reports**

- a. Sex Ed Director Report: Anne Scott, ELPS Sex Education Supervisor
  - i. Anne shared about the outcome from the November 10th, 2025, Board of Education Meeting. Both recommended guest speakers (Trickey/LAAN and Vaive/GLWC) were approved. The first hearing of the SEAB recommendation to adopt the Rights, Respect, and Responsibility curriculum for high school health classes. Anne reported that the BOE provided positive comments on the addition of a guest speaker on the topic of consent.
  - ii. Instruction for 4th and 6th Grades is in progress. High School will instruct from the Michigan Model this semester, pending approval of the recommended replacement curriculum.
  - iii. Discussed the passage of the updated State Health Standards
- b. Data and Evaluation Committee Report (Heather Marlow/Andrea Kelley/Jonathan Gold/Megan Maas)
  - i. Finalized parent survey questions for the community survey. Anne will work out an

opportunity and process to release that in early 2026. Anne was going to work with Mark Dobson on how to survey with students. The committee and the sex education supervisor discussed incorporating some questions considered for the student survey into the pre- and post-assessments for the current curriculum.

- c. Community Education Committee Report (Karessa Wheeler/Bridget Burns)
  - i. The committee organized and facilitated the community meeting on November 5th.
- d. Curriculum Committee Report (Danny Hearit, Asmau Ayub, Chad O'Neil, Melissa Fore)
  - i. 7-8th Grade Updated Curriculum Review of Michigan Model Growing Up and Staying Healthy (HIV/STI education). The committee reviewed the 7th-8th-grade material. The committee completed the review and submitted information using the rubric form. The committee recommended that the SEAB recommend the updated curriculum to the BOE. Also discussed was sexual assault prevention from K-3, from a human rights perspective.

#### **7) Unfinished Business**

- a. Anne provided a brief review of the steps of the curriculum approval process, and the outcomes of the community meeting feedback from November 5th and the result of the first hearing of the Rights, Respect & Responsibility Curriculum presentation to the Board of Education on November 10th.
  - i. Andrea Kelly motioned that the SEAB formally recommend Rights Respect and Responsibility curriculum to the ELPS BOE for consideration of adoption. Bridget Burns-King seconded. No discussion. Approved by unanimous vote.

#### **8) New Business**

- a. Danny Hearit provided an overview of a book that has been circulated to various school committees for recommendation. The book would be used in Elementary classrooms. The book is called "What Are Your Words" by Katherine Locke. Danny read the book to the SEAB. The book was requested by an elementary family to support a better understanding of gender fluidity.
  - i. After discussion, the SEAB endorses the spirit of the idea of an elementary appropriate book on pronouns as a resource for the classroom setting. The SEAB may also provide some additional references that might be better suited to different elementary grade levels.

#### **9) Announcements**

- a. Next meeting January 15th, 2025. No December meeting.

#### **11) Adjournment**

**Andrea Motioned, Jon seconded.**

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Dori Leyko  
Superintendent***