East Lansing Board of Education

6160 Towar Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting
April 27, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Board Room
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 for April 27, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.
   E. *Approval of Minutes* *2*
      Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the April 13, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.

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I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM. Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present, Student Representative Dijagah: Absent; Student Representative Meghea; Present; Superintendent Leyko: Present.

I.C. Mission Statement: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens

Trustee Chambers read the mission statement.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/099: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the April 13, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: 25-26/100: I move that the Board of Education approve the March 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. **Presentation**

II.A. Superintendent Jason Mellema - 2026 Ingham ISD Special Education Millage proposal

Bond Proposal 2026 – May 5, 2026

Trustee Faris-Hylen - Are all students from Heartwood and Beekman going to Beekman? Beekman will be a complete rebuild and Heartwood will have heavy renovations.

Trustee Edsall - How will the rebuild at Heartwood affect students? We are looking at different scenarios. We need to be mindful of the challenges for the students that will have some significant medical challenges.

III. **Recognition**

Click here for the Recognition.

Superintendent Leyko acknowledged and recognized K.C. Keyton, Assistant Director for Student Volunteers programs at MSU Center for Student Engaged Learning and Dan DiMaggio – East Lansing Public Schools was the recipient of a fundraiser to fill school libraries with books on topics of social justice and with characters representing diverse backgrounds. They completed their book drive and raised over $2,500 in donations, and several new books were donated and purchased for the initiative. They are ordering the books from a local bookstore, Hooked Bookstore in Lansing. Working with Ms. Burton, Director of Equity and Social Justice, to identify some areas of need with the diverse books.

IV. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Meghea reported:

- Tennis team competed against Lox Norris and East Lansing took first place in doubles and runner up in singles.
- Softball team had wins against Haslett and Williamston.
- Track, soccer, and lacrosse are both off to a great start to their seasons.
- Applications for National Honors Society are available.
- Mental Health Summit will take place at the high school on April 29.
- State testing has begun – juniors will take the SAT and freshman and sophomores will begin PSAT.

- Boys' basketball made it to the state finals; KJ Tolbert was named Mr. Basketball.

V. **Superintendent's Report**

Click here for the Superintendent's Report.

Measles Brochure

VI. **Consent Agenda**

Motion: 25-26/101: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following item:

VI.A. New Hire

Hiring of John Tuttle - 1.0 FTE district-wide school nurse at BA Step 16.5, effective April 27, 2026.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VII. **Public Comment**

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- Sarah Willson - Special Education Concerns
- Forest Tate - Special Education
- Kathleen Brady - ASD Whitehills

VIII. **Board Discussion**

Trustee Martin addressed the public comment – he appreciates that they are standing up for their child; he has no position on what happened in this situation and needs to read the documentation they presented; evident lack of trust is and how bridges have been burned and concerns him as a school board member. He

doesn't have a specific position but is grateful that they are here and thank you for sticking up for their kids.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells School Dining for FY 2026-27

Motion: 25-26/102: I move that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to sign the attached Food Services Management Company Contract Renewal – Rate Agreement Form to renew with Chartwells School Dining for the FY 2026-27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

IX.B. Schools of Choice 2026-27 Resolution

Motion: 25-26/103: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Schools of Choice Resolution 2026-27, as presented.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

IX.C. ELHS Addition Technology and Multimedia

Motion: 25-26/104: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Sound Planning Communications in the amount of $123,360.36 and the contract with the DataCom Group in the amount of $57,665.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

X. Committee Reports

X.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Technology Updates: ELHS new addition technology wiring
- Curriculum Updates: New PE course where students learn officiating – RefReps to provide the training
- Student representatives - Maeson and Kayla have been amazing this year; enjoyed hearing their perspective on items that impact students

X.B. Facilities Committee

- Toured the high school new addition
- Winter actions and recap
  - Spent a lot of winter getting ready for move
  - Administration building moved and open for business
  - Tech department is now located in the former Central Office and open for business as well
- Athletic Updates
  - Winter sports success includes boys' basketball and gymnastics
  - Spring sports have begun
  - Hosting girls Lacrosse state semi-finals on Wednesday, June 3

X.C. Finance Committee

- Second semester class-size overages
- Section 27l agreement with unions
- Schools of Choice recommendation for 2026-27 spots
- 2026-27 budget prep
- Information on designation of depositories – in Items of Information

X.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report

X.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

X.F. Policy Committee

- Modification to Media Center policy – in Items of Information
- District Renaming policy – will draft an application or form to be completed for consideration for commemoration/individual items
- Land Acknowledgment update – Ms. Burton and Mr. Neal connected with Nokomis contact to speak with ELPS social justice team and talk with students on possibly hosting a professional development series
- Readdressing Media Communications policy

X.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- No report

XI. **Announcements**

XI.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is April 27, 2026.

XII. **Adjournment**

President Lyons adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

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President

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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 to include the following item:

A. New Hire 9

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Rulesha Glover-Payne
Chief Human Resources Officer

SUBJECT: Human Resources Action Item

DATE: April 13, 2026

Hire

It is recommended that the Board approve the hiring of ***Hannah Van Dyne*** - 1.0 FTE *Guidance Counselor* at *MacDonald Middle School* at *BA* Step *3* effective *May 11, 2026.* She will be placed on the appropriate Master's Step and compensated retroactively upon receipt of official transcripts verifying her degree following graduation in May 2026.

1. Hiring of Hannah Van Dyne - 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor at MacDonald Middle School at BA Step 3 effective May 11, 2026. She will be placed on the appropriate Master's Step and compensated retroactively upon receipt of official transcripts verifying her degree following graduation in May 2026.

VI. **Public Comment**

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VII. **Board Discussion**

VIII. **Action Items**

A. **Designation of Depositories** **11**

Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the following financial institution in which District funds may be deposited:

- *5th/3rd Bank*
- *Argent Institutional Trust Company*
- *Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF)*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: **ELPS Board of Education & Dori Leyko, Superintendent**

FROM: **Lisa Allen, Director of Finance**

SUBJECT: **Designation of Depositories- Action Item**

DATE: **April 27, 2026**

Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following financial institutions in which District funds may be deposited:

- 5th/3rd Bank
- Argent Institutional Trust Company
- Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF)

Background:
From 04-13-26 BOE information packet
Per Board policy 3203, the Board shall annually designate financial institutions in which District funds will be deposited.

5th/3rd Bank:

- General Fund -Commercial Checking-Business Sweep
- Food Services Fund-Commercial Checking-Business Sweep
- Student/School Activity Fund--Commercial Checking-Business Sweep
- Custodial Fund--Commercial Checking-Business Sweep
- Flex Spending Account-Commercial Checking
- 2019 Sinking Fund- Commercial Checking
- 2017 Debt Fund- Money Market
- 2020 Debt Fund- Money Market
- 2024 Debt Bond- Money Market
- 2024 Capital Projects- Money Market
- 2025 Debt Bond- Money Market
- 2025 Capital Projects- Money Market

Argent Institutional Trust Company:

- Debt service paying agent accounts.

Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF)

- Bond proceeds

B. **Policy 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development** **13**

Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the updates to Policy 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development, as presented.

5400 Curriculum, Instruction, and Parent Involvement

5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development

The District will provide students with at least the minimum number of instructional hours and days each school year required by the state for full state aid funding. The District may deviate from this requirement only as permitted by state law.

The Board, advised by the Superintendent, will adopt a curriculum and procure textbooks and materials to support the curriculum.

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for providing and directing District-wide planning for curriculum, instruction, assessment, and staff development in accordance with Policy 2203. Committees consisting of educational professionals, including administrators, and community members, may be established to design instructional strategies and assessments to implement the curriculum.

A. Parent Rights

As described in Policy 5401, the District will provide a Parent the opportunity to review District-approved curriculum, textbooks, and instructional materials upon request to the building principal. See Policy 5401 for appropriate procedures.

B. Media Center Materials Reconsideration Process and Procedure

If a request, suggestion, complaint, or grievance relates to material(s) found in an East Lansing Public School media center, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. Formal requests for reconsideration of media center materials may only be submitted by members of the school community, consisting of Parents of current students, current students, and staff of East Lansing Public Schools.

2. The material in question is to be addressed to the building Principal in writing using the ELPS Reconsideration Form.

3. Upon receipt of the Reconsideration Form, the Principal will advise the Assistant Superintendent of the complaint. The Assistant Superintendent will bring the form to the Academic and Technology Committee for reconsideration. The Academic and Technology Committee (including the ELPS District Media Specialist) can add additional review committee members to facilitate the reconsideration process.

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4. The review process will be guided by the following:

    - The age appropriateness of the material
    - ELPS selection criteria for media center materials
    - EJATT (Education Justice Assessment and Transformation Tool), ALA American Library Association), and/or other appropriate tools

5. The material in question may remain in circulation during the reconsideration process. The Committee will have 60 days from receipt of the complaint to render a decision in writing.

6. The Committee's final decision after committee review will be communicated via the final decision form to the complainant's email.

7. The Committee's decision is final. Requests to reconsider materials which have previously been before the committee will not be considered until 5 years from last review have passed.

Date adopted: December 13, 2021

Date revised: December 9, 2024

Date revised:

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C. **Schools of Choice Slots Recommendation for 2026-27** **16**

Motion: I move that the Board of Education approve the following number of Schools of Choice (SOC) openings for the 2026-27 school year:

Kindergarten	*33*
1st grade	*26*
2nd grade	*11*
3rd grade	*40*
4th grade	*20*
5th grade	*21*
6th grade	*10*
7th grade	*1*
8th grade	*8*
9th grade	*12*
10th grade	*1*
11th grade	*1*
12th grade	*1*
Total:	*185*

East Lansing Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: **East Lansing Board of Education**

FROM: **Dori Leyko, Superintendent**

SUBJECT: **Schools of Choice openings for 2026-27**

DATE: **April 27, 2026**

Recommendation:
The Board of Education approve the following number of Schools of Choice (SOC) openings for the 2026-27 school year:

Kindergarten	33
1st grade	26
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5th grade	21
6th grade	10
7th grade	1
8th grade	8
9th grade	12
10th grade	1
11th grade	1
12th grade	1
Total:	**185**

Background:

The window for applying for a Schools of Choice slot is June 1 – 15, 2026 and the lottery will be held in late June.

IX. **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)

X. **Announcements**

A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is May 11, 2026.

XI. **Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

Dori Leyko
Superintendent