

Schoolcraft Community Schools
Board of Education
13400 S 14th St
Schoolcraft, MI 49087
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Monday, November 10, 2025

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

*This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item C (Bylaws 0160).

At the direction and call of the President of the Schoolcraft Board of Education a meeting has been scheduled for the following time and location:

Date: Monday, November 10, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria

Purpose: Board of Education

1. ROUTINE

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call of the Board
- C. Welcome and Introductions of Visitors

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. (The following are offered as part of the consent agenda. The motion noted will allow for the authorization of all listed items, without discussion, unless a member of the Board requests that any one or all be considered individually.)
 - A. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
 - B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - C. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS

Resignations

Sam Smith - Mechanic
Bree Johnson - Bus Driver
Alecia Smith - Elementary ESI Parapro

New Hires

Cory Masters - Mechanic
Lori Stephens - Jr/Sr High Food Service
Kaitlyn Adams - Elementary ESI Parapro
James Timmons - Bus Driver

Jenny Neal - Pre-K Director

D. APPROVAL OF BILLS

General Fund - 11	\$ 171,750
General Fund - 11 (Manual Checks)	\$
Special Revenue: School Lunch - 25	\$ 13,808
Capital Project- 41	\$ 208,495
Capital Project- 42	\$
VOIDS	\$ -6824
Check Register Total	\$ 387,229
Electronic- GFS, P Cards, Ref Pay, EDU Staff	\$ 252,896
Total Payments	\$ 640,125

10/8 Payroll	\$ 441,261
10/23 Payroll	\$ 443,764
_____ Payroll Total	\$ 885,026

E. APPROVAL OF DONATIONS

3. HEARING OF CITIZENS

4. INFORMATION

A. Human Resources & Curriculum Update

Matt Webster

Ulliance update.

B. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Nate Ledlow

C. SEA Update

Jenny Stull

5. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Policy Update

B. Network Update

James Weiss

The network firewall and core switch for SCS is at end-of-life. Both of these items are Erate eligible which means the school receives a percentage off the purchase and installation costs. SCS typically qualifies for a 40% discount. This fall the technology department worked with a company called Elite Fund (who SCS has partnered with for several projects including the recent fiber project as well as the networking equipment for the new EL) to submit an RFP for these two items and included an option to upgrade the remaining network switches in the Jr/Sr High. SCS received 7 responses to this request and rated the responses on 12 criteria (documentation available upon request). Sentinel technologies, who does much of our regular work, submitted the highest rated proposal. Below is a summary:

Firewall: \$13,972

Core Switch: \$16,374

Network Switching: \$37,112

Professional Installation and Programing: \$33,772

Schoolcraft's cost would be 60% of the total of \$101,230 which is \$60,738. In addition, SCS requested a secondary firewall which would provide a backup solution if the primary firewall failed. This would add \$5,128 to the cost and is not eligible for discounts. SCS can choose to complete some or all of this project. The firewall and core switch are the most pressing portion of the project. The benefit to completing the full project would be consolidated professional services as the technicians could complete all the installation and programming in one trip. If network switching is done at a later date, the cost for total professional installation and programming would likely increase.

If this purchase is approved, SCS, with the help of Elite Fund, will need to submit additional forms and wait for a funding commitment from Erate which usually takes about three months. After that, installation and programming can be scheduled at a time convenient to the district, likely after school is out in June.

In summary, the technology department is requesting approval to purchase a new firewall, backup firewall, and core switch. In addition, it would be advantageous, both financially and in terms of service interruptions, to include the network-switching portion. However, the network switches currently in the Jr/Sr High will run reliably for the 2026-2027 school year if necessary.

C. 2025-2027 SEA Master Agreement Ratification

Dr. Nate Ledlow

Motion to approve the 2025-2027 SEA Master Agreement Ratifications under the PERA language and salary opener.

D. Salaried staff contract renewal and approval.

Dr. Nate Ledlow

Approve two-year (2025-2027) contracts for the following employees:

B. Matt Webster - Assistant Superintendent

C. Matt Dailey - Jr./Sr. HS Principal

D. Sara Howard - Elementary Principal

E. Taylor Mikel - Finance Director

F. Megan Flinn - Business Office Manager

G. Bryan Applin - Athletic Director

H. James Weiss - Technology Director

I. Amanda Chiotti - Dean of Students

J. Marc Fox - Facilities Director

K. Denise Deeds - Food Service Manager

L. Christy Sliger - Transportation Director

6. **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

7. **FINAL THOUGHTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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This is to serve as legal notice of call of said meeting:

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