



Tuesday, October 20, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Regular Board Meeting

High School Media Center

8299 Pennfield Road

Battle Creek, MI 49017

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1. Call Meeting to Order

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2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Education will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

The Board Secretary will administer roll call to establish that a quorum of the Board is present and to determine which Board members are present at the start of the meeting.

4. Agenda Changes

5. Public Comments - Participants are asked to keep comments to three (3) minutes.

Please notify the superintendent in writing at least two business days before the scheduled meetings of the Board of Education if you wish to address the Board but do not speak English, or if you have a handicap or disability that may prevent you from speaking to the Board. At this time, the Board will listen to comments from the public and others regarding both agenda action items and items that are not on the agenda. Per Board Policy #0167.3 each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes. This is the only opportunity for public comment. The Board President may add a second comment if there are more than 20 community members seeking to speak.

The Board requests that, if you wish to speak, you provide us with your name, address, and affiliation with the district. Please limit your comment to three minutes. Comments should not be directed at individuals on the board, rather to the board as a whole. This is a meeting of the Board of Education being held in public. Board members will not respond to public comment but you may request a formal response for a later time.

6. Recognitions and Presentations

6.1. Student Recognitions

Student Athletes of the Month

- Female - Ellie Bowen-Cross Country
- Male - Hudson Badger-Tennis

Rotary Student of the Month

- September: Emma Boyd
- October: Jonathan Franks

6.2. Recognition of Principals

- Principals Month Recognition
 - Olivia Allen
 - Katrina Hill
 - Makenna Kane
 - Sara Meyers
 - Sean Reilly
 - Joe Robinson

6.3. Recognition of Outstanding Staff

- Patrick Diemer Ford Fab Lab & CTE program pioneer
- Darci Hemphill Middle School CTE program pioneer
- Joshua Flees AP certification

6.4. Retirement of Laura Faucher Retirement

Laura Faucher- Food Service Cook at Dunlap Elementary

6.5. Presentation of 25-26 Audit, Nate Balderman

Nate Balderman from Rehmann will present the 25-26 Audited Financial Statements.

7. Communications

7.1. Student Representative Report

Paige Pomerville will present the student representative's monthly report.

8. Items Removed from Consent Agenda **(Discussion and/or Action)**

9. Consent Agenda **(Action)**

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.

9.1. Approval of the Agenda

9.2. Approval of Minutes

9.3. Approve Check Registers

9.4. Approve Electronic Funds Transfer

9.5. Approve Finance Expenditure Report

10. Business Agenda **(Discussion and/or Action)**

10.1. Acceptance of Retirement of Laura Faucher **(Action)**

With regret, the Superintendent is recommending the Board accept the retirement of:

- Laura Faucher- Food Service Cook at Dunlap Elementary

10.2. Approval of 31aa Board Authorizing Resolution **(Action)**

Superintendent Lemmer is recommending that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to accept Section 31aa Mental Health and Student Safety funding for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, subject to the conditions outlined in the resolution.

10.3. Approval of the Summer Annual Tax Resolution **(Action)**

The Director of Finance is recommending that the Board approves the Annual Tax Resolution to continue to collect 50% of the property taxes in the summer. This is an annual approval the board of education has to take each year prior to December 31st.

10.4. Approval of Cognia Accreditation Assurances **(Action)**

Superintendent Lemmer recommends the board adopt a resolution acknowledging that they understand the rules and requirements of the Cognia Accreditation requirements which were presented at the work session on October 6, 2026 by the Superintendent.

10.5. Approval of Baseball/Softball Field improvements bid **(Action)**

Mike DeRyder, Director of Operations, and Marty Martin, Athletic Director are recommending that the board approve the bid from Hamilton Landscape Supply for the baseball field in the amount of \$81,690.00 and the softball field in the amount of \$54,160.00.

10.6. Approval of application to the Capital Area Athletic Conference **(Action)**

Mr. Marty Martin, Athletic Director and Superintendent Lemmer are recommending the board approve the district's application to the Capital Area Athletic Conference beginning with the 28-29 school year.

10.7. Approval of Bond Bills for Triangle and EH Goodman (formally InForm) Architects **(Action)**

It is the recommendation of the Director of Finance and the Superintendent that the Board of Education approve the bond bills for the month of September EH Goodman Architects LLC in the amount of \$13,093.26 and \$162,753.14 to Triangle.

10.8. Closed Session **(Action)**

It is recommended the Board of Education enter closed session as permitted by the Open Meetings Act under Section 8(h) to consider a written legal opinion protected by attorney-client privilege and exempt from disclosure by state statute.

10.9. Return Open Meeting **(Action)**

A motion is required to move from closed session and return to Open Meeting. Is there a motion?

10.10. Authorization for Thrun Law Firm to Meet with a District Employee **(Action)**

The Board of Education authorized Thrun Law Firm to meet with a district employee regarding a legal matter.

11. Board Comments

12. Adjournment

Board President