MIDLAND COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY
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MCESA Mission
"Provide leadership, deliver services and leverage resources to improve the education of students in collaboration with constituent districts, schools and the community at large."

MCESA Board of Education
10/20/2026 MCESA Board of Education Meeting
5:30 PM, Sugnet Distance Learning Room

I. Call to order.
   1. Roll Call: President J. Gunderson, Vice President J. Wagner, Secretary G. Wilson, Treasurer K. Heye, Trustee K. Baczewski, Trustee B. Leibfritz, Trustee D. Sommer
   2. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Comment

At this time, the Board will provide an opportunity for citizens to speak on educational matters. Citizens desiring to speak at this time should ask to be recognized and identify themselves and their topic. Public communication is limited to five minutes per speaker.

III. Consent Agenda
   3. Minutes:
      a. September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting
   4. Check Register: September 2026 Payments
   5. Gifts:
      a. To the Imagination Library Program:
         i. Accept donations to the Imagination Library from anonymous individuals totaling $89.50 and Lisa and Dale Robbins totaling $9.25 for a total donation in the amount of $98.75.
   6. Grant Awards: None.
   7. Personnel: None.
   8. Travel:
      a. Approve the authorization for travel to the Talent Together Conference/Board Meeting in Ann Arbor, MI for Superintendent Searles.
      b. Approve the authorization for travel to the MAISA Fall Meetings in Ann Arbor, MI for Superintendent Searles.

To expedite the business of the Board, but not diminish the importance of each item, a Consent Agenda has been approved.

IV. Reports
   9. Equity Committee
   10. Stewardship Committee
   11. Treasury Report:
      a. Treasurer Heye, Committee Chair, or Designee
      b. Dave Smith, Director of Finance
   12. Consider Acceptance of Treasury Report

Dashboard for Review

V. Superintendent's Report

13. Staff Updates:
    a. Accepted the retirement of Shawnette Hoffman, Paraeducator, effective September 30, 2026.
    b. Accepted the resignation of Roxanne Taylor, Paraeducator, effective September 24, 2026.
    c. Accepted the retirement of Ashley Dubois, Speech Therapist, effective February 1, 2027.
    d. Accepted the resignation of Bobbie Peterson, Paraeducator, effective October 9, 2026.
    e. Funding for Great Start to Quality Central Resource staff ended September 30, 2026, impacting the following individuals:
        i. Carrie Chance, Central Resource Center Director
        ii. Jill Funk, Quality Improvement Specialist
        iii. Michele Peregord, Quality Improvement Coach
        iv. Shelby Sandborn, Quality Improvement Specialist
        v. Ada Scott, Quality Improvement Specialist
        vi. Stefanie Shook, Quality Improvement Specialist
14. Recognition:
    a. Tony Moryl - MSBO Facilities Director Certification
15. Charter Schools Update
16. Superintendent's Contract Discussion
17. SGOs

VI. Consider adoption of the resolution authorizing an annual summer tax levy

As required by law, any district that currently levies and collects summer taxes must adopt a resolution to continue the summer levy, and file a copy of that resolution with each city and/or township within the school district's boundaries on or before December 31, 2026.

VII. Other Topics the Board May Wish to Consider

This portion of the agenda is utilized by the Board to introduce topics for future study, to discuss school district and educational service agency related matters, to complete professional association business and related items of interest. Action may be taken during this time.

VIII. Adjournment