

Ionia County Intermediate School District
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ISD Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Looking Glass Conference Room
March 12, 2026 - 4:00 pm

1) Call to Order

Board President L. Hoxie-Green called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Present:

Linda Hoxie-Green - President
Randy Masterson – Vice President
Amber Rood - Secretary
Kerry Possehn - Trustee

Absent:

Brian Talbot - Treasurer

Others present:

Ethan Ebenstein, Marvin Van Nortwick, Ted Paton, Natalie Fuller, John Milewski, Ron Klumpp, Shelley Devers, Tracy Dickinson

4) Approval of Agenda

Ms. Hoxie-Green confirmed that Mr. Ebenstein desired to have his evaluation handled during a closed session.

Moved by R. Masterson and supported by A. Rood to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously

5) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- None

6) Appointment of Officers

- None

7) Visitor/Public Comment

- Samuel Mason, of 516 West May Street, Belding MI 48809, addressed the Board regarding an incident that occurred during his employment with the Ionia County Intermediate School District.
- Tim McAllister (Greenville Daily News) - No Comment

8) Consent Agenda

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green and supported by A. Rood to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the following:

- A. Approval of the February 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes;
- B. Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$2,360,394.20:
- C. Personnel updates - of which there were none.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

9) Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent

Mr. Ebenstein added/highlighted the following item(s):

- A new policy regarding cell phone usage will be presented at the April meeting;
- Adding an SE Millage Restoration renewal vote on the August 4th election ballot.

B. Fiscal Services

Mr. Van Nortwick added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Budget Amendment Resolution Action Item.

C. Special Education

Mrs. Fuller added/highlighted the following item(s):

- As presented.

D. General Education

Mrs. Piercefield added/highlighted the following item(s):

- As presented.

E. Technology

Mr. Milewski added/highlighted the following item(s):

- Additional PowerSchool training being provided and looking at a July 1st start date;
- Will be releasing information to the public announcing a “change is coming” before it is released.

F. Ionia County Career Center

Mr. Paton added/highlighted the following item(s):

- IC3 was chosen for a Competitive Grant that focused on mathematics.
- Based on Core Performance Indicators, mathematics is something that needs work and the teaching staff are using AI to find ways to increase mathematics in their instruction, as well as teaching students what it means to find ethical ways to use AI.

10) Action Items

A. 2025-2026 Amended Budget #2

Mr. Van Nortwick provided information regarding the budgets noting that all remain on solid ground.

Moved by A. Rood and supported by K. Possehn to approve the Amended Budget #2 Resolutions as presented.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

11) Discussion Topics

- None

12) Communications

- None

13) Comments by Board Members

- None

14) Items for Future Meetings

- None

15) Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation

Moved by L. Hoxie-Green and supported by R. Masterson to approve moving INTO Closed Session at 4:32 pm to hold the Superintendent's evaluation, as requested by Mr. Ebenstein and as allowed under Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

The motion passed unanimously

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the closed session and motioned to move back into the regular session at 4:49 pm.

The motion passed unanimously

16) Adjourn

L. Hoxie-Green adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary