

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Lyons.

I.B. Roll Call

Chambers: Absent, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present.

Student Representative Dijagah: Present, Meghea: Present

Superintendent Leyko: Present

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

The mission statement was read by Trustee Tykocki.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

*Motion: 25-26/111: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda of May 11, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I.E. Approval of Minutes

*Motion: 25-26/112: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of April 27, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II. **Recognition**

Trustee Martin: Our award-winning yearbook, Ceniad, earned an incredible 41 individual state awards, including 17 first-place finishes - **the most first-place awards in program history**. The staff also earned the highest possible honors at both the state and national level, including a Spartan ranking and an All-American designation.

Our student newspaper, Portrait, brought home a program-record 52 individual awards across 22 different student journalists, including several freshmen earning first-place recognition. Portrait also earned a Spartan ranking for only the second time in program history.

Together, our publications staff earned 93 total awards out of 105 submissions — **the second-highest total in the entire state of Michigan.**

A special congratulations to Jess Mielock and Aya Howard for being named to the All-State Student Journalist Staff, with Jess also earning a statewide scholarship recognizing her as Michigan’s top yearbook journalist.

These accomplishments are a reflection of countless hours of interviewing, writing, editing, designing, photographing, and storytelling - but also the incredible support of our entire school community. We are so grateful to our staff for welcoming student journalists into classrooms and helping support storytelling that captures the heart of our schools.

We also know how fortunate we are as a district to have Cody Harrell leading and supporting students in this way. The care, mentorship, professionalism, and opportunities he provides through these programs continue to elevate student voice and journalism at an extraordinary level.

We could not be more proud of these students, their leadership, and the work they continue to produce.

Trustee Edsall recognized the voters in Ingham County and in particular East Lansing who passed for the SE bond on Tuesday. This will lead to a brand-new Beekman Center and remodeled Heartwood. 70% of East Lansing voters voted in favor of the millage.

## II.A. Recognition of Student Representatives

II.A.1. Tania Dijagah, Board representative

II.A.2. Maia Meghea, Board representative



II.A.3. Maeson Adams, Academic and Technology Committee representative

II.A.4. Kyla Caldwell, Academic and Technology Committee representative

### III. **Student Representative Report**

- AP exams have been taking place and are now wrapping up.
- Students are preparing their final projects.
- Multiple sports have held senior nights.
- Girls' tennis won the CAAC last week and have regionals on Wednesday; the team is highly ranked in the state right now.
- Softball won their game on senior night.
- Track and field have been doing well lately.
- Shout out to the 10 seniors who are CAAC scholar athletes: must be in 2 varsity sports and have a 4.0 GPA.
- NHS hours have been turned in; induction of new members and the board took place tonight; thank you to Ms. Seyka and Mr. Smith for all the volunteering opportunities they provided; Excel Tutoring was new this year and it was easy and NHS students were able to get hours.
- Prom will be Saturday at 7:00 pm at the Kellogg Center and post-prom is at High Caliber.
- Jazz Band 1 will be performing at the Art Festival this weekend.
- Introduction of the 2026-27 Student Liaisons: Ani Meghea and Carmen Rojewski

### IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Click [here](#) for the Superintendent's Report. This report will be sent via eblast on Tuesday morning.

#### IV.A. District Swatting Events

Superintendent Leyko went through the two swatting events that occurred at the high school.

Trustee Tykocki: Buildings hold a drill during non-structured time; the second swatting call was during non-structured time; students locked down until they were dismissed.

Trustee Edsall: Thanked Superintendent Leyko for the information; it was very thorough.

Trustee Martin: It is helpful to read out the 5 steps; thank you for prioritizing students and staff.

Trustee Faris-Hylen: Thanked the high school administration for their communication.

Trustee Lyons: Appreciated the timeliness of the information that was sent during both incidents.

Superintendent Leyko: We will share the outcomes after the After-Action Review.

V. **Public Comment**

This is the opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

- Kathleen Brady - Special Education

VI. **Board Discussion**

No Board Discussion

VII. **Action Items**

VII.A. **Ingham Intermediate School District's 2026-27 Proposed General Fund Budget**

*Motion: 25-26/113: I move that the Board of Education adopt the resolution in support of the proposed 2026-27 Ingham Intermediate School District General Fund budget, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion followed.

VII.B. **27L Letter of Agreement**

*Motion: 25-26/114: I move that the Board of Education approve the Letter of Agreement between the District and the East Lansing Education Association (ELEA), the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME - administrative assistants) and East Lansing Educational Support Personnel Association (ELESPPA - paraprofessionals).*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.C. **Equivalent Payment to 27L Recommendation**

*Motion 25-26/115: I move that the Board of Education approve equivalent payments of \$975 to 34 district employees who were not included in the 27L educator compensation grant funds Letter of Agreement, totaling \$44,000 from general funds.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion followed.

VII.D. **MacDonald Middle School Band and Orchestra Day Trip to Chicago, Illinois**

*Motion: 25-26/116: I move that the Board of Education approve the trip request for a May 2027-day trip to Chicago with MacDonald Middle School band and orchestra students, submitted by Mr. Larzelere, Mr. Rosin, Ms. Thornton, and Ms. Paiz.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion followed.

VII.E. **Approval of Contract for Ms. Kristin Sesti, East Lansing High School Dean of Student Success**

*Motion: 25-26/117: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract for Ms. Kristin Sesti, East Lansing High School Dean of Student Success, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII.F. **Approval of Contract for Lindsey Loniewski, Whitehills Elementary Principal**

*Motion: 25-26/118: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract for Lindsey Loniewski, Whitehills Elementary Principal, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII. **Committee Reports**

VIII.A. Academic and Technology Committee

Met on May 5:

- Discussion on technology use

VIII.B. Facilities Committee

- No report

VIII.C. Finance Committee

Met today and discussed:

- 27L payments – will be coming on May 22
- Ingham ISD 2026-27 budget
- Update on progress of 2026-27 budget; final look the draw from the fund balance will not be quite as large as expected

VIII.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report

VIII.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

VIII.F. Policy Committee

- Next meeting is May 18 at 1:00 PM in Boardroom

VIII.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

Met on May 6

- Discussed the 2026–27 budget, which received Board support tonight

IX. **Announcements**

IX.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is June 8, 2026.

X. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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President

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Secretary