

East Lansing Public Schools Regular Meeting April 27, 2026, 7:00 PM	Board Room 6160 Towar Ave East Lansing, Michigan 48823
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I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Lyons at 7:00 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

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

Trustee Torrez arrived at 7:24 pm

Student Representatives: Dijagah: Present, Meghea: Present

Superintendent Leyko: Absent

Assistant Superintendent Dobson: Present

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

The mission statement was read by Trustee Edsall.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

*Motion: 25-26/105: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for April 27, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I.E. Approval of Minutes

*Motion: 25-26/106: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of April 13, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

II. **Recognition**

Click [here](#) for Recognition

III. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representatives Dijagah and Meghea reported:

- Girls' tennis team won the past 3 tournaments; undefeated in the conference; the team is currently #4 in the state
- Varsity Softball: recently beat Williamston
- Girls' water polo: competed at the Chelsea tournament and have senior night tomorrow
- Student elections: Ani Meghea (Maia's sister) will be one of the liaisons next year; new student body president is starting their role on Friday at the pep assembly
- AP exams: study sessions were held this past weekend
- State testing took place this past week for freshman, sophomore, and juniors
- Jazz band: played for an adjudicator; didn't receive scores but played for feedback; bands did very well
- Orchestra: 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert; playing a combined piece from the Caribbean and the F1 movie
- Band: will hold last concert of the year this Thursday
- Seniors: participating in senior activities; this Friday is decision day when they wear gear from where they will be attending
- Prom and Post-Prom: May 16
- Seniors last day is May 22 and graduation is June 4th

IV. **Superintendent's Report**

Click [here](#) for the Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Dobson provided the Superintendent's report

Discussion followed: are high school students able to get a physical during the school day?

**V. Consent Agenda**

*Motion: 25-26/107: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following item:*

V.A. New Hire

V.A.1. Hiring of Hannah Van Dyne - 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor at MacDonald Middle School at BA Step 3 effective May 11, 2026. She will be placed on the appropriate Master's Step and compensated retroactively upon receipt of official transcripts verifying her degree following graduation in May 2026.

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

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

Aye: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**VI. Public Comment**

This is an 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.

- Sarah Willson - Special Education
- Kathleen Brady - Special Education
- Heather (Fin) Findley - 3rd Annual Mental Health Wellness Summit

**VII. Board Discussion**

Trustee Tykocki - use of academic technology at MMS: Maria Leon assigned a debate on whether technology is beneficial or harmful to the brain; engaged students in discussion and scientific studies on the cognitive effects of low-quality content; she built in a brief, separate structured minute of silence for each class period; used that time to reset and reflect; it is not just the content but the approach which is helping students think critically and weigh scientific evidence and build healthy habits. This mirrors conversations that have occurred about the use of technology in school. Empowers students to engage with it themselves. This is reflected in the thoughtful work that's happening across our district. Hope that

families, teachers, administrators and the Board continue to support students in using these tools responsibly and in ways that enhance their learning.

Trustee Martin – a sixth grade parent and has received a lot of communication on this topic; was forwarded the email Ms. Leon shared with the families of her students; appreciated the communication about how she attended on using technology for the remainder of the school year; reminder that as we go through this process of evaluating the way we use technology in our buildings we cannot think of it as students misusing technology because we set the structure and put the guard rails in place; parents are concerned with platforms like YouTube and Google which are not educational companies; will have continued discussion about this in the coming weeks.

## VIII. **Action Items**

### VIII.A. **Designation of Depositories**

*Motion 25-26/108: I move that the Board of Education approve the following financial institution in which District funds may be deposited:*

- *5th/3rd Bank*
- *Argent Institutional Trust Company*
- *Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF)*

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

### VIII.B. **Policy 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development**

*Motion: 25-26/109: I move that the Board of Education approve the updates to Policy 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development, as presented.*

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion followed: Trustee Edsall gave background: this has been in Policy Committee for a while; a request from a community member to remove a

book from the media center; used processes for curriculum at that point to evaluate the book; decided there needed to be something in policy that was more centered on media center materials and not just curricular materials; Glenn Mitcham, Kathy Kowalski and Klaudia Burton and the Policy Committee reviewed and then sent to Thrun for advisement on the policy

**VIII.C. Schools of Choice Slots Recommendation for 2026-27**

*Motion: 26-27/110: I move that the Board of Education approve the following number of Schools of Choice (SOC) openings for the 2026-27 school year:*

<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>33</i>
<i>1st grade</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>2nd grade</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>3rd grade</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>4th grade</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>5th grade</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>6th grade</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>7th grade</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>8th grade</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9th grade</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>10th grade</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>11th grade</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>12th grade</i>	<i>1</i>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>185</b>

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

**IX. Committee Reports**

**IX.A. Academic and Technology Committee**

- Next meeting is May 5 at 2:00 PM, meeting moved to the Boardroom

**IX.B. Facilities Committee**

- No report

**IX.C. Finance Committee**

- Next meeting is May 11 at 1:00, meeting in the Boardroom

IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report

IX.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

IX.F. Policy Committee

- No report
- Next meeting is May 18 at 1:00 PM, meeting in the Boardroom

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- Next meeting is May 6 at Thornburg Education center in Mason

X. **Announcements**

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is May 11, 2026.

X.B. Remember to vote on May 5 – Ingham ISD Special Education Bond Proposal

XI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by President Lyons at 7:40 PM.

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President

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Secretary