

East Lansing Public Schools Regular Meeting June 8, 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 7:01 pm.

**I.B. Roll Call - Attendance Taken at 7:02 PM.**

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

Superintendent Leyko: Present

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

The mission statement was read by Trustee Torrez.

**I.D. Approval of Agenda**

*Motion: 25-26/119: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda of June 8, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.*

*This motion, made by Torrez and seconded by Edsall, Passed.*

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

*Aye: 7, Nay: 0*

**I.E. Approval of Minutes**

*Motion: 25-26/120: I move that the Board of Education approve the minutes of May 11, 2026, regular meeting, 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*

**II. Recognition**

- II.A. Recognition of Retirees
  - II.A.1. Tim Akers, ELHS teacher
  - II.A.2. Kathy Kain, Robert L. Green teacher
  - II.A.3. Stephanie Krumbach, Red Cedar teacher
  - II.A.4. Bonnie McGraw, ELHS registrar
  - II.A.5. Molly Williams, Whitehills principal
  - II.A.6. Tara Williams, Donley paraprofessional
  - II.A.7. Belinda Hodge, MacDonald Middle School lunch monitor
  - II.A.8. Shannon Johnston, Donley library paraprofessional
  - II.A.9. Christina Heard, ELHS/MMS paraprofessional

II.B. Click [here](#) for additional Recognition.

### III. **Superintendent's Report**

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

Discussion followed:

Trustee Martin – What will be done with the sunken courtyard space?

Trustee Chambers – Asked is there a general number of how the pay if/how much you can process has worked so far.

### IV. **Consent Agenda**

*Motion: 25-26/121: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following items:*

IV.A. MHSAA Resolution 2026-27

IV.B. New Hires

IV.B.1. Hiring of Kambell Fosness-Bartee - 1.0 FTE English Teacher at East Lansing High School at BA Step 3 effective August 20, 2026.

IV.B.2. Hiring of Olivia Kaminski - 1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Teacher at Robert L Green Elementary at BA Step 4 effective August 20, 2026.

IV.B.3. Hiring of Corey Shepard as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification — 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher at Glencairn Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 20, 2026.

IV.B.4. Hiring of Kaylee McMillan as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher at Red Cedar Elementary at BA Step 3 effective August 20, 2026.

IV.B.5. Hiring of Jasmine Palmer as a conditional hire pending obtainment of certification - 1.0 FTE Special Education Resource Room Teacher – ASD Focus at MacDonald Middle School at BA Step 3 effective August 20, 2026.

*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*

V. **Presentation**

- V.A. Safety, Security and Student Support Director proposal, Jason Russell, SEC  
The presentation was moved to a later point in the agenda to accommodate Mr. Russell, who was attending the Haslett Board of Education meeting earlier in the evening.

Superintendent Leyko provided background information regarding Section 31aa funds. She explained that there are significant stipulations attached to accepting these funds and how they may be used. For the 2025-26 school year, East Lansing Public Schools received an allocation of approximately \$1.36 million. Currently, these funds support several initiatives and positions, including the high school and middle school safety team, the mental health coordinator, district nurse, RAVE emergency notification system, and the district's cybersecurity alert system. The elimination of the Director of Health and Safety position created gaps in responsibilities and leadership related to district safety and compliance work. The district has been in discussions with the superintendent of Haslett Public Schools regarding a shared position to address these needs. The proposed arrangement would involve a shared employee between the districts under a three-year contract through SEC.

Jason Russell spoke on how the position came to be and how it would operate for East Lansing Public Schools.

Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.

**Trustee Martin: Do you have cooperative agreements with other districts?** *No this is a unique setup. Under the proposed structure, the shared employee would generally work three days per week in East Lansing and two days per week in Haslett. However, the schedule would remain flexible based on district needs and emergencies, such as a swatting incident or other urgent safety matter requiring immediate attention.*

**Trustee Edsall commented that East Lansing and Haslett are very different districts and noted that the first challenge will likely be finding**

**someone who is a good fit for both hiring teams. Trustee Edsall also asked whether the strategic plans would be individualized for each district.** *Mr. Russell responded that the districts will be looking for a candidate with a very specific skill set who can effectively work within both communities. The individual will need to understand the students, culture, and unique needs of each district and be someone who takes the time to research and learn those differences. He further stated that they are sensitive to the concern and recognize that, while both districts are in similar places regarding overall safety and security work, each district currently has different needs that will require individualized attention and planning.*

**Trustee Tykocki asked what would happen if a swatting incident were to occur in both districts at the same time.** *Mr. Russell responded that, in that situation, the districts would call upon other directors in the area for assistance, and SEC would also provide support as needed.*

Superintendent Leyko stated that the district is required to update its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) by October 2026. As part of that process, the district will be transitioning to the Standard Response Protocol, which is now a required framework and will involve extensive staff training. She explained that staff will participate in training and practice exercises to ensure the protocol is implemented and used consistently throughout the district. The goal is to create a common language that aligns with emergency responders when they arrive on scene. As an example, Superintendent Leyko noted that the district will no longer use the term “Shelter in Place” under the new protocol.

**Trustee Tykocki asked about the implementation process and whether building administrators would be engaged in the work.** *Superintendent Leyko responded that building administrators will provide support, but they will not be directly involved in leading the process. The topic is scheduled to be discussed at the Ad Council meeting the following day, and she indicated she does not anticipate pushback regarding the implementation.*

**Trustee Chambers expressed hope that the position would continue beyond the initial agreement term and stated that a great deal of important work should be accomplished within the three-year period.**

**Trustee Edsall asked whether the director would work with the district nurse and assist with medical emergency-related matters.** *Mr. Russell responded that the position would work closely in those areas, as well as support other district safety and operational projects. One example discussed was reviewing traffic and parking flow at the elementary schools and identifying ways to improve efficiency and safety.*

**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.

There was no public comment.

**VII. Board Discussion**

There was no board discussion.

**VIII. Action Items**

**VIII.A. World Language Department trip to Puerto Rico in June 2027**

*Motion: 25-26/122: I move that the Board of Education approve the trip request submitted by Ms. Sanchez for travel to Puerto Rico from June 22–28, 2027.*

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

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

*Aye: 7, Nay: 0*

**VIII.B. East Lansing High School Volleyball Camp in North Carolina**

*Motion: 25-26/123: I move that the Board approve the high school volleyball team's participation in an out-of-state volleyball camp in North Carolina from July 21–23, 2026 as submitted by Ms. Heather Stanley.*

*This motion, made by Chambers 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.C. East Lansing High School Boys Basketball Camp in Sandusky, Ohio**

*Motion: 25-26/124: I move that the Board approve the high school boys' basketball team's participation in an out-of-state basketball camp in Sandusky, Ohio, from June 26-27, 2026, as submitted by Mr. Ray Mitchell.*

*This motion, made by Chambers and seconded by Edsall, Passed.*

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

**VIII.D. Certification of form L-4029 (2026 Tax Rate Request)**

*Motion: 25-26/125: I move that the Board of Education approve the 2026 millage rates to be levied on July 1, 2026, as calculated in accordance with the Michigan Department of the Treasury's Form L-4029, as presented.*

*This motion, made by Edsall and seconded by Chambers, Passed.*

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

**VIII.E. 2025-26 Final Budget Revision**

**VIII.E.1. General Fund**

*Motion: 25-26/126: I move that the Board of Education adopt the 2025-26 Final Budget Revision resolution for the General Fund, as presented on pages 5-6 of the Budget Book.*

*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

**VIII.E.2. Food Service Fund**

*Motion: 25-26/127: I move that the Board of Education adopt the 2025-26 Final Budget Revision resolution for the Food Service Fund, as presented on page 7 of the Budget Book.*

*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.E.3. Student/School Activity Fund**

*Motion: 25-26/128: I move that the Board of Education adopt the 2025-26 Final Budget Revision resolution for the Student/School Activity Fund, as presented on page 8 of the Budget Book.*

*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*

**IX. Committee Reports**

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

- Trustee Chambers shared her appreciation to Dr. Dobson for his guidance and leadership on the committee.

**IX.B. Facilities Committee**

- No report – will schedule a meeting soon.

**IX.C. Finance Committee**

- Staffing updates – elimination of Y5 and addition of GSRP class
- L-4029
- Before and After Care agreement with City of East Lansing – will be an action item at 6/22 meeting
- 2025-26 Final Budget revision
- 2026-27 Original Budget
- Next meeting is August 3 at 1:00 pm.

**IX.D. Intergovernmental Relations**

- No report

**IX.E. Personnel Committee**

- Met on June 3 and discussed:
  - Superintendent evaluation and contract
    - Not necessary to do an evaluation this year – biannual evaluation schedule
  - Safety and Security Director and Student Advocate positions

IX.F. Policy Committee

- Met on May 18 and discussed:
  - MMS Instructional Tech issues
  - New MDE guidelines on AI
  - Land grant acknowledgments – principals will have an application to complete
    - Plagues
    - Signs

IX.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- No report

X. Announcements

X.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is June 22, 2026.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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President

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Secretary