

I. **Opening of Meeting**

I.A. Call to Order

President Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 7:01 PM. Chambers: Present, Edsall: Present, Faris-Hylen: Present, Lyons: Present, Martin: Present, Torrez: Present, Tykocki: Present, Student Representative Dijagah: Absent; Student Representative Meghea; Present; Superintendent Leyko: Present.

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

Trustee Chambers read the mission statement.

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 25-26/099: I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda for the April 13, 2026, regular meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen and seconded by Torrez, 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: 25-26/100: I move that the Board of Education approve the March 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented.

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

II. **Presentation**

II.A. Superintendent Jason Mellema - 2026 Ingham ISD Special Education Millage proposal

[Bond Proposal 2026 – May 5, 2026](#)

Trustee Faris-Hylen - Are all students from Heartwood and Beekman going to Beekman? Beekman will be a complete rebuild and Heartwood will have heavy renovations.

Trustee Edsall - How will the rebuild at Heartwood affect students? We are looking at different scenarios. We need to be mindful of the challenges for the students that will have some significant medical challenges.

III. **Recognition**

Click [here](#) for the Recognition.

Superintendent Leyko acknowledged and recognized K.C. Keyton, Assistant Director for Student Volunteers programs at MSU Center for Student Engaged Learning and Dan DiMaggio – East Lansing Public Schools was the recipient of a fundraiser to fill school libraries with books on topics of social justice and with characters representing diverse backgrounds. They completed their book drive and raised over \$2,500 in donations, and several new books were donated and purchased for the initiative. They are ordering the books from a local bookstore, Hooked Bookstore in Lansing. Working with Ms. Burton, Director of Equity and Social Justice, to identify some areas of need with the diverse books.

IV. **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Meghea reported:

- Tennis team competed against Lox Norris and East Lansing took first place in doubles and runner up in singles.
- Softball team had wins against Haslett and Williamston.
- Track, soccer, and lacrosse are both off to a great start to their seasons.
- Applications for National Honors Society are available.
- Mental Health Summit will take place at the high school on April 29.
- State testing has begun – juniors will take the SAT and freshman and sophomores will begin PSAT.

- Boys' basketball made it to the state finals; KJ Tolbert was named Mr. Basketball.

V. Superintendent's Report

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

[Measles Brochure](#)

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion: 25-26/101: I move that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following item:

VI.A. New Hire

Hiring of John Tuttle - 1.0 FTE district-wide school nurse at BA Step 16.5, effective April 27, 2026.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VII. 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 Concerns
- Forest Tate - Special Education
- Kathleen Brady - ASD Whitehills

VIII. Board Discussion

Trustee Martin addressed the public comment – he appreciates that they are standing up for their child; he has no position on what happened in this situation and needs to read the documentation they presented; evident lack of trust is and how bridges have been burned and concerns him as a school board member. He

doesn't have a specific position but is grateful that they are here and thank you for sticking up for their kids.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells School Dining for FY 2026-27

Motion: 25-26/102: I move that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to sign the attached Food Services Management Company Contract Renewal – Rate Agreement Form to renew with Chartwells School Dining for the FY 2026-27 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) as presented.

This motion, made by Faris-Hylen 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.B. Schools of Choice 2026-27 Resolution

Motion: 25-26/103: I move that the Board of Education adopt the Schools of Choice Resolution 2026-27, as presented.

This motion, made by Tykocki 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.C. ELHS Addition Technology and Multimedia

Motion: 25-26/104: I move that the Board of Education approve the contract with Sound Planning Communications in the amount of \$123,360.36 and the contract with the DataCom Group in the amount of \$57,665.

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

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

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

X. Committee Reports

X.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Technology Updates: ELHS new addition technology wiring
- Curriculum Updates: New PE course where students learn officiating – RefReps to provide the training
- Student representatives - Maeson and Kayla have been amazing this year; enjoyed hearing their perspective on items that impact students

X.B. Facilities Committee

- Toured the high school new addition
- Winter actions and recap
 - Spent a lot of winter getting ready for move
 - Administration building moved and open for business
 - Tech department is now located in the former Central Office and open for business as well
- Athletic Updates
 - Winter sports success includes boys' basketball and gymnastics
 - Spring sports have begun
 - Hosting girls Lacrosse state semi-finals on Wednesday, June 3

X.C. Finance Committee

- Second semester class-size overages
- Section 27l agreement with unions
- Schools of Choice recommendation for 2026-27 spots
- 2026-27 budget prep
- Information on designation of depositories – in Items of Information

X.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report

X.E. Personnel Committee

- No report

X.F. Policy Committee

- Modification to Media Center policy – in Items of Information
- District Renaming policy – will draft an application or form to be completed for consideration for commemoration/individual items
- Land Acknowledgment update – Ms. Burton and Mr. Neal connected with Nokomis contact to speak with ELPS social justice team and talk with students on possibly hosting a professional development series
- Readdressing Media Communications policy

X.G. Ingham School Officers Association (ISOA)

- No report

XI. **Announcements**

XI.A. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education is April 27, 2026.

XII. **Adjournment**

President Lyons adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

President

Secretary