

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
DURAND AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, June 8, 2026**

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

A. At 7:03 p.m. Darrick Huff, President, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Members Present –Darrick Huff, Katie Rice, Mandy Marsh, Xak Zdunic, Nick Taylor, Jake Zdunic and John Dennis

Members Absent: None

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Moved by member Dennis and supported by member Rice that the Board of Education approves the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** (0). Motion Adopted.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Moved by member Taylor and supported by member Dennis that the Board of Education hereby approves the Consent Agenda, which includes the minutes, financial reports, and personnel as presented.

Discussions on whether the varsity football assistant coach could be a volunteer position.

B. Moved by member J. Zdunic and supported by member Dennis that the hiring of the Varsity Assistant Football Coach would be tabled for now.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** (0). Abstain (0) Motion Adopted.

Consent Agenda as presented includes A) Regular Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2026, B) Financial Report; C) New Personnel –Robby Kimsel (Transportation), Dave Inman (JV Boys Basketball and Josh Blackburn (Middle School Football Coach) Resignations - Dave Inman (8th Grade Boys Basketball)

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** (0). Abstain (0) Motion Adopted.

V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Knapp gave updates on the following:

- 27L (2) 2025 Educators Compensation Program and how and when it would be paid out to employees
- Budget discussion for the school year 2026-2027
- Projected scenarios including retirement incentives, loss of students, right sizing, pay freeze and cost of insurance

VI. VOTES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. DEF Donations

Moved by member Taylor and supported by member X. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolves to approve the following purchased and funded or partially funded items by the Durand Educational Foundation to be donated to Durand Area Schools, as presented.

- Dr. Dish Shooting for High School boys and girls basketball programs
- Xtool F2 Engraver for K-5 Stem education
- Touch Pros, Wall Screen package for Durand High School which includes a 65" wall screen, installation, content management systems, 10yr cloud support, some data entry and a five-year warranty. Also included will be basic electrical and a custom Railroader wall wrap
- Two Bambu P2S 3d Printers for the High Schools Personal Finance and Geometry classes

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

B. MHSAA Participation Resolution

Moved by member Marsh and supported by member X. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the membership resolution for Durand Area Schools to participate as a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the year August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

C. July Organizational Meeting

Moved by member Marsh and supported by member Rice that the Board of Education hereby resolved to set the July Organizational Meeting to be on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

D. State Finals Boys Golf Team

Moved by member Rice and supported by member Taylor that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the Boys Golf Team to travel to Battle Creek for an overnight stay June 4-5, 2026, for State Finals, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

E. Disposal of obsolete or failed technology equipment

Moved by member Rice and supported by member J. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve disposal of obsolete or failed equipment, as presented.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

F. Voluntary Severance Plan (VSP)

Moved by member Dennis and supported by member Taylor that the Board of Education hereby resolved to approve the Voluntary Severance Plan (VSP) that would allow interested teachers to apply during the open window from June 9, 2026, to the deadline for submission of 12:00 Noon on July 24, 2026. The plan will be paid if at least one (1) teacher voluntarily participates in the plan with a maximum of eight (8) teachers. The payout will be twenty-five (25%) of the teacher's base salary for the 25-26 school year and will be paid over one year, with half the payment paid in August 2026 and the other half paid in September 2026.

Roll Call Vote: AYES: All (7) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following participants address the board about the 2026-2027 Budget Discussion

- Patricia Tyler
- Karma Chandler
- Cassandra Maynard
- Deborah Schaefer
- Deborah Tester

IX. REPORTS AND REVIEWS

Superintendent Knapp discussed a table at the Shiawassee County Fair to promote SOC

X. BOARD COMMUNICATION

Great job on graduation and board member J. Zdunic stated that he does not want to lose teachers or benefits and wants to look at all options

XI. FUTURE MEETING

- A. Budget Meeting – June 29, 2026 –6:30PM Railroader Athletic Center (RAC)
- B. Committee of the Whole - June 29, 2026 – 7PM Railroader Athletic Center (RAC)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm.

John Dennis
Secretary of the Board of Education
Prepared by saw.
Board Approved: