Ionia County Intermediate School District
2191 Harwood Road
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Board of Education

Organizational/Regular Board Meeting
July 9, 2026 – 4:00 pm
Looking Glass Conference Room

1) Call to Order

Superintendent Ebenstein called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Present:
- Linda Hoxie-Green
- Randy Masterson
- Brian Talbot
- Kerry Possehn

Absent:
- Amber Rood

Others present: Ethan Ebenstein, Marvin Van Nortwick, Natalie Fuller, Ted Paton, Kelly Piercefield, John Milewski, Shelley Devers, Tracy Dickinson

4) Board Organizational Proceedings

1. Election of Officers

A. Moved by K. Possehn and supported by B. Talbot to maintain the current Board Officers in their respective positions for the upcoming term.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

2-16. Board Organizational Proceedings

2) Meeting Date, Time, and Place

(*Meetings will be held at 4:00 pm in the ISD Administrative Office Building on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of the April Regular Board Meeting which will be held at 4:00pm on Thursday, April 17, 2027 due to Spring Break).*

A) Service of notice for special meetings - *(by email at least 12 hours before such meeting is to take place and followed up with a phone call)*;

B) Designation of Person(s) Responsible for Posting Notices of Meetings - *(Secretary to the Board of Education with assistance from the Superintendent);*

3) Depository of Funds - *(Mercantile Bank and the Independent Bank of Ionia)*;
4) Investment Resolution;
5) Check Signing Authorization - *(Treasurer, Superintendent, Director of Fiscal Services and/or President to sign District checks)*;
6) Contracts, Agreements, and Purchase Orders Signing Authorization - *(Superintendent or his Designee);*
7) Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO) - *(Director of Fiscal Services)*;
8) Administrators assigned to fill specified responsibilities of the Treasurer and Secretary - (*Director of Fiscal Services and Executive Assistant)*;
9) Truth-in-Budgeting Hearing *(to be held on Thursday, June 10, 2027);*
10) Setting of Per Diem and Mileage - *($30.00 per meeting and IRS rate per mile)*;
11) Committee Appointments - *(The Board discussed the appointment of committees and it was resolved that committees shall be established on an ad hoc basis and appointed by the Board as specific needs arise);*
12) Retainer Fees to Clark Hill PLC & Thrun Law Firm;
13) Resolution Establishing Auditor - *(Continue using Yeo & Yeo, CPA as Auditor for the annual audit of the previous school year)*;
14) Resolution Establishing Posting of Legal Advertisements - *(Designating The Daily News [Greenville/Belding] as the primary source of Legal Advertisements for 2026-2027 and The Ionia Sentinel Standard and The Lakewood News may be utilized when necessary);*
15) Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority for 2026-2027 - (A*uthorizing the Board President to sign the School Plan Review and Inspection Authority Bureau of Construction Codes Form)*.
16) Appointment - *(Natalie Fuller to Assistant Superintendent of Special Education from Associate Superintendent of Special Education)*.

Moved by L. Hoxie- Green and supported by R. Masterson to approve all Board Organizational Proceedings (#2 - 16) as presented above.

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

5) Approval of Agenda & 8) Consent Agenda

Moved by B. Talbot and supported by R. Masterson to approve the Meeting Agenda and the Consent Agenda* concurrently.
The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

A. Approval of the June 11, 2026 Truth-in-Budgeting & Regular Meeting Minutes;
B. Approval of Vouchers in the amount of $2,721,050.78;
C. Approval of the Personnel Updates which included the hiring of: Kaylee Sheridan *(School Psychologist)*, Jackson Karowski & Melinda Wolf *(School Social Workers)*, Caroline Barthel *(Speech & Language Pathologist)* and Katherine Olson *(Visual Impairment Specialist).*

A Roll Call vote was taken and the motions passed unanimously

6) Additions or Changes to the Agenda

- The approval of the Consent Agenda took place at the same time as the Approval of the Agenda.

7) Appointment of Officers

- Kerry Possehn was appointed to serve as Board Secretary in Amber Rood's absence.

8) Visitors/Public Comment

- None

9) Consent Agenda

*Action on this item took place during Item 5) Approval of Agenda.

10) Administrative Reports

A. Superintendent
Mr. Ebenstein added/highlighted the following item(s):
   - State Budget

B. Fiscal Services
Mr. Van Nortwick added/highlighted the following item(s):
   - As presented

C. Special Education
Mrs. Fuller did not have a written report but wanted to mention that the Department was in the process of filling vacancies.

D. General Education
Mrs. Piercefield did not have a written report but mentioned that the GSRP program has been busy with placing students, licensing, and moving classrooms.

E. Technology
Mr. Milewski did not have a written report but noted that PowerSchool has gone live and there will be additional training available in August for the local schools.

F. Ionia County Career Center
Mr. Paton did not have a written report but said the work-based learning program for the diesel students has been going well as has the FFA program.

11) Action Items

- None

12) Discussion Topics

- None

13) Communications

- Updates regarding The House program on Main Street.

14) Comments by Board Members

- None

15) Items for Future Meetings

- None

16) Adjourn

The Board President, L. Hoxie-Green, adjourned the meeting at 4:14 pm.

Motion passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

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Amber Rood, Board Secretary