

**MINUTES – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
DURAND AREA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Monday, June 29, 2026**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

A. At 7:01 p.m. Darrick Huff, President, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Katie Rice

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A. Moved by member Marsh and supported by member X. Zdunic that the Board of Education approves the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES:** All (6) **NAYS:** (0). Motion Adopted.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Roll Call Vote: AYES:** All (6) **NAYS:** (0). Abstain (0) Motion Adopted.

Consent Agenda as presented includes A) Regular Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2026, B) Resignations - Christopher Lantis (Middle School Teacher), Kasey Barker (Robert Kerr Teacher), Ryleigh Hayes (Bertha Neal Teacher), Melissa Majorana (High School Teacher), Samantha Lach (Bertha Neal/Robert Kerr Teacher) and Hanna McCartney (Middle School Softball Coach)

**V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**Board President Darrick Huff discussed:**

- Upcoming board vacancies and filing deadline in July
- Proposed BOE meeting schedule for 2026-2027 moving the August meeting to August 3rd due to fair week

**Superintendent Knapp discussed:**

- Motor bikes reported driving on track
- Property transfer case was granted by Administrative Law Judge and now must go to State Superintendent for approval

## **VI. VOTES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. 2025-2026 Budget Amendment**

Moved by member Marsh and supported by member X. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolves to approve the 2025-2026 budget amendment, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES:** All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

### **B. 2026-2027 Budget Adoption**

Moved by member Marsh and supported by member J. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolves to adopt the 2026-2027 budget as presented.

B. Operational Millage Levy of 18 mills on non-homestead property and 6.0 mills on commercial personal property

C. School Debt Levy of 7.94 mills on all property

**Roll Call Vote: AYES:** All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

### **C. State Aid Note**

Moved by member X. Zdunic and supported by member Taylor that the Board of Education hereby approves the resolution to borrow through the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority in the amount not to exceed two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000), as presented by Thrun Law Firm.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES:** All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

### **D. Board Member Meeting Compensation**

Moved by member Dennis and supported by member J. Zdunic that the Board of Education hereby resolves to eliminate all financial compensation, per-meeting stipends, for board members serving on the Board of Education. This change will take effect in the 2025-2026 school year and shall apply to all current and future meetings of the Board. Be it further resolved, that any existing board policies, bylaws, or administrative guidelines conflicting with this resolution are hereby amended or rescinded to reflect the elimination of meeting payments.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES:** All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

### **E. Preliminary Qualification of Bonds**

Moved by member Taylor and supported by member Marsh that the Board of Education hereby approves the Department of Treasury preliminary qualification application for the November 3, 2026 bond election.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES:** All (6) **NAYS:** None (0). Motion adopted

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

## **VIII. REPORTS AND REVIEWS**

## **IX. BOARD COMMUNICATION**

Discussion on staff/community members/board members to form two committees

- Revenue Committee
- Expense Committee

**X. FUTURE MEETING**

- A. Regular Meeting - July 13, 2026 - 7PM - Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- B. Regular Meeting - August 3, 2026 – 7PM Performing Arts Center (PAC)

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm.

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