

May 11, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, May 11, 2026 5:30 PM Eastern

Elk Rapids High School Library  
308 Meguzee Point Dr  
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Jennifer Brown: Present  
Jeff Hill: Present  
Tara Kribs: Present  
Steven Merchant: Present  
Scott Moore: Present  
Sherry Steffen: Present  
Shana Wojtowicz: Present  
Present: 7.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **Board of Education:**

President Jennifer Brown	Trustee Shana Wojtowicz
Vice-President Tara Kribs	Trustee Jeff Hill
Secretary Sherry Steffen	Trustee Steven Merchant
Treasurer Scott Moore	

#### **Central Staff:**

Superintendent Bryan McKenna  
Executive Assistant Kortni Huron

### **II. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

To approve the agenda with no changes or additions. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea,  
Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### **III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION - LAKELAND ELEMENTARY**

- PASS Program - Katie Veith, Carissa Davis & Students

Katie Veith and Carissa Davis were present. Students were not in attendance.

### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

Time limitations: Fifteen minutes per item, three minutes per speaker per item. Any citizen attending the meeting in person who wishes to address the school board on agenda items only may speak at this time. Person addressing the board are asked to register their name, address, and, if applicable, their affiliation. The Board President should recognize the citizen before speaking.

None.

## **V. CONSENT AGENDA**

The purpose of the consent agenda is to expedite business by grouping routine items together to be dealt with by one board motion without discussion beyond asking questions for simple clarification. Any board member may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed and placed elsewhere on the agenda for discussion or due to conflicts. Such requests will be granted. If an item is not removed from the consent agenda, the action noted on the agenda is approved by motions to adopt the consent agenda.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- April 13, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- April 30, 2026 - Public Hearing Minutes

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- General Fund - \$923,711.79
- Bond - \$557,036.62

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **130-26 APPROVAL OF KATIE VEITH AS A PRINCIPAL**

**RESOLVED:** That Katie Veith be approved as Lakeland Elementary Principal as of May 11, 2026.

#### **131-26 APPROVAL OF LYNNE FISCHER AS 2% GRANT MATH TUTOR**

**RESOLVED:** That Lynne Fischer be approved as 2% Grant Math Tutor for Cherryland Middle School and Elk Rapids High School. Ms. Fischer will be assigned to 10 hours/week.

### **DONATIONS**

None.

To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

## **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Northwest Education Services: Inter-District Cooperative Open Enrollment Agreement 2026-29
- Parent Survey
- Summer School Plan
- CMS Forgiven Days
- K-12 Literacy/Dyslexia Law
- Board Policy Update - First Reading
  - 0100 - Definitions
  - 1410 - Staff Ethics
  - 2370.01 - Online/Blended Learning Program
  - 2417 - Comprehensive School Health Education

- 2418 - Sex Education
- 3120.09 - Volunteers
- 4120.09 - Volunteers
- 4210 - Staff Ethics
- 5136 - Wireless Communications Devices (WCDs)
- 5336 - Care of Students with Diabetes
- 6320 - Purchasing
- 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds
- 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- 8120.09 - Volunteers
- 8402 - Emergency Operations Plan
- 8655 - Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs

## VII. ACTION ITEMS

### VII.A. 132-26 APPROVAL OF 2026 GRADUATES

#### ERHS:

Hallie Anderson	Brooke Fluty	Audrey Nicholson
Nathan Barton	Ashlynn Fobes	Karlee Nicholson
Annabelle Begley	Jackson Garrow	Giona Oppermann
Hunter Boilore	Douglas Goethel	Analee Pascal Juan
Sierra Boilore	Ronan Greene	Alleyna Paulosky
Kody Bratschi	Taylor Haspas	Jaydin Peck
Evelyn Bruso	Julianna Hawkins	Owen Perez
Ashlen Burch	Lucas Hibbard	Myah Pescatello
Sophia Burch	Jayden Hresko	Edison Pike
Eastin Butte	Ezra Hubbard	Manyan Pitawanakwat
Zachary Cadwell	Kami Joy Jarvis	Landon Porteous
Mason Cannon	Claire Johns	Anna Pray
Conner Carlisle	Arthur Johnson	Kylee Redman
Sydney Childress	Johnathan Johnson	Cohen Reinhardt
Gavin Chile	Landon Johnstone	Owen Render
Kaytrin Clark	Cameron Kerfoot	Xander Rich
Landon Crawford	Zachary Knoll	Lotte Schleicher
Qwynn Darnell	David Krause	Brynne Schulte
Cole Davids	Natalie Kurtz	Rhielynn Skrocki
Jackson Davis	Ellee Lavelly	Caleb Smus
Kayla Davis	Maia Liggett	Laci Springborn
Jonah DenHerder	Emily Markey	Trudy Stibbs
Maurice Dennis III	Elliott Mast	Heidi Straight

Carter Denoyer	Sophia McDonald	Joelle Swanson
Jennelle De Santiago	William McInnis	Lillian Taylor
Hannah Doctor	Jacob McManus	Savaha Willard
Evangeline Dolack	Easton Merchant	Alexander Williams
Opal Dunnill	Jayson Miller	Nora Wnek
Gillian Evina	Athon Minidis	Kathryn Wonacott
Braden Fluty	Cora Moore	Makai Wyatt

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.B. 133-26 APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 ISD GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET**

**RESOLVED:** That the 2026-2027 ISD General Fund Operating Budget be approved as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.C. 134-26 APPROVAL OF BUS PURCHASE**

**RESOLVED:** That the 2027 Model Year New Gen IC School Bus purchase be approved as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.D. 135-26 APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS OF CHOICE: GRADE LEVEL SUMMARIES AND OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Schools of Choice: Grade Level Summaries and Open Enrollment be approved as presented. To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.E. 136-26 APPROVAL OF CMS PAINT RFP BID**

**RESOLVED:** That the Paint Bid for Cherryland Middle School be awarded to Vork Brothers Painting, as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.F. 137-26 APPROVAL OF ERHS/LL WINDOW RFP BID**

**RESOLVED:** That the Window Bid for Elk Rapids High School and Lakeland Elementary be awarded to Traverse City Glass, as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.G. 138-26 APPROVAL OF NORTHWEST EDUCATION SERVICES INTER-DISTRICT COOPERATIVE OPEN ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT 2026-29**

**RESOLVED:** "I move that the Board of Education for Elk Rapids Schools take action to participate in the Northwest Education Services Inter-District Cooperative Open Enrollment Agreement 2026-29, a copy of which the Board has reviewed, and authorize the District's Superintendent to sign the Agreement."

To approve the resolution as presented, with the RESOLVED read by Scott Moore. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.H. 139-26 APPROVAL OF FACILITIES PLANNING**

**RESOLVED:** That the Facilities Planning, as stated in Board Policy 7100, be approved, as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.I. 140-26 APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**RESOLVED:** That the 1-year contract extension of Superintendent Bryan McKenna's contract be approved as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**VII.J. 141-26 APPROVAL OF 2026 SUMMER SCHOOL PAY AND CALENDAR**

**RESOLVED:** That the 2026 Summer School Pay and Calendar be approved as presented.

To approve the resolution as presented. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### **VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

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None.

### **IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO AND FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- Rob Bachi

### **X. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- End-of-Year Updates
- Bond/Capital Projects Update
- End-of-Year Updates -
  - Athletics, band, choir, elementary spring concerts, field trips, graduation, and many other events are underway and being planned for this spring.
  - Staff Appreciation Week was last week - a huge thank you goes out to all.
- Bond/Capital Projects Update
  - Some bond projects were sent back out to bid and are coming in under budget; this includes the tennis courts from the original bond proposal.
  - The high school is currently having its boiler replaced.
  - Lakeland's boiler replacement will wait until it warms up a bit.

### **XI. MONTHLY BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Presented by Beverly Mobley

### **XII. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- K-12 Curriculum Council
- Facilities/Finance Committee
- K-12 Curriculum Council - At their last meeting, the Professional Development schedule was set for next year.
- Facilities/Finance Committee - This committee spends most of its time between the bond and the capital projects tracks.

### **XIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION CELEBRATING SUCCESSES**

### **XIV. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES/FUTURE MEETINGS**

- May 25, 2026 - No School, Memorial Day
- May 27, 2026 - Senior Awards Night
- May 31, 2026 - Graduation
- June 5, 2026 - Last 1/2 Day of School
- June 8, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

To adjourn at 6:50 p.m. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.  
Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Steven Merchant: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea,  
Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0