



# SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Special Board Meeting		DATE: June 9, 2026		TIME: 6:00 p.m.	LOCATION: John W. English Administrative Center		
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talisha Belk, President	<input type="checkbox"/> Leslie L. Smith-Thomas, Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Ware- DeVaul, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Denson, Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Amani Johnson, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jillian Holloway, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenae' Anderson, Trustee	
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Green, Ed.D. Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Caldwell- Carruthers, Associate Superintendent of Instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> James Jackson, Chief of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> DeVaughn Stephens, Chief of Talent Mtg	<input type="checkbox"/> Marc Ingram, Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Paula Lightsey, Executive Director of Academic Advisement & SEL	<input type="checkbox"/> Angel Smith, Director of Intense Student Support Network	<input type="checkbox"/> Joseph Corace, Chief Operations Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> April Rogers, Executive Director of State and Federal Programs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minutes: Carolyn Foster, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education			Student Board Representatives: <input type="checkbox"/> Paris Whitman, SA&T <input type="checkbox"/> Chidi Nnaji, UK12		

## 1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Board President Belk at 6:02 p.m. Board President Belk read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. Trustee Smith-Thomas and Trustee Johnson were unavailable for this meeting.

## 2. Hearings

### a. Tenure Determination Hearing

- Secretary Ware-DeVaul introduced a motion to go into closed session under the Michigan Compiled Law, Open Meetings Act, Section 15.268, Section 8 (e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body and it was supported by Trustee Anderson.

President Belk asked Secretary Ware-DeVaul to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Anderson, Trustee Ware-DeVaul, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Denson, Trustee Belk

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

- Secretary Ware-DeVaul introduced a motion to approve Resolution #2026-PH, regarding the recommendation for the termination of a tenured teacher following the Tenure Determination Hearing under the Tenured Teacher's Act and it was supported by Treasurer Denson.

President Belk asked Secretary Ware-DeVaul to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Ware-DeVaul, Trustee Denson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Belk

Nays: Nil

Absent: Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Johnson

Motion carried.

- Closed Session started at 6:04 p.m.

