



East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting
April 12, 2021 - 7:00 PM
Zoom meeting

Agenda



I. Opening of Meeting

- A. *Call to Order*
- B. *Roll Call*
- C. *Mission: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Empowering Citizens*

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion: The Board of Education approve the agenda of the April 12, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: The Board of Education approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

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II. Recognition

III. Student Representative Report

IV. Superintendent's Report

V. Bond Update

VI. Public Comment: This is the opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

VII. Board Discussion

VIII. Action Items

A. Correction of Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment bid awards for Marble

Motion: The Board of Education correct the award of the following bids related to the furniture, fixtures and equipment bid package for Marble:

Category 01 – Classroom and Miscellaneous Furnishings

Dew-El: from \$57,480.80 to \$49,358.80

Great Lakes: from \$67,004 to \$75,126

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Academic and Technology Committee
- B. Facilities Committee
- C. Finance Committee
- D. Intergovernmental Relations
- E. Personnel Committee
- F. Policy Committee

- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dori Leyko
Superintendent*

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the
East Lansing Board of Education
Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 881 8151 0180
March 22, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting

Board President Terah Chambers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Kath Edsall, Chris Martin, Kate Powers, Monica Fink, Elizabeth Lyons, Debbie Walton and Dori Leyko

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion 20-21/100 Moved by Dr. Edsall supported by Dr. Lyons that the agenda for the March 22, 2021 regular meeting via Zoom pursuant to the Open Meetings Act be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Chambers, Edsall, Martin, Powers, Fink, Lyons, Walton

Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 20-21/101 Moved by Ms. Walton and supported by Dr. Edsall that the minutes of the March 8, 2021 regular meeting and March 19, 2021 special meeting be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Chambers, Edsall, Martin, Powers, Fink, Lyons, Walton

Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

- A handful of our students participated in the MSU FCU Art Show this year. Congratulations to Katherine Hawthorne for Honorable Mention! You can now view the show on www.msufcuart.com!
- Boys' and girls' basketball begin districts this week. Good luck to our EL athletes.
- East Lansing elementary students are showcasing their artwork in the windows of downtown businesses. Check out their work while walking downtown and enjoying the nice weather.

Superintendent's Report

All ELPS Schools Offering Five Days of In-Person Instruction

Beginning today, MacDonald Middle School and East Lansing High School began offering Monday in-person instruction, which brings all levels in the district to five days a week of in-person instruction.

Per last week's 2nd round registration link, families have indicated that approximately 420 preK – grade 12 students plan to return to in-person the week of April 19. We are working with the data to identify classroom impacts and options for classes where the 3-ft. distancing would not be possible.

Last week, the CDC updated its operational strategy to say:

- In elementary schools, CDC recommends all students remain at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal — regardless of whether community transmission is low, moderate, substantial, or high.
- In middle and high schools, CDC also recommends students should be at least 3 feet apart in classrooms where mask use is universal and in communities where transmission is low, moderate, or substantial.
- Middle school students and high school students should be at least 6 feet apart in communities where transmission is high, if cohorting is not possible. [Cohorting](#) is when groups of students are kept together with the same peers and staff throughout the school day to reduce the risk for spread throughout the school. This recommendation is because COVID-19 transmission dynamics are different in older students – that is, they are more likely to be exposed to SARS-CoV-2 and spread it than younger children.

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0319-new-evidence-classroom-physical-distance.html#:~:text=CDC%20has%20updated%20its%20operational,moderate%2C%20substantial%2C%20or%20high.>

New MDHHS Pandemic Order – Friday, March 19, 2021

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a new Pandemic Order Friday. The order includes a revised [Gatherings and Facemask order](#) effective March 22 – April 19 and a requirement for youth athletes ages 13 – 19 to be tested consistent with the testing protocol specified in the [MDHHS Interim Guidance for Athletics](#) that takes effect April 2. We'll be establishing a process for testing our student-athletes at both the high school and middle school in the next week or so and will communicate that to families as soon as possible.

MI Safe Schools Testing Program & MSU's COVID-19 Early Detection Program

COVID-19 Rapid Antigen testing is up and running.

Week 1 staff – approximately 100 individuals tested

Week 2 staff – approximately 100 individuals tested

Week 1 students – approximately 40 students tested – will increase with new Pandemic Order requirements and end-of-year event requirements (that are in development and will be communicated by the high school before Spring Break)

Discussion followed.

Bond Update

Solar Project

- In process of evaluating configurations, locations, and specifics for buildings. More details to come.

Marble

- Classroom finishes continue.
- Servery wall tile is being installed.
- Exterior metal panels are being installed.
- Site work is to begin later next month.
- Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE) recommendations are on tonight's agenda for action.

Pictures of Marble can be found at <https://elps.us/our-district/bond-updates/>.

Discussion followed.

Public Comment

- Nichole Biber, 1037 Blanchette – Concerted effort for outdoor teaching
- Kim Henderson, 1626 Colorado Dr – Dates needed for Prom
- David Lowry, 1182 Bryant Dr – How many staff that are in-person have been vaccinated?

Ms. Leyko responded that due to privacy issues we do not have a list of those vaccinated. However, approximately 90% of the staff have received the vaccination.

Board Discussion

None

Action Items

Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment for Marble

Motion: 20-21/102 Moved by Dr. Edsall and supported by Ms. Fink that the Board of Education award the following bids related to the furniture, fixtures and equipment bid package for Marble in the amount of \$404,918.75 as follows:

- **Category 01 – Classroom and Miscellaneous Furnishings total \$263,961.30**
 - Custer: \$110,014
 - DBI: \$7,279.31
 - Dew-El: \$57,480.80
 - Great Lakes: \$67,004
 - Interstate: \$2,705
 - Lakeshore: \$3,850.35
 - Hollan Desk & Chair: \$15,627.84

- **Category 02 – Classroom Tables total \$22,734**
Custer: \$15,712
Great Lakes: \$2,200
Dew-El: \$4,822
- **Category 03 – Office Seating total \$23,323.36**
Custer: \$18,837
DBI: \$4,486.36
- **Category 04 – Media Center Furnishings total \$36,118**
Dew-El: \$36,118
- **Category 05 – Office/Systems Furnishings total \$58,782.09**
DBI: \$27,012.09
Interstate: \$31,770

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Chambers, Edsall, Martin, Powers, Fink, Lyons, Walton

Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

Arts Are Education Resolution

Motion: 20-21/103 Moved by Mr. Martin and supported by Ms. Walton that the Board of Education adopt the Arts Are Education resolution as presented.

Discussion followed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Chambers, Edsall, Martin, Powers, Fink, Lyons, Walton

Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

Committees

Academic and Technology:

- Next meeting – March 29 at 1:00 p.m.

Facilities:

- Next meeting – March 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Finance:

- Met on March 18
- Discussed ESSER 2 equalization funds
- Preliminary budget fund assumptions

Intergovernmental: No report

Personnel:

- Next meeting – March 25 at 4:30 p.m.

Policy:

- Met on March 17
- Discussed Policy Service – Thrun Law Firm – how it will happen
- Holding on some School Board policies until we use the new Policy manual
- Discussed Board Retreat – looking for legal guidance; holding it in-person possibly outside
- Pinecrest school renaming after Robert and Lettie Green
- Next meeting on April 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Announcements

- Ms. Powers asked if there was any more guidance on returning to in-person school board meetings. Working with Christian Palasty and looking at options on how to do it with proper spacing. It will go through Academic and Technology committee since Christian Palasty is a part of the committee. Most likely it will be board members will meet in-person while the public will attend via Zoom.
- Dr. Chambers wanted to clarify her comment on March 19 special meeting. She knows adding the additional instruction has caused the administrative team and teachers to continue to pivot. She is very appreciative of how everyone has handled this change even though it is not something they are happy doing.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY



East Lansing
Public Schools

MEMORANDUM

TO: ELPS Board of Education

FROM: Rich Pugh, Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Action Item – Correction of Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment bid awards for Marble

DATE: March 23, 2021

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education correct the award of the following bids related to the furniture, fixtures and equipment bid package for Marble:

- **Category 01 – Classroom and Miscellaneous Furnishings**
Dew-EI: from \$57,480.80 to \$49,358.80
Great Lakes: from \$67,004 to \$75,126

Background:

Item CH12 Stacking stools for \$8,122 was original coded to Dew-EI but should have been coded to Great Lakes.

From the 3-22-21 BOE packet:

Bids for Marble furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) were due on February 16, 2021. The above recommendations are under the total FF&E budget for Marble. Board action is anticipated on March 22, 2021. Attached is a bid tabulation for all of the items in the five FF&E categories. In cases that the lowest bid was not recommended the reason for that is in the far right column of the spreadsheet. Often, it's a matter of consistency with the furniture that was ordered for the first five elementary buildings.