



East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting
April 11, 2022 - 7:00 PM
Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823



Agenda

I. Opening of Meeting

A. *Call to Order*

B. *Roll Call*

C. *Mission: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*

D. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: The Board of Education approves the agenda for April 11, 2022, regular meeting, as presented.

E. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: The Board of Education approves the minutes of the March 14, 2022, regular meeting, as presented.

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II. Recognition

III. Student Representative Report

IV. Superintendent's Report

V. Public Hearing

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A. *Opening of Public Hearing*

Replacement of the Fifth Grade HIV and AIDS Lesson and Video and Replacement of the 7/8 Grade HIV and AIDS Video.

B. *Comments from Sara Smith, ELPS Director of Sexual Education and District Nurse*

C. *Public Comment*

Replacement of the Fifth Grade HIV and AIDS Lesson and Video and Replacement of 7/8 Grade HIV and AIDS Video.

D. Close of Public Hearing

VI. Consent Agenda

VII. 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.

VIII. Board Discussion

IX. Closed Session Motion: *The Board of Education meet in closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act related to collective bargaining agreement.*

X. Action Items

A. Masking Policy and Resolution

Motion: The Board of Education rescind the Resolution for Face Mask Mandate approved February 28, 2022 and make face masks optional for staff and students inside ELPS buildings and on district transportation effective Friday, April 15, 2022.

XI. Committee Reports

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

XII. Announcements

XIII. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

***Dori Leyko
Superintendent***

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022, 7:00 PM Eastern

Board Room
509 Burcham Drive
East Lansing, Michigan 48823

I. Opening of Meeting

I.A. Call to Order

Board President Kate Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I.B. Roll Call

Dr. Terah Chambers: Present
Dr. Kath Edsall: Present
Ms. Monica Fink: Present
Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Present
Mr. Chris Martin: Present
Ms. Kate Powers: Present
Ms. Debbie Walton: Present

Student Representatives:

Elisabeth Beer Present – arrived at 7:03 pm
Anne McIlhagga Absent
Ms. Dori Leyko Present

Present: 9. Absent: 1

I.C. Mission: *Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students, Building World Citizens*

I.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion 21-22/095: The Board of Education approves the agenda of the March 14, 2022, regular meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Terah Chambers, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye,
Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

I.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion 21-22/096: The Board of Education approves the minutes of February 28, 2022, regular meeting, as presented.

This motion, made by Dr. Elizabeth Lyons and seconded by Ms. Debbie Walton, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

II. Recognition

- The high school production of Cinderella is running through Sunday, March 20. The show is fantastic. Congratulations to students and staff on their hard work and accomplishments.
- The East Lansing Archery team participated in the State Tournament this past weekend. They had great success and both the entire middle school and high school teams qualified for the Nationals Tournament in May, in Louisville, KY. To qualify as an entire team is an accomplishment for our archers and club. The middle school team shot a qualifying score in both Bullseye and 3D tournaments and the high school team qualified in the Bullseye tournament. This is the first year the club has a complete roster and can compete as a high school team. In NASP archery, there must be at least 12 archers, at least four of one gender. The high school team has 21 archers competing.
- The ELHS Model UN club attended the Mid-American Model United Nations in Kalamazoo, March 2 – 5. ELHS turned in another outstanding performance. They took 2nd Honors overall among the schools.
 - Junior Edith Pendell -1st place representing China
 - Sophomore Amelia Pauly - 2nd place representing Indonesia
 - Junior Jack McGuire -2nd place representing Argentina
 - Junior Sydney Zaagman -1st place representing Pakistan
 - Junior Alden Delgado -2nd place representing Argentina
 - Senior Hugh Hankenson -2nd place representing China
 - Junior Adan Quan -1st place representing Ukraine
 - Junior Evie Wittrock -1st place representing Ukraine
 - Junior Maisie Minnick -1st place representing Ukraine
 - Freshman Reena Natla -1st place representing Ukraine

Nearly 300 students from 20+ schools from Ohio and Michigan attended. The club is under the direction of social studies teacher Mark Pontoni with assistance from teacher Julie Berridge. The East Lansing Education Foundation assisted in funding this year's activities, for which the club is very grateful.

- Good luck to the girls and boys basketball teams as they continue in the playoffs.

III. Student Representative Report

- Model UN – clarified that Ukraine was a delegation.
- Girls and boys basketball teams playing this week in playoffs.
- Swim team participated in states on March 11 and 12.

- Band participated in festival
- Orchestra will be having a concert with Mark Wood, a rock and roll violinist.
- Model UN conference coming soon.
- BSU will be having a potluck with Haslett and Waverly.
- Students are excited about spring break.
- Yearbook is complete.

IV. Superintendent's Report

COVID Reporting Updates

As of today (3/14/22), ELPS is reporting the following COVID data for school-related cases:

School	Active cases (students and/or staff)	Number of individuals currently in quarantine as a result of school-related cases*	Cumulative cases for 2021-22
Donley Elementary	0	0	49
Glencairn Elementary	0	0	76
Marble Elementary	0	0	50
Red Cedar Elementary	0	0	28
Robert L. Green Elementary	0	0	49
Whitehills Elementary	0	0	40
MacDonald MS	2	0	101
East Lansing HS	0	0	153

Last Late-Start Wednesday this Week & Tomorrow (3/15) is a Half Day of School

Tuesday, March 15 is a half day of school for students due to conferences, and Wednesday, March 16 is our fourth and final late-start Wednesday for teacher professional learning. School starts two hours later than usual.

Kindergarten Enrollment Going on Now

We are currently enrollment resident kindergarten students for fall 2022. Please begin the registration process using our online registration link: <https://elps.us/our-district/prospective-families/online-enrollment/>

Updated MDHHS COVID Isolation, Quarantine and Reporting Guidance

MDHHS released updated guidance for K-12 schools regarding isolation, quarantine and reporting requirements. The state reporting requirement has also been rescinded.

In order to monitor and evaluate our cases leading up to and following Spring Break, we will continue to contact trace and post our data on our website at least through Friday, April 8.

Discussion followed.

V. 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.

- Mike Feldpausch - Discussion during meetings.
- Ashley Ahlin, 1773 Walnut Heights - Board transparency.

VI. Board Discussion

VI.A. March 28, 2022 Board Meeting

- Board discussed options for the March 28, 2022, regular meeting.
 - The law requires school boards to meet at least once a month.
 - Hold a meeting on March 21, 2022.
 - Hold a meeting during the first week of April.
 - Don't reschedule the March 28 meeting and take up items at the April 11 meeting.
 - Board decided to cancel the meeting and take up items at the April 11 meeting. If there is anything that needs to be acted on before April 11 a special meeting can be called.

Additional items brought to Board Discussion:

- Dr. Edsall clarified that all board members do read their emails. A reminder they represent everyone, not just those who come to meetings or send an email.
- Ms. Walton followed up on a public comment from Dr. Ahlin regarding adding and removing courses.
 - Discussion took place regarding the Board's role in this process.
 - Dr. Chambers: it isn't possible to incorporate all the old policies with the new manual. The new manual brings up what is legal. The committee will continue to look to see what changes need to be made to align with our processes.
 - Dr. Edsall: In regards to our American History curriculum, the same curriculum and the same differentiation is available to all students if we remove pre-AP history. The goal of the pre-AP classes was to encourage greater participation by Black and Brown students. Unfortunately, we didn't get this result. During my time on the board, we only ever voted on an entire curriculum or completely separate class but not how a curriculum was delivered to our students. Having set goals for the superintendent and her team around equity, I trust their decision on how best to deliver the curriculum in an equitable manner.
 - Ms. Walton: not concerned about the change but the dramatic change in the policy. She is looking to bring this up for future Board Discussions so Board members can have time to prepare. The concern comes from possibly the removal of other Pre-AP courses (English and math). There should be an opportunity for the Board to show support/objection to the change.
 - Ms. Powers: the cross-walking of old and new policies will take time. There is a learning curve anytime something new is established.
 - Ms. Leyko: Cabinet is going through each section and has notes to bring to the committee.

- Mr. Martin: to clarify still offering the same course and same curriculum.
- Ms. Fink: the issue isn't with the policy but with the lack of transparency. Could this information be sent via email, eblast, etc.?

VII. Action Items

VII.A. Adoption of New Policies

Motion 21-22/097: The Board of Education adopts the following new policies, as presented.

- Policy 2401.01 - New Member Orientation
- Policy 2406.01 - Board Member Development Opportunities
- Policy 3304.01 - Facility Naming
- Policy 5707.01 – Recess
- Policy 5710 - Student Suicide Prevention - revised

This motion, made by Dr. Kath Edsall and seconded by Dr. Terah Chambers, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

Discussion followed.

VII.B. Award Electrical Bid Category for Sinking Fund projects

Motion 21-22/098: The Board of Education awards the electrical bid category related to the athletic field and tennis courts Sinking Fund project to Centennial Electric, LLC in the amount of \$169,900.

This motion, made by Mr. Chris Martin and seconded by Ms. Debbie Walton, Passed.

Dr. Terah Chambers: Aye, Dr. Kath Edsall: Aye, Ms. Monica Fink: Aye, Dr. Elizabeth Lyons: Aye, Mr. Chris Martin: Aye, Ms. Kate Powers: Aye, Ms. Debbie Walton: Aye

Aye: 7, Nay: 0

VIII. Committee Reports

VIII.A. Academic and Technology Committee

- Next meeting March 21, 2022, at 9:00 am.

VIII.B. Facilities Committee

- Next meeting March 21, 2022, at 11:00 am.
- Discussing projects coming up this summer – Bond and Sinking fund

VIII.C. Finance Committee

- Next meeting March 24, 2022, at 3:00 pm.

VIII.D. Intergovernmental Relations

- No report.

VIII.E. Personnel Committee

- No report.

VIII.F. Policy Committee

- March 16 meeting has been canceled. Will meet again in April.

IX. Announcements

- Have a great Spring Break everyone!

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

President

Secretary

Date: April 11,2022

To: East Lansing Public Schools Board of Education


From: Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB)

Re: Recommendation for Approval of Replacement of the Fifth Grade HIV and AIDS Lesson and Video and Replacement of the 7/8th Grade HIV and AIDS Video.

Replacement of 5th Grade HIV/AIDS Lesson and Video:

Michigan Model has updated the HIV/AIDS lessons for use in 5th grade.

The current video for HIV/AIDS education for 5th grade is “AIDS: Facts for Kids”. This video is outdated. The SEAB, along with guidance from the 5th grade teaching staff, have determined that given the high quality of the replacement lesson and video, student learning would be enhanced by using this updated material/media at the 5th grade level.

- MI Model Learning Objectives for HIV/AIDS: 5th Grade
 - Students will define HIV and AIDS
 - Identify how HIV is and is not transmitted
 - Identify ways people can protect themselves from infection from HIV and other blood-borne infections
 - Explain that it is safe to be a friend of someone who is living with HIV or AIDS
- “HIV and Me: Marissa’s Story” (Redefine Positive Media) Running Time: 9 minutes, 30 seconds
This video “HIV and Me: Marissa’s Story,” is designed to educate 5th grade elementary school students about HIV and AIDS. The video tells the story of a 9-year old girl whose mother is HIV positive. All videos in the Redefine Positive series contain accurate medical and scientific information about transmission and prevention, address the emotional and social aspects of HIV and AIDS, and attempt to decrease the devastating stigma and discrimination still associated with the disease.
-  HIV and ME: Marissa's Story (Redefine Positive, 5th Grade)
- This curriculum meets state and national standards for HIV and other STI/s prevention education.


Replacement of 7/8th Grade HIV/AIDS Video:

Michigan Model has updated the HIV/AIDS video for use in the 7/8th grade HIV approved curriculum, *Michigan Model for Health Growing Up and Staying Healthy: Understanding HIV and Other STIs*.

The current video for HIV/AIDS education for 7/8th grade is “Understanding HIV and AIDS”. This video is also outdated and the SEAB feels that the updated video would greatly enhance student learning at the 7/8th grade level.

- “Understanding HIV/AIDS: Learn the Facts, Fight the Stigma, Stay Safe” (Redefine Positive Media) Running Time: 22 minutes, 47 seconds

This educational video is designed to teach 7/8th graders about HIV/AIDS. In this video, facts about HIV are presented by an engaging host, students will learn from two HIV + individuals who share their personal stories, and finally, students will learn about how to make good decisions to help them stay safe.

-  Understanding HIV/AIDS: Learn the Facts, Fight the Stigma, Stay Safe (Redefine Positiv...

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