



# East Lansing Board of Education

6160 Towar Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

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Items of Information  
April 27, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Board Room  
**Agenda**

- I. Future Action
  - A. **27L Letter of Agreement**
  - B. **Equivalent Payment to 27L Recommendation**
  - C. Ingham Intermediate School District's 2026-27 Proposed General Fund Budget
  - D. MacDonald Middle School Band and Orchestra Trip to Chicago, Illinois
- II. Committees
  - A. Mental Health Advisory Committee
    - 1. Agenda - April 13, 2026 2

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA  
(April 13, 2026) and (5:30pm-7:00pm)  
(HUB at East Lansing High School)

**1. Opening of Meeting**

- a.** Role Call: The meeting was called to order by (Chair) Heather Findley at. [MHAC Committee Sign In Form](#).

Present:

Absent:

- b. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the [agenda](#) was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

- c. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the [minutes](#) was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Discussion Items**

**Old Business**

**Discussion Item 1:** Review the Mental Health Summit volunteer assignments for the following time slots: 3:00–4:00 p.m., 4:00–6:00 p.m., and 6:00–8:00 p.m.

**Discussion Item 2:** MHAC volunteer assignments for the Mental Health Summit across the designated time slots (3:00–4:00 p.m., 4:00–6:00 p.m., and 6:00–8:00 p.m.), including an opportunity for additional members to indicate interest in volunteering.

**New Business**

**Discussion Item 2:** Review the [Mental Health and Wellness Program](#) for any grammar or spelling errors of names

**Breakouts**

**Policy/Procedure Subcommittee**

**Discussion Item 3:**

- Review of [Parent mySAEBRS Letter](#)
  - When should they be disseminated
  - Should they go out per family?
  - Should they go out per building?

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**Summit Subcommittee**

● **Action Item 2 Mental Health and Wellness Summit Preparations:**

- [Flow:](#)
  - Review Assigned Role
  - Fin and Erin to clarify/explain as needed
- [Gift bags](#)
  - Assemble and Add Summit Logo Labels
- [Signage](#)
  - Stands, Table Settings, Name Tags: Volunteers, MHAC, Presenters
- Fold Party
  - Fold Trifold Programs
- T-Shirts
  - Separate by Size and Group (Vendor, MHAC, Volunteer)
- Thank you Cards
  - Six Presenters, Six Organizations with Activities, 34 Vendors
- [Final Review of the Event here](#)

**Return Subcommittees Together**

**Action Item 3:**

Move to propose scheduling a final MHAC meeting either Monday, May 11th or Monday, May 18th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with the final date to be determined based on member availability.

The purpose would be discussing participation for the 2026–2027 school year, including member interest and roles, the overall structure of MHAC, and recommendations for improvements, changes, and continuities; and to review and reflect on feedback gathered from vendor and attendee surveys from the Mental Health and Wellness Summit in order to identify opportunities for improvement for future planning and implementation.

**3. Announcements**

- The Mental Health and Wellness Summit is on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**

**4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Minutes - March 16, 2026

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Minutes of the Mental Health Advisory Committee  
(March 16, 2026) and (5:30pm-7:00pm)  
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## Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by (Chair) Heather Findley at 5:36 pm.

## Roll Call

Present: Heather Findley, Erin Parcell, Hannah Vore (journalism student MSU), Stephanie Durbin, Jen Scholes, Dalia Fermaglich, Lori Koza, Chris Plunkett, Maya Epple (observing student)

Absent: Autumn S. (resigned), Amy Zaagman, Jason W. (resigned), Brandon L.

## Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Stephanie Durbin and seconded by Jen Scholes.

## Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Erin Parcel and seconded by Jen Scholes.

## Meeting Topics/Discussion Items

### Old Business

- **Action Item 1:** Review, Approve & Sign Thank You Note the Following Summit Thank You Templates
  - Motion Passed
  
- **Action Item 2:** [Final Sign Up for Volunteering](#) at Summit 4.29.26 -
  - Heather Findley deferred the Floor to Erin Parcell to talk about the need for Volunteers. Surprised not as many students are volunteering. We need more adult volunteers, and we want to look to other student organizations for additional student volunteers, as NHS appears to be exhausted. If approved, [the Sign Up](#) will be sent to additional organizations.
  - Motion Passed
  
- **Action Item 3:** Add, Confirm, and Approve Your Name to the [Summit Program](#)
  - Committee members added, confirmed, and approved their names to the [Summit Program](#)
  - Motion Passed

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### **New Business**

- **Action Item 4:** Vote on Last Meeting before April 29, 2026
  - Option 1: Monday, Apr 6, 2026 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
  - Option 2: Monday, Apr 13, 2026 : 5:30 pm-7:00 pm
  - Motion Passed for Apr 13, 2026
- **Action Item:** Review Day of Summit Roles
  - Members to review the plan for the event, role for the event
  - Lori is looking into a photographer
  - Fin is checking into a hashtag for the event
- At approximately 6 PM, the committee divided into two breakout groups to discuss topics related to the Mental Health and Wellness Summit and committee planning. - came back together at 6:54 pm

### **Agenda Items for Committee Discussion**

#### **Activities / Summit Subcommittee**

- How should the raffle and giveaways be organized for the Summit?
- Participant and Feedback Surveys were drafted by MHAC member Chris P.
  - Action Item: MHAC members voted on the content of the surveys
    - Motion Passed
- Action Item:
  - Content of gift baskets were drafted by MHAC member Chris P by wellness
  - Action Item: MHAC members voted on the content of the surveys
    - Motion Passed

#### **Procedure / Policy / Strategic Plan**

- Review the Parent mySAEBRS Letter.
- Discuss any suggestions, edits, or revisions for consideration.
  - Stephanie reported the letter was reviewed, revised, and forwarded to Fin

#### **Announcements**

- At the meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, committee members will assemble the gift baskets for the gift bags at the Mental Health and Wellness Summit.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

- B. Sex Education Advisory Board
  - 1. Agenda - April 16, 2026

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**ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Board Meeting Room – East Lansing High School**  
**April 16, 2026, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

- 1) **Call to Order.**
- 2) **Membership Roll Call.**
- 2) **Approval/Modifications to the Previous Meeting Minutes**
- 3) **Approval/Additions to the Agenda**
- 4) **Public Comment:**
- 5) **Guest Speaker: N/A**
- 6) **Presentations/Committee Reports**
  - a. Sex Ed Director Report:
  - b. Data and Evaluation Committee Report (Heather Marlow/Andrea Kelley/Jonathan Gold/Megan Maas)
  - c. Community Education Committee Report (Karessa Wheeler/Bridget Burns)
  - d. Curriculum Committee Report (Danny Hearit, Asmau Ayub, Chad O'Neil, Melissa Fore)
- 7) **Unfinished Business**
  - a. SEAB Action on Nomination of SEAB Co-Chairs
- 8) **New Business**
  - a. Celebration of 2025-26 School Year Accomplishments
  - b. Appreciation and recognition of student and retiring SEAB members
- 9) **Announcements**
  - a. Community Event: April 30th, 6:30pm at MMS - PopPorn - How to Talk to Your Kids About Pornography
- 11) **Adjournment**

2. Minutes - March 12, 2026

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**ELPS Sex Education Advisory Board Meeting  
Board Meeting Room – East Lansing High School  
March 12, 2026, 6:30 -8:00 PM**

**1) Call to Order by SEAB Co-Chair Danny Hearit at 6:36**

**2) Membership Roll Call.**

- 1) SEAB Present: Heather Marlow; Andrea Kelly; Rev. Chad O’Neil; Danny Hearit; Bridget Burns-King, FNP; Lola Fore-Ogunfolabi; Melissa Fore; Asmau Ayuba, LCP;

(Not Present: Dr.Jonathan Gold, DO, Karessa Wheeler, Dr. Megan Maas)

- 2) Staff Present: Mark Dobson, Assistant Superintendent and Anne Scott, Sex Education Supervisor

**2) Approval/Modifications to the Previous Meeting Minutes**

- a. Noted the date for March meeting needed to be corrected from March 19th to March 12th,  
b. Motioned to adopt February SEAB meeting minutes with noted correction by Chad O’Neil;  
Seconded Heather

**3) Approval/Additions to the Agenda**

- a. Motion to approve agenda by Andrea Kelly; Seconded by Heather Marlow.

**4) Public Comment:**

- a. Danny Hearit shared that they were interviewed by a MSU Student about the new curriculum for 7th and 8th grade students.

**5) Guest Speaker: N/A**

**6) Presentations/Committee Reports**

- a. Sex Ed Director Report:
- i. 7th and 8th Grade Curriculum:
    1. Updated Michigan Model for Health HIV and STI unit approved at the March 9th Board of Education meeting. The Academic and Tech Committee also reviewed the recommended curriculum at an earlier meeting also on March 9th (prior to the Board Approval).
    2. The newly approved curriculum will occur in 8th Grade, and an Optional Consent Workshop will be organized for 7th Graders.
    3. Supplemental Lessons: Optional 6th-grade refresher on reproductive anatomy; Also retained *Lesson 8 Someday, Not Now* from the older Growing Up and Staying Healthy curriculum, which included content on condom use for HIV, STI and pregnancy prevention.
  - ii. The District Sex Education Handbook will be revised and updated again to include the middle school approved curriculum updates.

- iii. 5th Grade Parent Review Night was held on February 23rd at Green Elementary: Largest turnout so far with 19 parents attending. Instruction is ongoing.
- iv. The 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9-12th parent notifications and opt-out processes start in early April for May instruction.
- v. Participating in the Eaton RESA is offering a webinar series for school districts to strengthen compliance with Sex Education and HIV Education law and regulations. The series begins in March and runs through June.
- vi. The Parent/Caregiver survey is prepared and currently working on release to collect responses.

b. Committee Reports:

- i. Data and Evaluation Committee Report (Heather Marlow/Andrea Kelley/Jonathan Gold/Megan Maas) - No new reports.
- ii. Community Education Committee Report (Karessa Wheeler/Bridget Burns)
  - 1. April 29th date has been set for the Community Presentation with Megan Maas (6:30pm -8:00pm). Title: Pop Porn! How to Talk to Your Kids about Pornography II
- iii. Curriculum Committee Report (Danny Hearit, Asmau Ayub, Chad O'Neil, Melissa Fore)
  - 1. The committee discussed parent feedback about separating classrooms by gender for sexual health instruction in 4th and 5th grade. Considered if it would be helpful in reducing the number of opt outs and increasing comfort of students and families over the current co-ed environment. Discussed potential concerns for gender non-conforming students who would have to choose a room. Anne will follow up with 4th and 5th grade classroom teachers for some insights and feedback for the committee.
  - 2. Working though some possible options for K-3 curriculum additions.

7) **Unfinished Business**

8) **New Business**

a. **SEAB Membership Term Review**

- i. Notice of non-renewing members
  - 1. Melissa Fore will be retiring from the SEAB after 12 years of service!
  - 2. Chad O'Neil is interested to serve in parent capacity, if another clergy member of the community can be identified.
- ii. Renewing Required positions:
  - 1. Clergy Position (exp. 5/2026) - capacity.
    - a. This position is a state requirement.

2. Three student positions (2026-2027 year)

**b. Nominations for 2026-2027 SEAB Chairs**

- i. ByLaws on SEAB members/Chairs:
  1. Co-Chairs are appointed by the BOE
  2. At least one co-chair must be a parent of an ELPS Student
  3. All SEAB members must be residents of East Lansing and/or be affiliated with ELPS in some way
- ii. Chad O'Neil is willing to be interested if needed. Anne will send a poll for interested SEAB members interested to serve.

**9) Announcements**

- a. Heather will not be present next month because it is her Birthday
- b. Next meeting will be April 16th at 6:30 at the HUB

**11) Adjournment** Heather Marlow motioned to adjourn; Asmau Ayub seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Dori Leyko  
Superintendent***