



East Lansing Board of Education

6160 Towar Ave, East Lansing, MI 48823

Items of Information
June 8, 2026 - 7:00 PM

Board Room
Agenda

- I. Future Action
 - A. B&A Agreement with City of East Lansing
- II. Committees
 - A. Academic and Technology Committee
 - 1. Minutes - May 5, 2026

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Minutes of the Academic & Technology Committee of the
East Lansing Board of Education
East Lansing High School - Hub
5/5/2026 at 2:00pm

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Terah Chambers at 2:03pm.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Estrella Torrez, Chris Martin, Mark Dobson, Christian Palasty (plus two members of the district technology team), Amy Martin

Absent: Kyla Caldwell (student rep), Mason Adams (student rep)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Estrella Torrez and seconded by Terah Chambers. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Estrella Torrez and seconded by Terah Chambers. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment – 3 minutes

Shannon Torres, mother of 9th grader and 6th grader. Following up on email sent to the Board: Chromebooks should be used as an instructional tool under teacher supervision. Children report using technology up to an hour in a day, which takes away from social emotional learning and other instructional topics. Children do not need more time in front of screens. Glad the committee is thinking about these issues, these are hard topics.

Molly Spuzner, who works at an IT company. Glad that district will be looking at Securely data. Do not allow these devices in their home. No studies that say it helps learning. Unlimited down side, no upside. Asking parents to supervise is not fair to them. Asks that more parents consider the change.org petition that has been circulating in the community.

Maggie Gambill: Three kids in the district: ELHS, MMS, and Marble. Examples of technology misuse are all witnessed by parents. Able to access things that are not supported by their family. No reason why kids should get a Chromebook to take home and it isn't fair for parents to have to manage; district seems to allow kids to have access to as much technology time as they want. Negatives far outweigh the positives.

Meeting Topics/Discussion Items

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- Thank you to district admin for handling of last week's swatting incident.
- District Technology use
 - Beginning with technology, Humberto Rojas (District Network Specialist) and Kathy Kowalski (District Media Specialist) – discussed recent efforts to continue conversations about technology access. Shared information about two filtering software: Palo Alto and Securely. Have also met with MMS and ELHS admin on several occasions to discuss their ongoing efforts and actions. Also discussed the balance between the tech aspect of this (and the controls available centrally) but it is controlled in the classroom as a curricular issue.
 - District Technology Director Palasty discussed two additions to the Securely platform already being used in the district to enhance the information we know about technology use and access: Securely Reveal will provide individual student usage rates. Also using Securely Home. An email to families will go out this week. Securely Home will provide parents an opportunity to see what kids are doing and have appropriate conversations. This is an add on product. They have turned off the “Collaboration” tool in Google. No sharing student to student at MMS. On the most recent professional development day, the district offered a session on Securely Classroom. Will offer another training for staff in the fall. Teachers are able to put additional controls on top of what the technology department uses as the baseline control.
 - Students have also been required to sign an Acceptable Use policy related to technology. This has been in place for years but was signed on paper. Now the signed form is on FinalForms. Starting next year, parents will also be required to sign the form.
 - Mr. Christian provided an overview of the Securely settings for the Committee.
 - Met with MMS admin to turn on additional controls. Also did the same with high school admin specific to the needs of that level.
 - Will be piloting Securely Classroom in 4th and 5th grade.
 - Also discussed the wide range of technology knowledge among our teachers. Some have training that was based on the use of technology as an instructional tool while others are not as savvy about technology and providing options to fit all instructional preferences will be important to support student learning across the curriculum.
 - In terms of broad instructional use: we (ELPS but in education more broadly) have come a long way with instructional use and differentiated instruction in terms of supporting advanced learners, multi-lingual learners, needing to re-teach for those who were absent or need another lesson. The desire is to provide teachers tools, not take them away. And making changes with appropriate time and support (and resources) is also important given the many competing expectations on teachers. This creates a challenge where we are not able to just “turn off” all technology; a balanced

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approach is needed. We are confident that many of the more problematic aspects of technology are not able to be accessed and we can continue to discuss the thoughtful use of technology in instruction as we move forward.

- As always, our two goals are to keep kids safe and also to keep kids learning and growing.
- Major instructional investments have been made in technology over the last few years: attendance, communication, etc are all grounded in technology use. Onus isn't on teachers alone; we need to work together.
 - Securely "paid" version costs \$1.00/student.
- Other Items
 - None

Announcements

- None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:24pm.

- B. Finance Committee
 - 1. Agenda - June 1, 2026

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

6160 Towar Avenue, East Lansing, MI 48823

Members: Kath Edsall (Chair), Estrella Torrez, and Abbie Tykocki

Agenda

June 1, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.

East Lansing Central Administration Building

1. Opening of Meeting
 - a. Call to order
 - b. Roll call.
 - c. Approval of agenda: June 1, 2026
 - d. Approval of minutes: May 11, 2026.
2. Public Comment
3. Items of Discussion
 - a. Staffing update
 - b. L-4029
 - c. Before and After Care (B&A) agreement with City of East Lansing
 - d. 2025-26 Final Budget revision
 - e. 2026-27 Original Budget
 - f. Other
4. Board Recommendations
 - a. L-4029 -action 06/08/2026
 - b. B&A agreement -action 06/08/2026
 - c. 2025-26 Final Budget Revision- action 06-08-2026
 - d. 2026-27 Original budget public hearing and approval- Action 06-22-2026
5. Adjournment

2. Minutes - May 11, 2026

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Minutes of the Finance Committee of the
East Lansing Board of Education
6160 Towar Ave., East Lansing, MI 48823
May 11, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.

Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Kath Edsall at 10:33 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Members- Kath Edsall, Estrella Torrez, and Abbie Tykocki
Non-members- Dori Leyko, Superintendent, and Lisa Allen, Director
of Finance

Absent: Members- None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for May 11, 2026, was made by Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Estrella Torrez. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2026, March 2, 2026, and April 13, 2026, meetings was made by Abbie Tykocki and seconded by Estrella Torrez. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – 3 minutes

None

Meeting Topics/Discussion Items

- The Committee was informed that the Section 27(L)(2) Educator Compensation Letter of Agreement (LOA), negotiated with the District's three bargaining units, will be presented to the Board for action at the May 11, 2026, meeting. A recommendation regarding equivalent compensation payments for district employees not covered by the LOA will also be presented to the Board for consideration and action.
- The Committee reviewed the Ingham Intermediate School District (IISD) proposed 2026–27 General Fund Budget and received copies of the IISD budget presentation materials. A recommendation regarding the proposed budget will be presented to the Board for action at the May 11, 2026, meeting.
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- A draft of the final budget assumptions and a summary of projected revenues and expenditures were shared with the Committee. Expenditure projections remain under review, and an updated report will be provided at the next Finance Committee meeting. Based on the current draft, the anticipated draw on fund balance is expected to be lower than reflected in the First Budget Revision. The improvement is primarily attributable to increased State revenue, partially offset by higher staffing-related expenditure projections.
- A high-level overview of projected 2026–27 revenues was provided based on information currently available from the Governor’s budget proposal and the House and Senate budget proposals.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

- C. Personnel Committee
 - 1. Agenda - June 3, 2026

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Personnel Committee Agenda

East Lansing Public Schools

Board Room

June 3, 2026

12:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Items for Discussion
 - i Staffing updates
 - ii Safety Manager proposal
 - iii Superintendent evaluation and contract
 - iv Other
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

- D. Policy Committee
 - 1. Agenda - May 18, 2026

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ELPS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Committee Agenda

May 18, 2026

1:00 PM

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1. Roll call
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the minutes – April 6, 2026
4. Public Comment
5. Agenda Items
 - MMS Instructional Tech issues
 - Land Grant Acknowledgment next steps
 - a. Plaques
 - b. Signs
6. Announcements
7. Adjourn

ELPS Board of Education
Policy Committee Minutes
May 18, 2026
1:00 PM

1. Roll Call: Present: Kath, Terah, Dori, Rulesha and Mark. Absent: Klaudia and Tali
2. Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Terah, seconded by Kath All Ayes
3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2026, meeting: Moved by Terah, seconded by Kath, all Ayes
4. Public comment: none
5. Agenda items
 - a. MMS instructional Tech Issues: There are new MDE guidelines on AI that Dori will be looking at soon. Lots of work being done with Acad and Tech. Not sure policy change is necessary but will have Christian come to next meeting to discuss further.
 - b. Land Grant Acknowledgement: Read reply from Mr. Neal that discussed Plaques at building and list of supports. Need further discussion of curricular changes. Tabled to August as Klaudia was out today.
 - c. Read the following from April minutes under renaming and turned back over to Dori to bring application to next meeting:
 - i. Principals want as much centralized as possible for consistency
 - ii. Anything permanent or fixed needs to go through a process.
 - iii. Suggestions include a form or application per building that people complete.
 - iv. Next step- Dori to draft application for anyone to complete covering all bases using the policy to drive this application. This draft will be brought back to Policy committee.
 - v. This form will hopefully cover all bases i.e. commemoration/individual building items.
 - vi. When it comes to renaming a facility or field, etc., this will be more of a board decision to be discussed.
6. Announcements: Next meeting is August 6th at 10:30
7. Adjourn at 1:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

***Dori Leyko
Superintendent***