



SAUGATUCK
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 19, 2025

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in the public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

PLACE OF MEETING: Douglas Elementary Upper El Commons
261 Randolph Street
Douglas, MI 49406

TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Frank Marro III, Mary Ihle, Nicole Lewis, Amanda Frank,
Eric Birkholz, Jay Woods, Lisa Greenwood

ABSENT:

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – there were NONE

4. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA – add a second item to Closed Session - Personnel

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Consent Items
- i. Minutes from April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - ii. Minutes from April 14, 2025 Closed Session
 - iii. Agenda for May 19, 2025 Agenda

It was moved by Frank Marro III with support from Amanda Frank to approve the consent items as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. New Course Offerings – Technology Teacher Nickie Baumann introduced Exploring Computer Science and AI and Introduction to Drones 1 and 2 for possible new courses for the 2025-2026 school year at the April 14, 2025 for Board consideration.

It was moved by Amada Frank with support from Eric Birkholz to approve the Exploring Computer Science and AI and Introduction to Drones 1 and 2 courses for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. Biennial Election of the Board of Ottawa Area Intermediate School District (the ISD) – the Board was given candidate information for the ISD Board of Education member election.

It was moved by Mary Ihle with support from Frank Marro III to nominate Amanda Price and Rick Dernberger and John Siemion as an alternate for the ISD Board of Education as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

- d. OAISD Budget Resolution – in accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, a local board of education must adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed ISD budget, and must submit to the ISD Board any specific objections and/or proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2025.

It was moved by Eric Birkholz with support from Lisa Greenwood to adopt the 2025-2026 OAISD General Fund Budget as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

- e. Marketing Update – Superintendent Neidlinger provided an update on King Media and district marketing initiatives and asked for Board approval of a contract with King Media in the not to exceed amount of \$38,000.00.

It was moved by Mary Ihle with support from Frank Marro III to approve the contract with King Media in the not to exceed amount of \$38,000.00 as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

- f. Construction Update – Superintendent Neidlinger presented a construction update and asked the Board to approve the construction of a Pole Barn at the Middle & High School Athletic Field.

It was moved by Amanda Frank with support from Mary Ihle to approve the construction of a Pole Barn at the Middle & High School with a not to exceed cost of \$85,170.00 as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

6. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** – Trustee James Woods updated the board.

7. **BOARD UPDATE** – President Lewis discussed the topics listed below.

- a. Staff Appreciation
- b. Recognition of Interim Principal Melanie Moorer
- c. Parent Lectures
- d. Graduation

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Finance Update – Director of Finance, Jeff Malloch updated the Board on the 2024-2025 budget
- b. New Course Offering – Elementary Principal Michaelle Gust presented Bookworms Curriculum to Board for consideration
- c. Negotiations Update – Superintendent Neidlinger updated the Board on the progress of negotiations
- d. General Updates – Superintendent Neidlinger provided the board with general updates of district happenings

9. **CLOSED SESSION** - The Board will move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of property and Personnel matter

At 7:33 pm a motion was made by Lisa Greenwood with support from Frank Marro III to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and the sale or purchase of property. The motion carried unanimously. At 7:33 pm the Board moved into Closed Session.

At 8:42 pm the Board moved back into Open Session. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were NONE

11. UPCOMING DATES

May 22
May 26
June 2
June 4
June 6
June 16
July 14

Graduation
Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
Workshop Meeting
5th Grade Graduation
½ Day of School – Last Day of School
Regular Meeting
Regular/Organization Meeting

12. ADJOURN – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Mary Ihle