



SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
June 2, 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 under 5 – Board Planning

5. BOARD UPDATE

- a. Board Planning – the Board was asked to reserve Wednesday November 5 from 6 pm to 9 pm for Superintendent Evaluation training
- b. Parliamentary Procedures Review – the Board reviewed Parliamentary Procedures

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Technology Update – Technology Director, Rex Thelen provided an update to the Board.
- b. 2024-2025 Budget Amendments – A preliminary overview of the final 2024-2025 General Fund, Food Service Fund, Student/Activity Fund, and Community Recreation Fund was presented by Chris LaHaie.
- c. 2025-2026 Budget Proposal – A preliminary overview of the proposed 2024-2025 Tax Levies, General Fund, Food Service Fund, Student/Activity Fund, and Community Recreation Fund budgets was presented by Chris LaHaei.
- d. 2025-2026 MHSAA Membership Renewal – Membership in the MHSAA is a condition for participation in any MHSAA postseason tournament. This requires an annual renewal with the MHSAA by member schools. Action will need to be taken on this item at the June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.

- e. SEA Collective Bargaining Agreement – Details of the tentative agreement between the Saugatuck Education Association and the Board of Education were previewed prior to a ratification vote at the June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.
 - f. Section 98b Benchmark Assessment Reporting – Principals Michaelle Gust and Melanie Moorer reported on progress toward benchmark assessment goals at Douglas Elementary and Saugatuck Middle and High School.
 - g. General Updates - Superintendent Neidlinger provided the Board with a general update of district happenings.
7. **CLOSED SESSION** – At 8:37 pm a motion was made by Amanda Frank with support from Mary Ihle to move into Closed Session. At 8:37 pm the Board moved into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of property. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

At 9:07 pm a motion was made by Amanda Frank with support from Frank Marro III to move back into Open Session. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

8. **OPEN SESSION** – at 9:07 pm the Board moved back into Open Session.

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. **Purchase Authorization**

It was moved by Frank Marro III with support from Eric Birkholz to authorize Superintendent Mark Neidlinger or his designee to execute the Purchase Agreement as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

b. **Property Purchase Payback**

It was moved by Eric Birkholz with support from Frank Marro III to approve the reimbursement resolution as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – there were NONE

11. **UPCOMING DATES**

June 4	5th Grade Graduation
June 6	½ Day of School – Last Day of School
June 16	Regular Meeting
July 14	Regular/Organization Meeting

12. **ADJOURN** – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary, Mary Ihle