



**SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2024

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: Bernie Merkle, Amanda Frank, Eric Birkholz, Laura Zangara,
Nicole Lewis, Karen Sherwood, Frank Marro III

ABSENT:

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – there were NONE

4. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA – there were NONE

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consent Items

- i. Minutes from October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting
- ii. Minutes from October 22, 2024 Special Meeting
- iii. Minutes from November 4, 2024 Workshop Meeting
- iv. Agenda for November 18, 2024 Agenda

It was moved by Frank Marro III with support from Nicole Lewis to approve the consent items as presented.

- b. Summer Tax Resolution – Superintendent Travis reviewed the summer tax resolution with the Board. This annual resolution grants the district authority to levy 50% of school taxes in the summer and the remainder in December.

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It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Eric Birkholz to approve the summer tax resolution as presented by the Superintendent. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

- c. Middle School Wrestling Co-Operative – the Board was asked to approve a cooperative agreement with Fennville Public Schools to operate a middle school wrestling program.

It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Frank Marro III to approve the establishment of a cooperative wrestling program with Fennville Public Schools beginning with the 2024-2025 season, to offer both schools the opportunity to provide additional participation in interscholastic athletics for middle school students. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

- d. Middle & High School Furniture Purchase – the Board was asked to approve the purchase of furniture for the teacher collaboration/lunch room and a high school classroom in the not to exceed amount of \$41,311.

It was moved by Amanda Frank with support from Eric Birkholz to approve the purchase of furniture for the teacher collaboration/lunch room and a high school classroom in the not exceed amount of \$41,311 as recommended by the Superintendent. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

- e. Main High School Gym Floor Rebranding/Refinishing -the Board was asked to approve the rebranding/resurfacing of the main gym in the high school in June, 2025 for a not to exceed amount of \$39,995.16.

It was moved by Frank Marro III with support from Karen Sherwood to approve the rebranding/resurfacing of the main high school gym in the not to exceed amount of \$39,995.16 as recommended by the Superintendent. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. School Safety Committee Report – Chairperson Amanda Frank reported on the progress of the School Safety Committee.
- b. Board Operating Procedures Report – Chairpersons Karen Sherwood and Nicole Lewis reported on the progress of the Board Operating Procedures Committee.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were NONE

8. UPCOMING DATES

November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 16	Regular Board Meeting
Dec 23 – Jan 5	Holiday Break
January 13	Regular/Organizational Meeting
January 20	MLK - NO SCHOOL
January 31	NO SCHOOL
February 3	Workshop Meeting
February 7 – 10	Mid-Winter Break

February 17	Regular Meeting
March 3	Workshop Meeting
March 7	½ Day of School
March 14	NO SCHOOL
March 17	Regular Meeting
Apr 4 – Apr 13	Spring Break
April 14	Regular Meeting
May 19	Regular Meeting
May 22	Graduation
May 26	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 2	Workshop Meeting
June 6	½ Day of School – Last Day of School
June 16	Regular Meeting
July 14	Regular/Organization Meeting

9. **ADJOURN** – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Karen Sherwood