



**SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 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, Amanda Frank,
Nicole Lewis, Eric Birkholz, Jay Woods, Lisa Greenwood

ABSENT:

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – there were NONE

4. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA – remove 6c, added Item 9 – CLOSED SESSION

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consent Items

- i. Minutes from September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
- ii. Agenda for October 13, 2025 Agenda

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

b. Board Policy Updates - the following board policy update was presented to the Board for consideration and possible adoption at the September 15 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education:

5113 – Schools of Choice Program - Revised

It was moved by Frank Marro III with support from Amanda Frank to approve the Board policy updates as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

c. Snow Removal Bid - in September, we posted an RFP for snow removal services. After an extensive process, we are recommending that Windwood Property Services be selected to clear lots, sidewalks, and provide salting services. Windwood's owner is a 2017 graduate of Saugatuck, and we are excited to work with him.

It was moved by Amanda Frank with support from Eric Birkholz to approve the contract with Windwood Property Service as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Website Update - Jennifer Strudy from King Media updated the Board on the new district website.
- b. National Principals' Month - Great schools have great principals. Saugatuck Public Schools extends its appreciation for the outstanding educational leadership demonstrated by principals Michaelle Gust and Brad Lundvick during National Principals' Month.
- c. Teacher Travel - Four teachers were able to travel the world again this summer as participants in the Teacher Travel Grant program. Jordan Campbell will share his travels to Rome, Argentina, and Sardinia. – removed from agenda
- d. Safety & Security Update - Brett Ensfield provided the Board with an update on district safety and security.
- e. Finance Update - Director of Finance, Chris LaHaie updated the Board on the district finances.
- f. Bond Discussion – Director of Finance, Chris LaHaie reviewed the following items with the board:
 - 1. May Ballot Initiative
 - 2. Number of Mills Requested
 - 3. Length of Proposal
 - 4. Campaign Objectives
- g. General Update - Superintendent Neidlinger provided the Board with a general update of district happenings.

7. BOARD OF EDUCATION

- a. General Update –President Nicole Lewis led a discussion around Board protocol
- b. Legislation Update - Trustee Jay Woods updated the board on what is happening in Lansing and how it impacts schools.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were none

9. CLOSED SESSION – it was moved by Lisa Greenwood with support from Frank Marro III to move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the sale or purchase of property. At 7:48 pm the Board moved into Closed Session.

10. OPEN SESSION – at 8:03 pm the Board moved back into Open Session.

11. UPCOMING DATES

September 26	NO SCHOOL
October 9	½ Day for Students
October 10	NO SCHOOL
October 13	Regular Board Meeting
November 5	Workshop Meeting
November 14	½ Day for Students

November 17	Regular Board Meeting
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Break
December 8	Regular Board Meeting
Dec 22 – Jan 2	Holiday Break
January 12	Regular/Organizational Meeting
January 19	MLK – NO SCHOOL
January 23	½ Day for Students
February 2	Workshop Meeting
February 5	½ Day for Students
February 6-9	Mid-Winter Break
February 16	Regular Meeting
March 6	½ Day for Students
March 16	Regular Meeting
March 20	NO SCHOOL
April 3 – April 10	Spring Break
April 13	Regular Meeting
April 30	½ Day for Students
May 1	NO SCHOOL
May 18	Regular Meeting
May 21	Graduation
May 25	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
June 1	Workshop Meeting
June 5	½ Day of School – Last Day of School
June 15	Regular Meeting
July 13	Regular/Organization Meeting

12. ADJOURN – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Mary Evers