



**SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**SAUGATUCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2026**

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

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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: NONE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – there were NONE

4. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA – Add December 17 Closed Session Minutes to the Consent items.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

a. President

It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Frank Marro III to nominate Amanda Frank as President of the School Board for the time period of January 12, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

It was moved by Mary Ihle with support from Eric Birkholz to close the nominations. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

b. Vice-President

It was moved by Mary Ihle with support from Amanda Frank to nominate Nicole Lewis as Vice President of the School Board for the time period of January 12, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

It was moved by Lisa Greenwood with support from Nicole Lewis to close the nominations. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

c. Treasurer

It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Mary Ihle to nominate Eric Birkholz as Treasurer of the School Board for the time period of January 12, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

It was moved by Lisa Greenwood with support from Mary Ihle to close the nominations. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

d. Secretary

It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Eric Birkholz to nominate Mary Ihle as Secretary of the School Board for the time period of January 12, 2026 through January 31, 2027.

It was moved by Lisa Greenwood with support from Nicole Lewis to close the nominations. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

e. Legislative Liaison

Every year the board must appoint a person to communicate legislative updates to the board at each meeting.

It was moved by Lisa Greenwood with support from Mary Ihle to nominate James Woods as the board legislative liaison from January 12, 2026 through January 31 of 2027.

It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Mary Ihle to close the nominations. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

6. **SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION** – January is School Board Recognition Month. Members of the Saugatuck Public Schools Board of Education were recognized for their service to the district.

7. **ACTION ITEMS**

a. Consent Items

- i. Minutes from December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting
- ii. Minutes from December 17, 2025, Closed Session
- iii. Agenda for January 12, 2026 Agenda

It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Eric Birkholz to approve the consent items as presented.

8. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

- a. Legislative Update – Trustee Jay Woods will update the Board on what is happening in Lansing and how it impacts schools.
- b. President/Vice President Update
 - i. Virtual MASB – the Board discussed virtual MASB courses
 - ii. Superintendent Contract Renewal – the Board discussed the contract renewal of Superintendent Neidlinger

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. General Update - Superintendent Neidlinger provided the Board with an update of district happenings.


10. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were NONE

11. UPCOMING DATES

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 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary, Mary Ihle