



**SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm
2. **SECRETARY PRO TEM** Nicole Lewis was appointed Secretary Pro Tem for the meeting
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: Mary Ihle

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – there were NONE
5. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA** – there were NONE
6. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - a. Consent Items
 - i. Minutes from February 2, 2026 Workshop Meeting
 - ii. Minutes from January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - iii. Agenda for February 16, 2026 Agenda

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

7. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
 - a. Legislative Update – Trustee Jay Woods updated the Board on what is happening in Lansing and how it impacts schools.
8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
9. Teacher Travel – four teachers were able to travel the world again this summer as participants in the Teacher Travel Grant program. Nicole Robb shared her travels to Europe.
10. Budget Update – Finance Director, Chris LaHaie provided an update on the status of the 2025—2026 General Fund budget and the start of the budget season in Lansing.

11. Board Policy Update – The following board policy updates were presented to the Board for consideration and possible adoption at the March 16, Regular Meeting.

Policy 2266 Nondiscrimination on the
Bases of Sex in Education Programs or Activities – REVISED
Policy 2412 Homebound Instruction Program – REVISED
Policy 4162 Controlled Substance and Alcohol for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)
Drivers and Other Employees Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions -REVISED
Policy 5460 Graduation Requirements - REVISED

12. Timing for Sinking Fund Discussion – the Board discussed timing and specifics around the upcoming Sinking Fund proposal
13. Timing of Bond Proposal Discussion – the Board discussed timing and specifics for a possible November Bond proposal
14. General Update - Superintendent Neidlinger provided the Board with an update of district happenings.

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

16. **UPCOMING DATES**

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

17. **ADJOURN** – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary Pro Tem, Nicole Lewis