



**SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 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. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT:

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Frank shared a communication from a community member relative to the “library” at the Middle & High School.

4. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA – swap a and b under superintendent

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consent Items

- i. Minutes from February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting
- ii. Agenda for March 16, 2026 Agenda

It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Mary Ihle to approve the consent items as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Board Policy Update - The following board policy updates were presented to the Board for consideration and possible adoption at the February 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

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

c. Addendum to Superintendent Current Contract

It was moved by Frank Marro III with support from Nicole Lewis to approve the addendum to the 2025-2028 -Superintendent Contract as presented. A roll call voted showed the motion carried unanimously.

d. Superintendent Contract – the 2026-2029 Superintendent Contract was reviewed for approval.

It was moved by Eric Birkholz with support from Frank Marro III to approve the 2026-2029 Superintendent Contract for Superintendent as presented. A roll call vote showed the motion carried unanimously.

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

a. Legislative Update – Trustee Jay Woods updated the Board on what is happening in Lansing and how it impacts schools.

b. President

- i. Updates to Operating Procedures Handbook
- ii. Board Bylaws – Section 1 of NEOLA Policies
- iii. The Board Present will provide a general update

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Technology Update – Rex Thelen presented a proposal for new technology devices for SPS staff for the 2026-2027 school year.
- b. Teacher Travel – four teachers were able to travel the world again this summer as participants in the Teacher Travel Grant program. Brian Ward shared his travels to Scotland.
- c. New Science Class – Principal Brad Lundvick discussed the possibility of a new science class.
- d. EPIC MRA – Superintendent Neidlinger provided the Board with an update on EPIC MRA.
- e. General Update - Superintendent Neidlinger provided the Board with an update of district happenings.

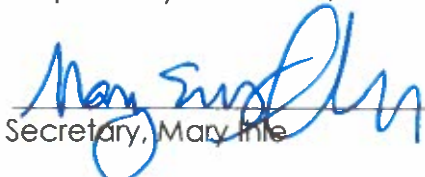
8. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were NONE

9. UPCOMING DATES

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

10. ADJOURN – there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary, Mary Hile