Minutes

114.26 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – May

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee David Cox.

115.26 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

Board members Present: Andrew Ambrus, David Cox, Melandie Hines, Frederick Weaver, Th.D.

Board members absent: LeWanna Abney-Mitchell, Kimberly May, Shannon Rochon

MOTION Name Melandie Hines as Chairperson Pro Term for this evening's meeting. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

116.26 RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – May

I. Food Service Overview – Vella

Mr. Vella shared a presentation regarding the Food Service Department.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

117.26 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: AGENDA ITEMS – May

M. Sample shared her concerns regarding the Superintendent Search.

118.26 CONSENT AGENDA

I. MINUTES

a. Regular Board Minutes – July 28, 2025

II. HUMAN RESOURCE ITEMS

- a. Resignations/Terminations: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
- b. Placements: Administrative, Instructional, Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel
- c. Layoffs Administrative, Instructional,
 Non-Instructional and/or Non-Affiliated Personnel

III. BUSINESS & FINANCE ITEMS

- a. Payment of Invoices [under separate cover]
- b. Investment Report [under separate cover]

Resolved, that the board approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

119.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF HUMAN RESOURCES

I. Angela Jefferson, Ed.D.
 Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resources Item I. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

II. Nick James

Principal, Stevenson Middle School

Resolved, that the board approve Human Resources Item II. as presented. Motion by F. Weaver, support by D. Cox.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

120.26 BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS – May

I. Finance & Facility Committee Report – Ambrus

Mr. Ambrus shared a summary from the August Finance & Facility Committee meeting.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

II. Policy & Procedure Committee Report – Weaver

Dr. Weaver shared comments related to the pausing of the District Cell Phone policy.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments

121.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE

I. Recommendation to purchase iMac Computers - Ofili

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented. Motion by D. Cox, support by A. Ambrus.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation to approve the purchase of a Food Service Refrigerated Truck - Tocco

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item II. as presented. Motion by A. Ambrus, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

122.26 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

I. Superintendent Search Selection

Resolved, that the board approve contracting with Michigan Leadership Institute to conduct our Superintendent Search. Motion by D. Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

II. Designation of Delegates for the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) 2025 Delegate Assembly

Resolved, that the board approve naming A. Ambrus and M. Hines as Delegates and K. May and S. Rochon alternates for the 2025 Delegate Assembly. Motion by D. Cox, support by M. Hines.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

123.26 CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS (GENERAL) - May

There were no citizen's comments.

124.26 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/COMMENTS - Cost

Dr. Cost shared the following comments:

- Thanked Food Service Department for the successful Summer Feeding Program.
- Thanked the Maintenance Department for the deep cleaning of our schools and getting them ready for the upcoming year.
- Staff is back and already working hard for a successful school year.

125.26 REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION – May

D. Cox shared the following comments:

- Delivering over 22k meals over the summer confirms that it was needed.
- The Policy Committee worked very hard on the Cell Phone Policy. The recommendation was based on the students getting a quality education. He just needed more time on this decision.

F. Weaver shared the following comments:

- He is pleased with the administrative hires.
- As we go into a Superintendent Search, it is not all about what we want.
 It is about looking back to see what has not serviced us well in the past before we move forward.
- Shared that he feels that Dr. Cost is doing a great job. She is all about working with our district and she is appreciated.
- He welcomed the families back to school.

A. Ambrus shared the following comments:

- He has met with Dr. Cost and discussed how she feels the district is in a position to do great things. All of our schools are great because of our educators.
- He attended the MASB Summer Institute where he had the opportunity to talk to other district board members regarding their cell phone policy. Their policies were pretty much in line with what the policy committee proposed. We need to figure out what our enforcement of the policy would be before moving forward. He also thanked Dr. Weaver and the committee for the work that has already been put in.
- He wishes everyone a great school year.

M. Hines shared the following comments:

- Congratulated the new administrators that were hired this evening.
- She is excited for the new year to begin.
- She shared that we have an upcoming bond which would be a zero percent increase for our community.
- She also attended the MASB conference was great. She was able to take a class on District Strategic Plan and Goal Settings and looks forward to working closely with the district on these topics.
- She shared some partners with the district including authors and journalists.
- She shared some upcoming community events.
- She thanked Dr. Cost for her amazing work.

126.26 FOLLOW UP TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS – May

There were not follow up questions.

127.26 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion by D.Cox, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

MOTION PASSED

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