



# SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS MINUTES

MEETING: Special Board Meeting/Study Session	DATE: February 24, 2026	TIME: 6:00 p.m.	LOCATION: John W. English Administrative Center
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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Talisha Belk, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leslie Love Smith-Thomas Vice President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Ware- DeVaul, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicole Denson, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amani Johnson, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jillian Holloway, Trustee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenae' Anderson, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Green, Ed.D. Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> Lanissa Freeman, Deputy Superintendent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James Jackson, Chief of Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> DeVaughn Stephens, Chief of Talent Mtg	<input type="checkbox"/> Marc Ingram, Chief Financial Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Paula Lightsey, Executive Director of Academic Advisement & SEL	<input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Caldwell- Carruthers, Executive Director of Instruction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joseph Corace, Chief Operations Officer
<input type="checkbox"/> April Rogers, Exe. Dir., State and Federal Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Smith, Exec. Director of ISSN	<input type="checkbox"/> Minutes: Carolyn Foster, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education				Student Board Representatives: <input type="checkbox"/> Paris Whitman, SA&T <input type="checkbox"/> Chidi Nnaji, UK12	

## 1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Board President Belk at 6:00 p.m. Board President Belk read the opening statement and Trustee roll call was taken. Trustee Smith-Thomas arrived at 6:09 p.m. All Trustees were present. Chief James Jackson and Chief Joe Corace are here to speak on respective subject matter.

## 2. Information Items

### a. ICE Protocol – Chief James Jackson

- **Stay professional and courteous:** politely greet the visitors, maintain a calm and respectful tone, and notify the building leader.
- **Request identification documentation:** ask for official identification (badge/credentials), request a copy of the subpoena/warrant for review, and write down their name, date, time, their badge number, and location of the campus.
- **Direct officers to the John W. English Administrative Center (JWE):** inform them – “Per district policy, I must redirect you to John W. English Administrative Building. I will notify them of your arrival.” Provide them with the address and confirm their departure.
- **If they refuse to go to John W. English Administrative Center:** inform the visitors they must wait in the main office or a designated area; contact James Jackson, Chief of Staff at 248-752-9476.
- **DO NOT PROVIDE STUDENT INFORMATION:** FERPA protects student records; if asked respond, – “I am unable to release student information without district authorization.”
- **Wait for further instructions:** The Superintendent’s Office Legal Team will handle the next steps. Continue normal school operations while administration assesses the situation. Write a summary of the events that occurred.
- The Southfield Police Department does not assist with federal situations.
- All court orders are handled at JWE.
- ICE is not using any Southfield Public Schools buildings to conduct business.
- If ICE is outside during dismissal, the school will be placed on a soft lockdown until the agents are cleared.

- ICE agents at bus stops are treated as an armed individual outside the bus stop.
- Oakland Schools have a virtual program to support our scholars.
- Our third party staff members have clearance to be here. Our vendors are overstaffed to ensure coverage in the district.
- Building leaders have been trained on this protocol. We will confirm that they have shared the information with their staff.
- Our HR department is checking to ensure that this is not being abused.
- b. Bussey/MacArthur 12 Mile Property Sale**
  - The purchase price for the property is \$850K. Two acres of the property would be used for green space with a charging station.
  - The entity wants to give two acres to the City of Southfield. They want the City of Southfield to care for the green space and charging station.
  - There was discussion to deed the entity eight acres and the City of Southfield two acres and include 20 years for the green space and charging station – for a total \$850K.
- c. Report 64-52 BP #45 Adler Elementary Site Upgrades: Bond Funds**
  - On January 27, 2026, bid proposals were received and read publicly concerning Morris Adler Elementary Site Upgrades / BP 45. Barton Malow Builders has reviewed the proposals with the Project Architect / Engineer (French / SME). The attached bid tabulation lists all of the bid proposals received. After a review of all bid proposals, post bid reviews were conducted to verify the proposals were inclusive of the scope of work and schedule. Based upon the evaluation of the project team, we present the following companies for consideration by the administration and the Board of Education: Jacklyn Contracting LLC \$205,700.00.
  - Storm drain and catch basins work will be done this summer.
- d. Report 64-53 BP #62 Levey Middle School Interior Doors and Frames: Bond Funds**
  - On January 28, 2026, bid proposals were received and read publicly concerning Levey MS Interior Doors and Frames / BP62. Barton Malow Builders has reviewed the proposals with the Project Architect / Engineer (French). The attached bid tabulation lists all of the bid proposals received. After a review of all bid proposals, post bid reviews were conducted to verify the proposals were inclusive of the scope of work and schedule. Based upon the evaluation of the project team, we present the following companies for consideration by the administration and the Board of Education: KM Construction LLC \$252,424.70.
  - Levey Middle School is scheduled to be completed by July 2026.
  - The doors at Levey are made of composite materials.
- e. Report 64-54 Southfield A&T O-House Elevator Renovation: Bond Funds**
  - This is a renovation that is required to bring the elevator up to state code and working condition. The Superintendent recommends that the School Board contract Kone to perform Elevator renovations to be completed prior to the 26/27 school year. The impact cost is \$239,330.00.
  - Trustee Johnson moved to open and approve Report 64-52 BP #45 Adler Elementary Site Upgrades, Report 64-53 BP #62 Levey Middle School Interior Doors and Frames and Report 64-54 Southfield A&T O-House Elevator Renovation and it was supported by Trustee Holloway.

President Belk asks Secretary Ware-DeVauil to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Anderson, Trustee Belk, Trustee Denson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Ware-DeVauil

Nays: Nil

Motion carried unanimously.

### 3. Public Participation

- Participant #1: Spoke about getting decision day support for Southfield A&T.

**4. Action Items****a. Consent Agenda**

- i. January 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- ii. February 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- Trustee Johnson moved to open and approve Consent Agenda – Approval of Minutes and it was supported by Trustee Holloway.

President Belk asked Secretary Ware-DeVauil to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Ware-DeVauil, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Denson, Trustee Belk, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Johnson

Nays: Nil

Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Report 64-55 Personnel Action Report**

- #6 additional qualifications
- #2 grant funded by the Balmer Grant
- Trustee Johnson moved to open and approve Report 64-55 Personnel Action Report and it was supported by Trustee Holloway.

President Belk asked Secretary Ware-DeVauil to call for the vote.

Ayes: Trustee Belk, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Holloway, Trustee Smith-Thomas, Trustee Denson, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Ware-DeVauil

Nays: Nil

Motion carried unanimously.

**5. For the Good of the Order**

- Our InKind and enrollment numbers are rising at Bussey.
- March is Reading Month
- Trustees send an email letting us know which school you would like to read at and we will connect you with that school to read to the students.
- Thank you to President Belk for increasing the timeline/due date for the Board Operating Procedures.
- The State of Michigan is offers a grant for feminine products.
- We have a donation coming in from an organization that President Belk is affiliated with.
- Community Health Work is offering some services at no cost.
- State of the Nation, February 24, 2026
- State of the State, February 25, 2026
- State of the County, March 5, 2026
- State of the District, March 11, 2026
- State of the City, we are unaware of the date.

**6. Future Meetings**

- a. Saturday, March 7, 2026, Special Board Meeting/Role of the Board in the Non-renewal Process at JWE @ 9:00 a.m.
- b. Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Wednesday, March 11, 2026, Professional Development – NO STUDENTS
- d. Wednesday, March 11, 2026, State of the District at Southfield High School for the Arts & Technology at the Fieldhouse @ 6:00 p.m.
- e. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Special Board Meeting/Study Session @ 6:00 p.m.

