

Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2026 6:00 PM Eastern

Shirley M. Rodgers Administration Bldg. Georgia
Brown Board Room
519 W. Kalamazoo
Lansing, MI 48933

Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Present
Dr. LaVonte Heard: Present
Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Present
Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Present
Mrs. Robin Moore: Absent
Mr. Dan Nowiski: Present
Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Present
Mrs. Cirea Strode: Absent
Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Present
Present: 7, Absent: 2.

6:22 PM Mrs. Robin Moore: Present
Present: 8, Absent: 1.

7:29 PM Dr. LaVonte Heard: Absent
Present: 7, Absent: 2.

I. Opening Ceremonies:

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading of the District's Mission**
- **Land Acknowledgment**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Lopez

II. Roll Call

Executive Team Present: Adams, Black, Keck, Sleight

Executive Team Absent:

Superintendent Present: Benavides

Parliamentarian Present:

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education Present: Fulce

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no Public Comments on Agenda Item

IV. Approval of Minutes

No corrections were suggested to the May 21, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting and Informational Study Session Minutes. Minutes were approved as printed.

'I move to approve minutes as presented'. This motion, made by Ms. Rosalyn Williams and seconded by Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh, Passed.

Mrs. Robin Moore: Absent, Mrs. Cirea Strode: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski: Yea, Dr. Nino

Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

V. Presentations

V.A. Budget Amendment #2

Ms. Adams presented the following information:

Where We Started

Budget Amendment #1 February 2026 estimated our ending fund balance at \$41,364,520 as of June 2026.

Budget Amendment #2 June 2026 estimates our ending fund balance at \$42,178,520 as of June 2026.

Revenue Changes

Local Revenues \$ (592,000)

Primarily: Property Taxes, Interest,
Athletic Admissions & Rental income

State Revenues \$2,713,000

Primarily: Special Education & MPSERS

Federal Revenues \$499,000

SE County Special Education and IISD Taxes

Expenditure Changes

Program Investments \$1,806,000

School devices

SE Subs and Wages/Benefits

GSRP Substitutes

Librarian Additional Hours/Benefits

CCLP Additional Hours/Benefits

Summary

Fund Balance \$41,364,520 as estimated in Amendment #1

Total Positive Adjustments + \$814,000

Increase in Revenues \$2,620,000

Increase in Expenditures \$(1,806,000)

Questions were asked by Board Members

VI. Reports

VI.A. Officers

VI.A.1. Report from Secretary

Ms. Williams shared the following information:

Invitations, Communications and Announcements

The Lansing School District's Class of 2026 graduation ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 6, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Comprehensive details are available online. Graduating seniors must coordinate directly with their guidance counselors to finalize all graduation requirements.

June 5 - Last Day of School - Half Day

August 24 - Teachers' First Day

August 26 - First Day of School

Next Board Meetings:

June 11, 5:30 PM - Public Hearing

June 11, 6:00 PM - Regular Board Meeting and Informational Study Session

July 10 and July 11 - Special Meetings. More details will be shared as soon as possible.

VI.B. Committee

VI.B.1. Equity Committee

No report was provided.

VI.B.2. Facilities Committee

Ms. Sleight shared information about the two items on the agenda:

SB-0065 Sheridan Rd Demolition and Abatement WC 01 Demo and Abatement

SB-0065 Sheridan Rd Demolition and Abatement WC 07 Temporary Fencing

'that the Board of Education accept items A and B as presented'. This motion, made by Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic and seconded by Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh, Passed.

Mrs. Robin Moore: Absent, Mrs. Cirea Strobe: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte

Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski:

Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VI.B.3. Finance Committee

Mr. Nowiski provided the following report:

The detailed Treasurer's report for the period of April 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026 is attached to this evening's agenda. The following are the highlights of the report.

The beginning cash and investment balance was \$65,173,895. Receipts totaled \$17,536,462 while disbursements equaled (\$31,668,878). Net interfund transfers totaled \$10,796,662 in interest from fund investments to the student and bond funds as well as journal entries to remove the due to/due froms in all funds. The monthly transfer to the general fund for bond expenses was \$0.00. The ending general fund cash and investment balance on April 30, 2026 was \$61,838,141.

Donation(s) received during the month of April 2026 totaled \$4,688.

'that the Board of Education approve the expenditures as presented for April 2026'. This motion, made by Mr. Dan Nowiski and seconded by Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh, Passed.

Mrs. Robin Moore: Absent, Mrs. Cirea Strobe: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte

Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski:

Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VI.B.4. Personnel Committee

Dr. Cavanagh shared the following report:

There is an ongoing review to align board policies with the employee handbook, with a recent legal opinion from legal counsel set for discussion on Monday, June 8th at noon.

The committee is working on the board personnel report format. Details were shared. The data-driven charts are currently a pilot format, and the committee welcomes feedback or alternative layout ideas from the Board.

'that the Board of Education approve new hires from April 6, 2026 to April 20, 2026 as presented'.

This motion, made by Ms. Rosalyn Williams and seconded by Dr. LaVonte Heard, Passed.

Mrs. Cirea Strode: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora

Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mrs. Robin Moore: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski:

Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.B.5. Policy Committee

Dr. Rodriguez provided details about the following policies for first reading:

PO 0100 - Revised- Definitions

PO 2370.01 - Revised - Online Blended Learning Program

PO 3120.09 -Rescind - Volunteers

PO 4120.09 - Rescind - Volunteers

PO 5136 - Replacement - Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs)

PO 6320 - Revised - Purchasing

PO 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants and funds

PO 8120.09- Renumbered/revised - Volunteers

PO 8402 - Revisions- Emergency Operations Plan

PO 8655 - NEW-Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs

'that the Board of Education receive the policies for first reading as presented'. This motion, made by Dr. Nino Rodriguez and seconded by Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic, Passed.

Mrs. Cirea Strode: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora

Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mrs. Robin Moore: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski:

Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.B.6. Recognition Ad Hoc Committee

Ms. Williams shared that the recognition committee is working on finding a new date for the upcoming meeting.

VI.B.7. Student Achievement Committee

Dr. Rodriguez provided the following report:

Student Achievement Committee met on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

Board Members present: Dr. Rodriguez and Ms. Williams

1. District staff development plan and curriculum teaching

The committee inquired about the existence of a formal Staff Development Plan. Administration confirmed that a comprehensive plan is currently in place.

It was recommended that the Staff Development Plan be shared with the full Board of Trustees for review.

Committee members emphasized the importance of ensuring the Board remains fully updated on all School Safety initiatives.

2. Strategic Planning

LSD Strategic Plan (ending 2027): Interim Superintendent Benavides provided an overview of the current strategic plan, which is slated to conclude in 2027. An actionable next-steps plan will be formally presented to the Board by the Interim Superintendent in the near future.

Students Achievement Strategic Plan: The committee will work on that. There is a student achievement strategic plan. There were questions about the metrics. Information was provided by Interim Superintendent Benavides.

3. Data: oo - 1.5, 1,5 - 2:5, 2,5 - 3.5, 3,5 - 4.0 12th graders and 9th graders

There were questions about student's grades. Interim Superintendent Benavides will share the data with the committee.

The committee would like to see how the District can help those students with low grades.

It was suggested to recognize the achievements of the Junior National Honor Society.

4. Steering Committees and Student Outcomes

It was asked how steering committees relate to student's achievement. Details about the Steering Committees and how they work were shared.

The District was asked to provide some materials about Steering Committees during the next meeting.

5. Review of Prior Meeting Agendas

The committee noted its intention to conduct a retrospective review of topics from past meetings to ensure continuity, track progress, and maintain alignment with district goals.

6. Literacy Plan Overview

The District maintains an extensive, multi-year reading and literacy plan developed within the last one to three years.

The Literacy Plan was presented to the Board. There was a discussion about literacy.

VI.C. Interim Superintendent

Interim Superintendent Benavides provided the following report:

Interim Superintendent Benavides honored the district's public safety staff.

Interim Superintendent Benavides celebrated a successful 20-day cell phone pouch program at Sexton High School.

Interim Superintendent Benavides thanked all district employees for their dedication as the school year concludes, and looked forward to celebrating the graduating seniors this weekend.

VII. Unfinished Business

VII.A. Student Achievement Committee

'I move that we postpone the motion ' that the Board of Education empowers the Student Achievement Committee to work with the Superintendent to collaborate on drafting specific language for a Student Achievement goal and bring it to the Board for approval' '. This motion, made by Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh and seconded by Dr. LaVonte Heard, Passed.

Mrs. Cirea Strobe: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mrs. Robin Moore: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski: Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The following motion was postponed for the future:

RECOMMENDED MOTION: 'that the Board of Education empowers the Student Achievement Committee to work with the Superintendent to collaborate on drafting specific language for a Student Achievement goal and bring it to the Board for approval'

VIII. New Business

VIII.A. Budget Amendment #2

'that the Board of Education approve Budget Amendment #2 as detailed in the attachment'. This motion, made by Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh and seconded by Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Passed.

Mrs. Cirea Strobe: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mrs. Robin Moore: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski: Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VIII.B. Approval of the FY 2026-2027 Tax Levies Resolution

'BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Lansing School District levy 100% of its 2026 school operating taxes on July 1, 2026 in the City of Lansing and in the City of East Lansing, and 50% in each township (Delta, DeWitt, and Lansing) in which the district has prior agreements to levy such an amount; And further; that 100% of the district's property taxes shall continue to be collected in December, 2026 in the remaining townships (Delhi, Watertown, and Windsor) located within the Lansing School District's boundaries. All resolutions and part of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be, and the same are, hereby rescinded'. This motion, made by Ms. Rosalyn Williams and seconded by Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Passed.

Mrs. Robin Moore: Absent, Mrs. Cirea Strobe: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski: Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VIII.C. Parallel Learning Contract

Mr. Keck and Ms. Brewer shared information about the Parallel Learning Contract.

'that the Board of Education accept Parallel Learning Contract as presented'. This motion, made by Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic and seconded by Dr. Nino Rodriguez, Passed.

Mrs. Robin Moore: Absent, Mrs. Cirea Strobe: Absent, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Nay, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski: Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 1, Absent: 2

Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Nay

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There was 1 public comment on non-agenda items

'I move to add 45 seconds more to public comment'. This motion, made by Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh and seconded by Ms. Rosalyn Williams, Passed.

Mrs. Cirea Strode: Absent, Dr. Caitlin Cavanagh: Yea, Dr. LaVonte Heard: Yea, Ms. Aurora Lemieux-McKissic: Yea, Mr. Guillermo Lopez: Yea, Mrs. Robin Moore: Yea, Mr. Dan Nowiski: Yea, Dr. Nino Rodriguez: Yea, Ms. Rosalyn Williams: Yea
Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Comments from the Board

Comments were shared by Board Members

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm by President Lopez