



Tuesday, July 16, 2024 - 6:00 PM

**Regular Board Meeting
High School Media Center
8299 Pennfield Road
Battle Creek, MI 49017**

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1. Call Meeting to Order

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2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board President

The Board of Education will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Board President

The Board Secretary will administer roll call to establish that a quorum of the Board is present and to determine which Board members are present at the start of the meeting.

4. Agenda Changes

5. Public Comments - Participants are asked to keep comments to three (3) minutes.

Please notify the superintendent in writing at least two business days before the scheduled meetings of the Board of Education if you wish to address the Board but do not speak English, or if you have a handicap or disability that may prevent you from speaking to the Board. At this time, the Board will listen to comments from the public and others regarding both agenda action items and items that are not on the agenda. Per Board Policy #0167.3 each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes. This is the only opportunity for public comment. The Board President may add a second comment if there are more than 20 community members seeking to speak.

The Board requests that, if you wish to speak, you provide us with your name, address, and affiliation with the district. Please limit your comment to three minutes. Comments should not be directed at individuals on the board, rather to the board as a whole. This is a meeting of the Board of Education being held in public. Board members will not respond to public comment but you may request a formal response for a later time.

6. Recognitions and Presentations

7. Communications

7.1. Student Representative Report

7.2. Superintendent's Report

8. Consent Agenda **(Action)**

8.1. Approval of the Agenda

8.2. Approval of Minutes

8.3. Approve Check Registers

8.4. Approve Electronic Funds Transfer

8.5. Approve Finance Expenditure Report

8.6. Approve the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application

Board approval is sought for the annual resolution that approves borrowing/repaying of funds from the Michigan School Bond Loan Fund to repay bond debt. The attachment includes the resolution and required attachment. The Director of Finance & Operations and Superintendent recommend the board approve the annual School Bond Loan Fund application.

9. Approval of New Staff **(Action)**

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Lemmer and Trevor DeVeaux to approve naming Candice Wilson as the K-2 Principal of North Penn and Purdy Elementary for the 24-25 School Year.

10. Items for Approval or Discussion **(Discussion and/or Action)**

Board President

10.1. Approval of June Bond Bills **(Action)**

It is the recommendation of the Director of Finance and Operations and the Superintendent that the Board approve the bond bills for the month of June for Triangle in the amount of \$1,221,914.06 and Kingscott in the amount of \$9,973.75. A summary of services rendered is attached.

10.2. Athletic Handbook **(Action)**

The Athletic Director, Mr. Steele and High School Principal, Mr. Wilson recommends the Board of Education approve the updated athletic handbook.

10.3. Adoption Resolution **(Action)**

Superintendent Lemmer is recommending the Board of Education adopt a resolution authorizing one reading for the new Title IX policies so that the district is in compliance with the new Title IX regulations by August 1, 2024. Bylaw 0131.1 in the Board policies permits the board to adopt policies in one reading when there is a compelling reason.

10.4. Approval of Policy 2264 and 2266 **(Action)**

The Superintendent is recommending the Board of Education approve the new policy 2264 to reflect recent changes in the Title IX regulations that will go into effect August 1, 2024, and adopt the proposed revisions to Policy 2266 for any Title IX complaint that may be received in the future that occurred prior to August 1, 2024. This recommendation is being made in the interest of complying with the 2024 Title IX regulations.

10.5. Approval of 2024-2025 Student Code of Conduct **(Action)**

The administration is recommending the Board of Education adopt the proposed changes to the 2024-2025 handbook. This is an annual approval that the Board makes each year. The updates are based on recommended changes from NEOLA that align the handbook to the board policies. There are some additional changes that have been summarized in your board packet.

10.6. Closed Session

Superintendent Lemmer is recommending the Board of Education enter Closed Session for the purposes of discussing negotiations as permitted under the Open Meeting Act 15.268 Section 8 Part C For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

10.7. Open Session (action)

The Board must take action to return to open meeting.

10.8. Approval of the 2024-2026 Teacher Contract (Action)

On behalf of the negotiations team, Superintendent Lemmer is recommending the Board of Education approve the 24-26 Teacher's Contract-which includes steps, a 2% compensation increase, a 1% off-schedule payment in December, increases to longevity payments, and expanded benefits for the 24-25 school year with a reopening to negotiate compensation. The proposed changes are detailed in your board packet.

11. Board Comments

Board President

12. Adjournment

Board President