

**FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Monday, February 9, 2026
6:30 PM
Forest Hills Administration Building

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHT - Central Middle School
- IV. CONSENT GROUPING
 - IV.A. Superintendent/Board of Education
 - IV.A.1. Approval of Minutes
 - IV.B. Business
 - IV.B.1. Payment of Bills
 - IV.B.2. Safety & Security Enhancement
 - IV.B.3. Replacement Van
 - IV.C. Human Resources
 - IV.C.1. Employment of New Professional Staff
- V. SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTIONS
 - V.A. Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105
 - V.B. Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105c
 - V.C. Resolution to Participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program
- VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
 - VI.A. Resignations
- VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- VIII. BOARD COMMUNICATION
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- X. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(c)
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION

TOPIC: Instructional Highlight – Central Middle School

Central Middle School will highlight their House system and how it brings their vision, *every student, every day, will be seen, heard, and cared for*, to life. The presentation will include how the House model fosters intentional staff collaboration around student needs and strengthens the overall student experience. They will also celebrate the systems and structures that make this possible, including their building design, team organization, and collaborative practices, while demonstrating the positive impact on both student achievement and social-emotional growth.

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CONSENT GROUPING

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IV. CONSENT GROUPING

A. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. Approval of Minutes – Approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.

B. BUSINESS

1. Payment of Bills – Approve expenditures for the payment of bills for December 2025, as presented.
2. Safety & Security Enhancement – Approve the purchase of Safety Platform with CrisisAlert from Centegix for an amount not to exceed \$1,061,340.
3. Replacement Van – Approve the purchase of a full-size 10-passenger van from Mobility Works for an amount not to exceed \$62,990.

C. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Employment of New Professional Staff – Approve the hire and issue contracts to new professional staff members, as presented.

**Items included in consent grouping are those that previously have been considered by the Board either in committee or at a prior meeting, or are of such a routine nature that discussion is not required. Board members may request that any item be removed from consent grouping for further discussion if additional information is needed or available.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD OF EDUCATION

TOPIC: Approval of Minutes

Board of Education approval is requested for the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting.

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Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
held on January 12, 2026

The Forest Hills Board of Education met in regular session on January 12, 2026, at the Administration Building. President Fauson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Fauson, Michaud, Terryn, Ninemeier, Colley, DeBoer, Kermode

ATTENDANCE

Members Absent: None

Member Colley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

In honor of National School Board Recognition Month, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations Julie Davis expressed gratitude on behalf of the staff and community for the members of the Forest Hills Board of Education and the hours they commit to the district. Board members received a token of appreciation for their service.

RECOGNITION
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
RECOGNITION

The instruction department shared an overview of the district's first year of implementing Junior Kindergarten. Scott, Haid, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Kim VanAntwerp, Director of Instructional Services, and teachers Kathy Gatchalian, Kim Fowler, Kim Bunsee, and Beth Ewing highlighted the program's purpose, how students are identified and supported, and classroom experiences. The presentation also reflected on key learnings from Year One and outlined how the district will build on this strong foundation moving forward.

INSTRUCTIONAL
HIGHLIGHT

Motion made by Member Terryn, second by Member Kermode, that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve consent grouping items V.A.1.-V.C.5.

CONSENT GROUPING
ITEMS

Member Terryn, Curriculum Committee Chair, and Member Michaud, Finance Committee Chair, gave their respective committee reports. Board discussion followed the Curriculum Committee report.

AYES: Michaud, Kermode, DeBoer, Colley, Ninemeier, Terryn, Fauson

NAYS: None

Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Approved the minutes of the January 7, 2026, Special Meeting and the January 7, 2026, Closed Session.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

Approved the contracts to perform construction work at Eastern High athletics at a total cost of \$3,288,497, including contingency, fees, general conditions, and allowances.

EASTERN HIGH
AUXILIARY TURF
FIELD

Approved the contracts to perform construction work at Ada Elementary at a total cost of \$9,077,465, including contingency, fees, general conditions, and allowances.

ADA ELEMENTARY
RENOVATIONS

Approved the purchase and replacement of the door access control system from Motorola Solutions for an amount not to exceed \$1,981,289, including contingency funds.

DOOR ACCESS
CONTROL UPGRADE

Amended the 2025-2026 General Fund Appropriations Act Resolution with available funds of \$167,117,194 and appropriations of \$141,183,368, as attached. (Ref. No. 26-01/12-A)

2025-2026 GENERAL
FUND
APPROPRIATIONS
ACT AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION

Amended the 2025-2026 Special Revenue Fund Appropriations Act Resolution with available funds of \$15,541,869 and appropriations of \$9,998,389, as attached. (Ref. No. 26-01/12-B)

2025-2026 SPECIAL
REVENUE FUND
APPROPRIATIONS
ACT AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION

Authorized reimbursement of \$30,573.74 to Kent County for refunded property taxes.

REFUNDED
PROPERTY TAXES

Approved the new high school course, West Michigan History.

NEW COURSE
PROPOSAL – HIGH
SCHOOL, WEST
MICHIGAN HISTORY

Approved the new high school course, AP Business with Personal Finance.

NEW COURSE
PROPOSAL – HIGH
SCHOOL, AP
BUSINESS WITH
PERSONAL FINANCE

Approved the new high school course, AP Cybersecurity.

NEW COURSE
PROPOSAL – HIGH
SCHOOL, AP
CYBERSECURITY

Approved the new high school course, AI Foundations and Ethics.

NEW COURSE
PROPOSAL – HIGH
SCHOOL, AI
FOUNDATIONS AND
ETHICS

Approved the new high school course, Entrepreneurial Thinking.

NEW COURSE
PROPOSAL – HIGH
SCHOOL,
ENTREPRENEURIAL
THINKING

President Fauson explained that the payment of bills was being considered as a standalone item due to a conflict of interest by a board member. Member Kermode shared that she would be abstaining from the vote as her company, Pottery Lane, had been hired to fix some pottery equipment in the district.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Member Colley, support by Member Terryn, to approve expenditures for the payment of bills for November 2025, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	\$10,366,153.91
DEBT FUND	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2023	331,225.19
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2025	41,216.62
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	
1. Food Service Fund	348,695.11
2. Child Care Fund	9,279.25
3. Student/School Activity	178,730.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$11,275,300.48</u>

AYES: Michaud, DeBoer, Colley, Ninemeier, Terryn, Fauson

NAYS: None

Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote with Member Kermode abstaining.

Member Michaud gave an update from the Forest Hills Foundation.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- The Gala is March 5, 2026.
- The Spring Grant Cycle is currently open. Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2026.
- The Love Your Locals gift card fundraiser is still ongoing.

President Fauson shared the format for the public comment portion of the meeting. Students will be given the opportunity to address the board first, followed by staff, and concluding with community members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The board received comments from one audience member regarding research into media's effect on destructive behavior.

President Fauson inquired if there was other business of the board. Hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Malorie Ninemeier, Secretary
Forest Hills Board of Education

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS



TOPIC: Payment of Bills

The financial report is presented for Board approval and includes the following information:

Summary of Bills Payable

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve expenditures for the payment of bills for December 2025, as presented.

GENERAL FUND	14,385,818.28
DEBT FUND	
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2023	1,363,248.72
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 2025	2,922,477.75
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	
Food Service	291,839.28
Childcare	5,538.98
Student/School Activity	196,275.65
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$19,165,198.66</u>

Forest Hills Public Schools
Disbursements
For Month Ended December 2025

Fund	General Checking			Debt Service	Payroll Checking			Flex Checking - Employee Flexible Spending Accounts		Total Disbursements
	Checks (324324-324595)	ACH Checks (V100260-V100382)	ACH & Wire Disbursements	ACH Disbursement October / April	Checks (329637-329645)	Direct Deposit Payments	ACH & Wire Disbursements	Manual Payments	Debit Card Payments	
General	1,636,061.75	\$ 301,915.08	\$ 6,810,616.73		\$ 3,207.82	\$ 3,919,755.89	\$ 1,476,367.69	\$ 6,895.00	\$ 5,672.13	\$ 14,160,492.09
General, Athletics	36,331.73	39,013.49	12,657.92							88,003.14
General, Grants	62,172.90	41,526.08	33,624.07							137,323.05
GENERAL SUBTOTAL	1,734,566.38	382,454.65	6,856,898.72		3,207.82	3,919,755.89	1,476,367.69	6,895.00	5,672.13	14,385,818.28
Debt Service										-
Capital Projects-2023	172,230.70	1,191,018.02								1,363,248.72
Capital Projects-2025	275.57	2,922,202.18								2,922,477.75
Special Revenue Fund										
Food Service	1,326.40	289,908.87	604.01							291,839.28
Child Care			5,538.98							5,538.98
Student/School Activity	113,788.50	19,448.18	63,038.97							196,275.65
	\$ 2,022,187.55	\$ 4,805,031.90	\$ 6,926,080.68	\$ -	\$ 3,207.82	\$ 3,919,755.89	\$ 1,476,367.69	\$ 6,895.00	\$ 5,672.13	\$ 19,165,198.66

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS



TOPIC: Safety & Security Enhancement

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Safety Platform with CrisisAlert from Centegix for an amount not to exceed \$1,061,340. This has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee and is recommended for Board approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of Safety Platform with CrisisAlert from Centegix for an amount not to exceed \$1,061,340.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Davis", is written over the printed title.

TOPIC: Replacement Van

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a full-size 10 passenger van from Mobility Works for an amount not to exceed \$62,990. This has been reviewed by the Board Finance Committee and is recommended for Board approval.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Public Schools Board of Education approve the purchase of a full-size 10 passenger van from Mobility Works for an amount not to exceed \$62,990.

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES



TOPIC: Employment of New Professional Staff

The administration is recommending the employment for the following new staff members:

New Hire	Position	Building	Vacancy Due to:
Kara Green	Supervisor of Elementary Special Education	Student Services	New Position
Allison Kratzer	Supervisor of Secondary Special Education	Student Services	Resignation
Jane Malott	Social Worker	Student Services	Retirement

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Forest Hills Board of Education approve the hire and issue contracts to Kara Green, Allison Kratzer, and Jane Malott for the 2025-2026 school year.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

TOPIC: Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105

Forest Hills Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan and participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

It is recommended the board make a motion to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 100 of 1996, to not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2026-2027 school year.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Education of the Forest Hills Public School District, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will not accept Section 105 applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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SCHOOLS of CHOICE

RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF SECTION 105
(State Schools of Choice Program)

Board Member _____ moves that the Board of Education of the Forest Hills Public School District, exercising the option permitted by *Section 105* of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will not accept *Section 105* applications of non-resident students from outside our district, for purposes of operating an intermediate school district-wide schools of choice program in accordance with Section 105 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By _____
Kristen Fauson, President

By _____
Malorie Ninemeier, Secretary

Date 02/09/2026

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

TOPIC: Resolution to Opt Out of Section 105c

In accordance with Section 105c as permitted in the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, it is recommended that Forest Hills Public Schools will not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2026-2027 school year.

It is recommended that the board make a motion to pass a resolution to exercise the option permitted by 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, to not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2026-2027 school year.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Education of the Forest Hills Public School District, exercising the option permitted by Section 105c of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, will not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2026-2027 school year.

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CONTIGUOUS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

RESOLUTION TO OPT OUT OF SECTION 105c

Board Member _____ moves that the Board of Education of the Forest Hills Public School District, exercising the option permitted by *Section 105c* of the State School Aid Act, Public Act 119 of 1999, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, will not accept applications for enrollment from residents of contiguous intermediate school districts for the 2026-2027 school year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By _____
Kristen Fauson, President

By _____
Malorie Ninemeier, Secretary

Date 02/09/2026

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SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

TOPIC: Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program

Forest Hills Public Schools has opted out of the State Choice Plan and participated in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program since its inception in the 1996-97 school year.

It is recommended that the board make a motion to pass a resolution to participate in the Kent ISD Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

PROPOSED MOTIONS:

I move that the Board of Education of the Forest Hills Public School District will participate in the Kent Intermediate School District Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

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RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
KENT ISD COLLABORATIVE SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PROGRAM

Board Member _____ moves that the Board of Education of the
Forest Hills Public School District will participate in the Kent Intermediate School District
Collaborative Schools of Choice Program for the 2026-2027 school year.

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FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By _____
Kristen Fauson, President

By _____
Malorie Ninemeier, Secretary

Date 02/09/2026

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kirby', written over the title 'ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES'.

TOPIC: Resignations

Superintendent Kirby has accepted the following resignations:

Name	Position	Building
Sarah Castro	Supervisor of Special Education	Student Services
Michele DeVries	Band Teacher	Eastern Middle