

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
{{MeetingType }} MEETING
June 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM - District Main Conference Room
800 Devillen
Royal Oak, Michigan 48073**

MINUTES

PRESENT: President Tim Ciechorski; Vice President Erika Alexander; Secretary Deb Anderson; Treasurer Michelle Cook; Trustee Lauren Jasinski; Trustee Maryanne VanHaitsma; Trustee Matt Wickey; and Student Representatives Charles Francis and Leilani Hamilton

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Mary Beth Fitzpatrick; Executive Director of Finance & Operations Kathy Abela; Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Joe Youanes; Executive Director of Staff & Students Services Patrick Wolynski and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent & Board Paula Sutterfield

ABSENT:

1. OPENING / CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. STANDING APPROVAL ITEMS
1. Acceptance of Agenda

The President asks for approval of the agenda, including all attached documents, which may be accessed on the Royal Oak Schools website. Are there any additions or deletions?

"The agenda is approved as presented."

OR

"The agenda is approved with the following additions/deletions" by consensus.

2. Approval of Minutes
- Recommendation:

Resolved that the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education approves the following minutes:

June 11, 2026, Regular Minutes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

If you would like to make a public comment:

- A person may address the Board on an agenda item by completing a note card located inside the Board Room and placing the card in the basket prior to the citizen public comment period. You will have an opportunity to comment on items *not* on the agenda at the end of the meeting.
- Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. If you need more time, you are offered a second opportunity to address the Board at the end of the meeting for an additional three (3) minutes.
- Please address the Board as a whole and not individually.
- Please avoid mentioning specific staff members by name.
- Public comment is not intended for the exchange of dialogue. This is a time for members of the public to express their views. We are paying attention to your comments and appreciate them. However, school board members do not respond to public comment during the meeting.

- Questions that arise from public comment shall be referred to the superintendent, or their designee, for review, study and possible future response.
- Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

Board of Education Secretary

6. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION

1. Superintendent

John Tafelski

1. Updates and Remarks

2. Finance/Facilities and Bond

Kathy Abela

1. Budget Amendments for 2025-2026 Budgets

Recommendation:

Resolved, that the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education approves the following 2025-2026 budget amendments, General Fund, Community Service Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund as presented.

2. Ancillary 2025-2026 Final Budgets and 2026-27 Budget Approvals

Recommendation:

Resolved, that the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education approves the projected final 2025-26 and proposed preliminary 2026-27 for the following ancillary funds: Debt Funds, Property Maintenance, Building & Site Sinking Fund, and Technology Fund as presented.

3. Budget Adoption for 2026-2027 Budgets

Recommendation:

Resolved, that the Royal Oak Schools Board of Education approves the following 2026-2027 budgets, General Fund, Community Service Fund, Food Service Fund, and Student Activity Fund as presented.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

If you would like to make a public comment:

- A person may address the Board on any non-agenda item at this time.
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8. BOARD COMMENTS / LIAISON REPORT

July 9, 2026, Finance & Facilities Meeting @ 5:30pm

July 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

9. ADJOURNMENT (approval by consensus)

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Anderson
Secretary, Board of Education