

February 4, 2026 - Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 4, 2026 5:30 PM Eastern

Elk Rapids High School Library
308 Meguzee Point Dr
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Jennifer Brown: Present
Jeff Hill: Present
Tara Kribs: Present
Scott Moore: Present
Sherry Steffen: Present
Shana Wojtowicz: Present
Present: 6.

I. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board of Education:

President Jennifer Brown	Trustee Scott Moore
Vice-President Tara Kribs	Trustee Shana Wojtowicz
Secretary Sherry Steffen	Trustee Jeff Hill
Trustee Vacancy	

Central Staff:

Superintendent Bryan McKenna
Executive Assistant Kortni Huron
Director of Finance Laurie McCann

II. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

To approve the agenda with no changes or additions. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Sherry Steffen, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea,
Shana Wojtowicz: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY TOPIC

Time limitations: Fifteen minutes per item, three minutes per speaker per item.
None.

IV. BOARD VACANCY INTERVIEWS:

- 5:35 - Tony Anderson
- 5:55 - Dani Burch
- 6:15 - Steven Merchant
- 6:35 - 10-minute break
- 6:45 - Jeremy Cannon
- 7:05 - Lacey Matthews
- 7:25 - Deliberations

- 5:35 - Tony Anderson - **Present**

- 5:55 - Dani Burch - **Present**
- 6:15 - Steven Merchant - **Present**
- 6:35 - 10-minute break
- 6:45 - Jeremy Cannon - **Present**
- 7:05 - Lacey Matthews - **Present**
- 7:25 - Deliberations

V. RANKING AND SELECTION OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER:

Top 2 Selections:

Steven Merchant and Jeremy Cannon

Final Rankings and Selections:

Jennifer Brown - Steven Merchant

Jeff Hill - Steven Merchant

Sherry Steffen - Steven Merchant

Tara Kribs - Jeremy Cannon

Scott Moore - Jeremy Cannon

Shana Wojtowicz - Jeremy Cannon

Tie Breaker Final Selection:

Jennifer Brown - Steven Merchant

Jeff Hill - Steven Merchant

Sherry Steffen - Steven Merchant

Tara Kribs - Steven Merchant

Scott Moore - Jeremy Cannon

Shana Wojtowicz - Jeremy Cannon

VI. ACTION ITEMS

VII. 101-26 APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBER TO FILL OPEN SEAT

RESOLVED: Whereas a vacancy has been caused on this Board of Education by reason of the resignation of Darryl Antcliff; and Whereas this Board of Education has by law authority to fill the vacancy; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Elk Rapids School District that _____ be and hereby is, appointed to serve as member of the Board of Education of this school district for the unexpired term of Darryl Antcliff ending on December 31, 2026.

To approve the resolution with Steven Merchant to fill the open board member vacancy seat.

This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Tara Kribs, Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea, Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Whereas a vacancy has been caused on this Board of Education by reason of the resignation of Darryl Antcliff; and Whereas this Board of Education has by law authority to fill the vacancy; Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Elk Rapids School District that **Steven Merchant** be and hereby is, appointed to serve as member of the Board of Education of this school district for the unexpired term of Darryl Antcliff ending on December 31, 2026.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

To adjourn at 7:33 p.m. This motion, made by Scott Moore and seconded by Sherry Steffen,
Carried.

Jennifer Brown: Yea, Jeff Hill: Yea, Tara Kribs: Yea, Scott Moore: Yea, Sherry Steffen: Yea,
Shana Wojtowicz: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0