

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Lakeview School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lakeview School District was held Monday, January 27, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lakeview High School Forum, 15060 South Helmer Road, Battle Creek, MI 49015.

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING

A. Call to Order

During this organizational meeting, the most senior board member, Eric Greene, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

B. Roll Call

Eric Greene, President – *Present*

Aisha Coulson-Walters, Vice-President – *Present*

Jeff Perry, Treasurer – *Present*

Sara Johnson, Secretary – *Present*

Dr. Michael Glass, Trustee – *Present*

Melissa Metzger, Trustee – *Present*

Angela Myers, Trustee – *Present*

Amina Coulson-Walters, Student Representative – *Absent*

C. Members Absent

Amina Coulson-Walters, Student Representative, was absent from the meeting.

D. Others Present

Staff and community members were present at the meeting.

E. Pledge of Allegiance

II. REVISION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Any revisions to the agenda must be approved before proceeding.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education approves the agenda as printed.

Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Melissa Metzger supported the Lakeview Board of Education's approval of the printed agenda.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

III. OATH OF OFFICE

A. Dr. Michael Glass

B. Angela Myers

C. Jeff Perry

Eric Greene administered a ceremonial Oath of Office to elected Board members Dr. Michael Glass, Angela Myers, and Jeff Perry.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education elects the slate of officers for the 2025 calendar year as recommended by the nominating committee:

President: Eric Greene

Vice President: Aisha Coulson-Walters

Treasurer: Jeff Perry

Secretary: Sara Johnson

Dr. Michael Glass moved, and Angela Myers supported the Lakeview Board of Education's approval of the 2025 slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

V. RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS

A. Board of Education Members

Sara Johnson announced that today (January 27, 2025) is National Holocaust Remembrance Day.

B. Administration

In honor of School Board Appreciation Month, Dr. Patterson thanked the Board of Education members for their advocacy for students and education.

C. Student Representative Report

In Amina Coulson-Walter's absence, Eric Greene shared her student report covering the following:

- *The Youth Alliance Committee is recruiting new Lakeview students.*
- *Lakeview DECA students advanced to the state competition.*
- *Ten students will visit Washington, D.C., for a hands-on political experience.*
- *The Black Student Union is organizing activities for Black History Month.*

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public may address the Board briefly (up to three minutes) or may request to be scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting.

No public comment was given.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS

A. Bond Update

Presenter: Jenae Kuiper

Jenae Kuiper, Vice President of Plante Moran Realpoint, gave an update on bond projects, including the developments at the Lakeview Middle School and the Early Childhood Classrooms (ECC) at Prairieview and Riverside Elementary.

B. Riverside Elementary Building Report

Presenter: Tara Rice

Principal Tara Rice introduced English Language Learners and staff members, demonstrating how Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) strategies are used in the classroom to help students understand the curriculum. Rice also highlighted that these efforts contributed to Riverside receiving the National ESEA Distinguished School Award for Michigan.

C. Recommended Purchase—Developing Decoders

Presenter: Stacy Helmboldt

Stacy Helmboldt recommended that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Developing Decoders to enhance literacy instruction within the Lakeview School District.

D. Recommended Purchase—New Bus

Presenter: Laura McFadden

Laura McFadden recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a new 77-passenger bus, which is expected to be available for the 25-26 school year.

E. 24-25 First Budget Amendment

Presenter: Laura McFadden

Laura McFadden gave an overview of the First Budget Amendment for the 24-25 fiscal year.

F. 25-26 School of Choice Window

Presenter: Wendy Meyer

Wendy Meyer recommended that the Board approve the proposed dates for the 25-26 School of Choice Window, which is from April 7 to May 6, 2025, for students entering grades 1st through 12th and from April 7 to August 22, 2025, for students entering an early childhood education program or kindergarten.

G. Public Input Report

Presenter: Dr. William Patterson

Dr. Patterson followed up on a public comment made at the December Board meeting about Lakeview's baseball facilities. Patterson shared that he met with Mike McCune and Shawn Aimesbury and discussed creating a system to address all athletic needs.

H. Retirements/Resignations/Leaves of Absence

Presenter: Dr. William Patterson

Dr. Patterson reported that there have been no retirements, resignations, or leaves of absence to report on for the past month.

VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. CASB Citizen & Professional Award Nomination

Sara Johnson proposed that the Board nominate the Burma Center Thrive Youth Program for the Citizen Award and Kathleen Moore for the Professional Award. The Board supported Johnson's nominations.

B. Administrative Regulation & Policy changes—Non-Substantive/Clerical/Scriveners' Errors

1. 8004-AR—Communicable Diseases

2. 8008-GP—Discrimination and Harassment

Dr. Patterson reviewed edits in 8004-AR and 8008-GP to correct non-substantive, clerical, or scriveners' errors by following the guidelines noted in VIII-GP—Bylaw & Board Policy Adoption & Review.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Jeff Perry supported the Board of Education's approval of the Consent Agenda as printed.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

- A. Approves December 2024 Expenditures by Fund
- B. Approves December 2024 Financials
- C. Approves December 2024 Food Service Report
- D. Approves December 2024 Bills and Accounts
- E. Approves December 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- F. Approves the hiring of the following Professional Staff:

X. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approves purchasing Developing Decoders for grades K-3 to be paid for with MDE 35a and 35j Grants for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Dr. Michael Glass moved, and Melissa Metzger supported the Board of Education's approval to purchase Developing Decoders for grades K-3 to be paid for with MDE 35a and 35j Grants for an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

- B. Approves purchasing a Conventional 24-25 Phase 1 Bus to be paid for with General Funds for an amount not to exceed \$149,729.

Melissa Metzger moved, and Jeff Perry supported the Board of Education's approval to purchase a Conventional 24-25 Phase 1 Bus to be paid for with General funds for an amount not to exceed \$149,729.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

- C. Approves the 24-25 First Budget Amendment

Angela Myers moved, and Aisha Coulson-Walters supported the Board of Education's approval of the 24-25 First Budget Amendment.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

- D. Approves the 25-26 School of Choice Window

Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Jeff Perry supported the Board of Education's approval of the 25-26 School of Choice Window.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

E. Approves the Lakeview Board of Education's nominee for the CASB's 24-25 Citizen and/or Professional Award

Dr. Michael Glass moved, and Angela Myers supported the Board's collective nomination of the Burma Center THRIVE Youth program for the 2025 CASB Citizen Distinguished Service Award and Kathleen Moore for the 2025 CASB Professional Distinguished Service Award.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

XI. SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING - February 17, 2025, at 6:15 PM

XII. ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - February 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM

A. Enrollment Report

B. Approval of 2025-2026 LMS 7/8 Academy Course Description Guide

C. MASB Board of Directors (Region 6)—2025 Ballot

XIII. CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act (Act 267 of 1976), that being “for discussion and deliberation about the superintendent’s evaluation.”

Melissa Metzger moved, and Aisha Coulson-Walters supported that the Board of Education go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act (Act 267 of 1976) that being “for discussion and deliberation about the superintendent’s evaluation.”

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

The Board took a brief recess at 7:20 PM and went into a closed session at 7:29 PM.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:37 PM.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Aisha Coulson-Walters moved, and Sara Johnson supported adjourning the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Ayes – 7

Nays – 0

Motion Carried