



**WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, September 22, 2025

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education held a rescheduled board meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025, in Washtenaw ISD's Teaching and Learning Center Board Room at 1819 South Wagner Road in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM by Vice President Steve Olsen

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present:

Steve Olsen, Vice President
Sarena Shivers, Treasurer
Diane Hockett, Trustee

The following member was absent:

Mary Jane Tramontin, President
Dorcas Musili, Secretary

Quorum was met.

Also present:

Cherie Vannatter, Deputy Superintendent
Jennifer Banks, Director of Instruction
Charlene Jones, MiSTEM Advisory Council Grant Director
TJ Greggs, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Diane Hockett moved, Sarena Shivers seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Ayes: Steve Olsen, Sarena Shivers, Diane Hockett

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no communications.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There was no public participation.

EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE DIALOGUE: Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter facilitated the Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice (EISJ) discussion, sharing about the following:

- Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter shared about Kriseles' visit and the work done with staff from 9/10-9/11/2025.

CONSENT AGENDA

Diane Hockett motioned, Sarena Shivers seconded, that the Board of Education approve the minutes and Superintendent's recommendations in the Consent Agenda, as presented.

Voting yes: Mary Jane Tramontin, Dorcas Musili, Diane Hockett

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the September 9, 2025, regular meeting.

033-25-26

The Board approved the following employment recommendations:

- Amanda Johnson as a Teaching Assistant in room 42 at High Point
- Donald Walker as a MiSTEM Region 2 Administrator

034-25-26

The Board approved the following reclassification requests:

- Kendra Wilson, current position: Instructional Technologist, 1.0 FTE, 230 workdays, Non-Affiliated. Recommended position: Instructional Technologist, 0.9 FTE, 230 workdays, Non-Affiliated.
- Krista Dixon, current position: Program Assistant, 1.0 FTE, 210 workdays, Non-Affiliated. Recommended position: Achievement Initiatives Project Specialist II, 1.0 FTE, 230 workdays, Salary: \$78,620.00 Grade 6 Step 7, Non-Affiliated.

035-24-25

The Board approved the following new position requests:

- Floater Teacher Assistant for ASD program, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Worksite: High Point, Unit I.
- School Social Worker, 2.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Worksite: TLC, Unit II.
- Speech Language Pathologist, 1.0 FTE, 185 workdays, Worksite: TLC, Unit II.

036-25-26

The Board approved the following staff resignations:

- Ayowale Oladipo, effective August 18, 2025

037-25-26

The Board authorized the administration to approve the contract with New Directions Solutions LLC / ProCare Therapy for the amount of \$70,762.50, as presented

038-25-26

The Board authorize the administration to execute the lease agreement with Eastern Michigan University (EMU) with rent totaling \$61,200 for the three-year term, as presented.

039-25-26

The Board authorized the administration to contract with Communications by Design for a cost not to exceed \$59,700.00, as presented.

040-25-26

The Board of Education authorize the administration to accept the 35m Literacy Materials grant in the amount of \$130,952.00, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS – Michigan Interpreting Services 2025-26 Contract: Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter shared details of the Michigan Interpreting Services contract.

Sarena Shivers motioned, Diane Hockett seconded, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to approve the contract with Michigan Interpreting Services for a cost not to exceed \$405,100.00, as presented.

Voting yes: Steve Olsen, Sarena Shivers, Diane Hockett

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Reclamation Education, LLC 2025-26 Contract: MiSTEM Advisory Council Administrator Dr. Charlene Jones shared details of the Reclamation Education Services contract.

Diane Hockett motioned, Sarena Shivers seconded, that the Board of Education authorize the administration to approve the contract with Reclamation Education, LLC for a cost not to exceed \$326,500.00, as presented.

Voting yes: Steve Olsen, Sarena Shivers, Diane Hockett

Voting no: None.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Updated WISD Policies – First Read: Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter shared the changes made to the following WISD policies: PO 1430 – Leave of Absence, PO 3430 – Leave of Absence, and PO 4430 – Leave of Absence. This was a first read, so no action was taken.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS – There were no other items of business.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS:

Trustees of the Board of Education spoke about the following:

- Trustee Hockett shared about retired trustee Dr. Theresa Saunders' memorial service.
- Trustee Olsen shared he would be attending the Michigan Head Start Association's Fall Assembly on September 25, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS – Superintendent's Report:

Deputy Superintendent Cherie Vannatter spoke about the following:

- Deputy Superintendent Vannatter shared about her experience at the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators Fall Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dorcas Musili, Secretary
Washtenaw ISD Board of Education