

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Approved MINUTES

Middle School Media Center

July 15, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by President Michels at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Rourke to nominate Sayles as acting secretary. Seconded by Michels. Motion carried unanimously.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Burley, Jason Michels, Christian Ragsdale,
Michael Rourke, Maggie Sayles

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shane Brink, Renee Gutzman

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Julie Nosek, Krissy Pratt

Motion by Burley to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2026, regular board meeting. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the June 2026 Treasurer's report. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the June 2026 Warrants:

June Accounts Payable:	\$708,076.48
June EFT/ACH Transfer(s):	\$ 58,142.15
June Payroll:	\$726,214.66
June Building and Site:	\$ 9,415.00

Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to adopt the regular meeting agenda. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Designation of Depositories for School Funds and Signature Authorizations:

- Depository for all District Funds:
- General Fund and Debt Retirement Checking Signatories
- Building and Site Checking Signatories
- Cafeteria Plan Signatories
- Payroll Accounts Signatories
- Building Activity Checking Account Signatories

Motion by Rourke to designate the Depositories for School Funds and Signature Authorizations to be the same as the prior year without any amendments. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Designation of Person for Posting Public Notices of Meetings

Motion by Sayles to designate the Accounting Officer/Administrative Support to assist the Board Secretary in posting public notices of meetings. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Designation of Election Duties

Motion by Rourke to designate the Accounting Officer/Administrative Support to assist the Board Secretary in the delegation of election duties. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Organizational Memberships

Motion by Ragsdale to participate in the following organizational memberships: MASB, MASB Legal Trust, and Shiawassee County School Board Association. Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Retainer Contracts

Motion by Burley to approve the annual retainer contracts with Thrun Law Firm and with Lewis & Knopf auditing firm. Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

From Delegations or Visitors – Chris Eveleth, Shiawassee Health and Wellness.

Public comment - None

Correspondence – None

From Superintendent and Staff

- 2025-26 Budget Update: This will be amended again after the Audit is complete.
- 2026-27 Budget Update: In July, they had a deficit of \$643,182, but overall, the budget will be better now that the state budget is released. Preliminary review shows an increase in the per-pupil amount of \$250. Dual enrollment will get some relief, introducing a 3-year blend for enrollment, along with an increase in GSRP of 10%.
- Staffing Update: They are holding interviews on Friday for a new K-5 Music teacher as well as interviewing for the Ag Science position.
- Superintendent Shastal informed the Board that the audit is scheduled for July 27th to 29th. Jason Michels volunteered to meet with the auditors.
- Summer Projects Update: They will do some painting and small repairs.
- May 2027 Bond Proposal Update: Met with Tower Pinkster and spoke to PFM and Christman regarding a new design with a zero-mil increase. They can present to the board in August or September.

From Board Members – Maggie spoke about the project outside by the middle school cafeteria.

From Board Committee Reports - NONE

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

1. Board Bylaws and Policy Update(s) – Review, 1st Reading

Bylaws –

Bylaw 0100 – Definitions (Revised)

Section 1000 – Administration –

Policy 1410 – Staff Ethics (New)

Section 2000 – Program

Policy 2370.01 – Online/Blended Learning Program (Revised)

Policy 2417 – Comprehensive School Health Education (Revised)

Section 3000 – Professional Staff –

Policy 3120.09 & Policy 4120.09 – Volunteers (Renumbered / Rescind) and becomes Policy 8120.09 – Volunteers

Section 4000 – Support Staff –

Policy 4210 – Staff Ethics (New)

Section 5000 – Students

Policy 5136 – Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) (Replacement)

Section 6000 – Finances –

Policy 6320 – Purchasing (Revised)

Policy 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)

Section 7000 – Property

Policy 7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Replacement)

Section 8000 – Operations

Policy 8120.09 – Volunteers (Renumbered / Revised)

Policy 8402 – Emergency Operations Plan (Revised)

Policy 8655 – Specialized Transportation for Students with IEPs (New)

Section 9000 – Relations – None

The board acknowledged the resignations of Ronda Rhine, Elementary Teacher, Effective July 31, 2026; Hanna Angst, Elementary Counselor, Effective July 31, 2026; Troy McCreery, Custodian, Effective July 24, 2026

Proposal #1

Motion by Rourke to approve the hiring of Christine Tobias, Bus Driver, Effective 26/27 School year. Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #2

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the hiring of JoLynn Richard, Bus Driver, Effective 26/27 School year. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #3

Motion by Sayles to approve the hiring of Robert Zukatis, Food Service, Effective 26/27 School year. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #4

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the contract extension as presented for Superintendent Matt Shastal. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #5

Motion by Sayles to authorize the Superintendent to appoint, on behalf of the Board district wide professional development advisory committee as described in subsection 10 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, Act 94 of 1979, Section 38.1701. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #6

Motion by Burley to approve the suspension of the middle school and high school athletic participation fee for the 2026-27 school year. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #7

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the Annual Loan Resolution, School Bond Loan Fund. Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, August 1, 2025 @ 7 pm

Motion by Rourke to go into executive session at 7:41 pm. Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to move back into open session at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Maggie Sayles, Acting Board Secretary

Laingsburg Community Schools

Board of Education

Approved Closed Session

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The board entered into a closed session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss the material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

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Michael Rourke, Maggie Sayles

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shane Brink, Renee Gutzman

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal

The board discussed employee negotiations.

Moved by Sayles to come out of the closed session at 7:47 p.m. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Maggie Sayles, Acting Board Secretary