

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

August 18, 2026

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

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Shane Brink

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

Motion by Sayles to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026, regular board meeting.
Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026, closed board meeting.
Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burley to approve the July 2026 Treasurer's Report.
Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the July 2026 warrants:

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| 1. Accounts Payable - | \$517,873.00 |
| 2. Payroll - | \$621,961.17 |
| 3. ACH/EFT/Transfers - | \$ 25,805.25 |
| 4. Building & Site - | \$ 2,000.00 |

Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

From Delegations or Visitors – None

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports – None

From Superintendent and Staff

-Superintendent Shastal spoke about opening day. We are welcoming back students and families this week. Open houses are underway, and fall sports have started. The high school band has been practicing its marching show since late July. Our entire staff has worked tirelessly to be ready to welcome back our students and families. School of Choice closed in early August to help us staff appropriately.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on district staffing. We are starting the year a little short-staffed for our paraprofessionals, custodians, and teachers. We will look to add staff throughout the year as needed.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Legislative Update. Not in session

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on our 2026-27 budget. First, he thanked Jason Michels for taking the time to meet with our auditors. The 25-26 audit presentation will be in October.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Strategic Goal Planning Update.

From Board Members – Jason Michels thanked admin and staff for all of the hard work they put into the annual audit.

Board Committee Reports – None.

Unfinished Business –

Motion by Sayles to approve the Board Bylaws and Policy Update(s).

Board Bylaws and Policy Update(s) – Review, 2nd 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

Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business -

Personnel -

The Board acknowledged the retirement of:

Sally Barberio, Bus Driver, Effective August 1, 2026, and

Lisa Kingsbury, High School Teacher, Effective August 31, 2026

and the resignations of:

Howard Malitz, Bus Driver, Effective July 22, 2026

Rachel Shiller, Elementary Teacher, Effective August 2, 2026

Sarah Cole, Paraprofessional, Effective July 29, 2026

Alyssa Gill, Middle School Teacher, Effective August 12, 2026, and

Trina Buckland, Foodservice, Effective August 3, 2026

Proposal #8

Motion by Sayles to approve the recommendation to hire Katie Crowell, Elementary Teacher, Effective August 12, 2026. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #9

Motion by Burley to approve the recommendation to hire Melissa Denkins, Middle School Assistant Football Coach, Effective 26/27 school year. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #10

Motion by Sayles to approve the recommendation to hire Taylor Brewer, Daycare, Effective August 17, 2026. Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #11

Motion by Gutzman to approve the recommendation to hire Cassie Stone, High School Teacher, Effective August 17, 2026. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #12

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the recommendation to hire Cassie Hoppes, Food Service, Effective 26/27 school year. Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #13

Motion by Gutzman to approve the contract with Melissa Phillips, Athletic Trainer. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #14

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the contract with Kylie Richard, Public Health Nurse. Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #15

Motion by Sayles to approve the District Curriculum Guide as presented. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates – Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas

District Enrollment

2025-26 Audit

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Renee Gutzman, Board Secretary