

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

March 18, 2026

Middle School Media Center

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shane Brink, Mark Burley, Renee Gutzman, Jason Michels, Michael Rourke, Maggie Sayles

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Christian Ragsdale

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Krissy Pratt, Kerri DeVault, Tara Hengesbach, Brandon Woodworth

Motion by Burley to approve the minutes from the Regular board meeting on February 9, 2026. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the February 2026 Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the February 2026 Warrants:

1. February Accounts Payable -	\$222,684.00
2. February EFT/ACH Transfer(s) -	\$ 87,253.24
3. February Payroll -	\$795,093.44
4. February Building & Site -	\$ 0.00

Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

From Delegations or Visitors: None

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports: None

From Superintendent and Staff

- Superintendent Shastal took a moment to voice his appreciation to the staff for going above and beyond during the lockdown event on March 4th.

- Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the 2025-26 budget. The budget was updated in February to a deficit of \$845,120 with a projected fund equity of \$2,441,377. They often look to revise the budget in April or May if it looks like it's trending away from the deficit. The biggest challenge this year has been student enrollment. Also, maintaining an aging bus fleet. He wanted to remind the board that the school didn't receive the approved budget until early October, 4 months into the fiscal year.

- Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the 2026-27 budget. He pointed out some key points in the Governor's Executive Budget Proposal. The House and Senate should be in early April.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the Kindergarten and Pre-School round-up for 26-27. They currently have 100 students registered for kindergarten round-up; they had 83 at this time last year. They currently have 73 seniors. They also have 38 students signed up for preschool, and they had 46 at this time last year.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a legislative update.

-Superintendent Shastal gave the Board a Strategic Goal Planning update. They received good feedback from the rendering of the elementary building and spoke more about the bond on the May ballot.

- Kerri Devault gave an ECEC and Elementary School update. They celebrated March is Reading Month with a Bookflix theme, a play off of Netflix. The upper elementary had their wax museum, and it is fun to see the creativity in the costumes. They also had the literacy night and an author visit. They had really high numbers for the parent-teacher conferences.

- Tara Hengesbach gave a middle school update. They also had a great turnout for their parent-teacher conferences. The band had their MSBOA in Owosso, and they received all ones again. They are ramping up for spring testing. The high school counselors came to meet with the 8th graders. The 8th grade took a field trip to the Planterium and the Isotop beams at MSU. Spring testing will start after spring break. The science fair is next Thursday.

- Brandon Woodworth gave a high school update. They were able to hold a new CPR certification day for all high school students who wanted to get certified, and it was a huge success with 195 students getting their CPR Cards. He gave a huge thank you to Choice Reality for the monetary donation to help this event take place. The girls and boys basketball teams, along with the wrestling team, are District Champs. Two of our wrestlers went to States, with Dillon Phillips winning the at states. The high school band received all ones at the MSBOA, and as always, sounded amazing. Robotics received 1st in Mt.Pleasant, and it was the best ever score. They were once again awarded the Impact Award, and that automatically gets them invited to States.

From Board Members:

Wall of Fame – Vice President Rourke reported that the committee recommended three candidates be added to the Wall of Fame. Sayles motioned to approve all three nominees to be included. The motion was seconded by Michels and passed unanimously.

Board Committee Reports:

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

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

Bylaws – None

Section 1000 – Administration

Policy 1422 – Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment (Replacement)

Policy 1422.02 – Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee (Rescind)

Policy 1623 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Technical Correction)

Policy 1662 – Anti-Harassment (Rescind)

Section 2000 – Program

Policy 2210 – Curriculum Development – Approved Courses (Revised)

Policy 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity (Technical Correction)

Policy 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability (Technical Correction)

Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised)

Policy 2412 – Homebound Instruction Program (Revised)

Section 3000 – Professional Staff

Policy 3122 – Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-

- Harassment (Replacement)
- Policy 3122.02 – Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee (Rescind)
- Policy 3123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Technical Correction)
- Policy 3362 – Anti-Harassment (Rescind)
- Section 4000 – Support Staff
 - Policy 4122 – Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment (Replacement)
 - Policy 4122.02 – Nondiscrimination Based on Genetic Information of the Employee (Rescind)
 - Policy 4123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment (Technical Correction)
 - Policy 4162 – Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Drivers and Other Employees Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions (Revised)
 - Policy 4362 – Anti-Harassment (Rescind)
- Section 5000 – Students
 - Policy 5517.01 – Bullying and Other Aggressive Behavior toward Students (Revised)
- Section 6000 – Finances – None
- Section 7000 – Property
 - Policy 7540.02 – Digital Content and Accessibility (Revised)
 - Policy 7541 – Electronic Data Processing Disaster Recovery Plan (Rescind)
- Section 8000 – Operations
 - Policy 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan (Revised)
 - Policy 8305 – Information Security (Revised)
- Section 9000 – Relations – None
- Personnel
 - Acknowledge the resignations of:
 - Austin Randall, JV Baseball Coach, Effective February 26, 2026
 - Lisa Kingsbury, NHS Advisor, Effective at the conclusion of the 25-26 school year
 - Mollie Babb, Elementary Paraprofessional, Effective February 20, 2026
 - Kerry Shadbolt, Elementary Art Teacher, Effective February 25, 2026
 - Andrea Large, Elementary Music Teacher, Effective March 10, 2026

Proposal #45

Motion by Sayles to hire Cliff Herold, JV Baseball Coach.

Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #46

Motion by Rourke to approve Resolution for Section 27L Educator Compensation as presented.

Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #47

Motion by Gutzman to purchase a 2024 IC 77 passenger school bus, including a 120-month/200,000-mile extended engine warranty for \$125,954. Delivery date to be after July 1, 2026.

Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates:

Regular Board Meeting – April 15, 2026

Graduation – May 21, 2026

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas:

2026/27 Proposed Budget

Board By-Laws/Policy Update

General Discussion to Guide Future Recommendations

Motion by Sayles to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

Maggie Sayles, Acting Board Secretary