

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

February 9, 2026

Middle School Media Center

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shane Brink, Renee Gutzman, Jason Michels, Christian Ragsdale,
Maggie Sayles

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mark Burley, Michael Rourke

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Asst Superintendent Julie Nosek, Krissy
Pratt, Sheila Freeman, Brandon Woodworth

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026, special board meetings.
Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2026, regular board meetings.
Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the January 2026 Treasurer's report.
Seconded by Gutzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Brink to approve the January 2025 Warrants:

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| 1. January Accounts Payable – | \$347,441.23 |
| 2. January EFT/ACH Transfer(s) - | \$ 59,256.59 |
| 3. January Payroll - | \$745,279.07 |
| 4. January Building & Site - | \$ 1,262.00 |

Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Information and Proposals

From Delegations and Visitors

5th-grade students shared their recent Junior Achievement Biz Town experience. The students and teachers extended their sincere thanks to LEAF for the grant that made this new opportunity possible. It was a fabulous experience, and they can not wait to build on the event in the upcoming years.

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports

Correspondence – Thank you for your service to the Board of Education from State Representative Penelope Tsernoglou.

From Superintendent and Staff

Superintendent Shastal presented the updated 2025-26 budget. He started by stating how much he appreciates the staff for going above and beyond. He proposed an amended budget with a deficit of \$845,120. He stated that this was a very difficult budget. There was no increase in State Aid, and pointed out the loss of the 31aa grant money. This year has signified the importance of the Sinking Fund.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the 2026-27 budget. The Governor is supposed to release her budget on Wednesday. They will need to adjust the staff to match the enrollment trend

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Legislative Update.

-Superintendent Shastal gave an update on the Strategic Goal Planning: All Completed projects: Sinking Fund, LED bulbs at the high school, ECEC parking lot, and the Bond Proposal will be in May 2027 or November 2026.

-Superintendent Shastal shared that the Wall of Fame committee meeting will be on February 26th at 6 pm.

-Sheila Freeman, LES Principal: At the ECEC, they celebrated the 100th day of school with the 8th graders. They are also preparing for the kindergarten round-up that will be in April. At the LES, they have 22 MSU students who come every Monday to work with the first graders for the literacy program. She also spoke about the Junior Achievement Biz Town experience.

-Julie Nosek, on behalf of the Middle School Principal: The 8th-grade students hosted the kindergarteners for the 100th day. The 6th grade traveled to the Planetarium, thank you to the sixth grade teachers. Girls' basketball is wrapping up next week. They have the 7th & 8th grade semi-formal dance on 2/27, parent-teacher conferences on 3/18, as well as the science & art fair on 3/26. She also stated that 60% of the students are signed up for next year's 8th-grade Washington trip.

-Brandon Woodworth, LHS Principal: The Jazz band did well at the CMU Jazz Fest with Shaun Mills taking first place as a soloist. The MSBOA is on 3/18, and he is always impressed with how efficiently Mr. Cousineau works with the students on the site reading portion. FFA has 16 piglets, and HOSA has 14 students going to states. For the first time, the high school HOSA program is going to offer an all-school CPR & first aid training on 3/13. Mrs. Kingsbury and Mrs. Weber held the music and arts night. Wrestling districts are coming up on Thursday.

From Board Members, Reports - None

Board Committee Reports – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Personnel -

Acknowledged resignation of Jennifer Talbott, Paraprofessional, Effective February 6, 2026

Proposal #43

Motion by Sayles to approve the recommendation to approve the Elementary Social Worker, Kristina Bruggink's request to reduce her position to 0.4 FTE, effective February 9, 2026, through June 30, 2026. Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal # 44

Motion by Gutzman to approve the recommendation to hire Jessica Bender, Lead Preschool Teacher, Effective January 20, 2026. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

2025-26 Budget Amendment

Motion by Sayles to approve the 2025-26 Budget Amendments as presented.

General Fund

Total Revenue:	\$15,042,742
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$15,887,862</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance:	\$ (845,120)

Food Service

Total Revenue:	\$786,021
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$786,021</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance	\$ 0

Student/School Activity Fund (29)

Total Revenue:	\$154,561
Total Expenditures:	<u>\$206,956</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance	\$(52,395)

Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates – Regular Board Meeting – March 18, 2026

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas

2026-27 Proposed Budget

Motion by Ragsdale to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Renee Gutzman, Board Secretary