

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

December 17, 2025

Middle School Media Center

The regular meeting was called to order by Vice President Rourke at 6:30 p.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jason Michels

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Matt Shastal, Krissy Pratt

Motion by Sayles to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2025, regular board meeting.
Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2025, regular board meeting.
Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Gutzman to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2025, closed board meeting.
Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burley to approve the November 2025 Treasurer's report.
Seconded by Sayles. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to approve the November 2025 Warrants:

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| 1. November Accounts Payable - | \$226,279.89 |
| 2. November EFT/ACH Transfer(s) - | \$ 71,474.94 |
| 3. November Payroll - | \$822,760.05 |
| 4. November Building & Site - | \$165,971.52 |

Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

From Delegation or Visitors: No Public Comment

From Non-Staff Communications/Correspondence: None

From Superintendent and Staff

-Superintendent Shastal gave a 2025-26 budget update. The student enrollment is holding strong to what was anticipated in the October count, as budgeted. The reimbursement from the MDE for the breakfast and lunches served is delayed by two months. There will be a recommendation to amend the budget at the February board meeting.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a 2026-27 preliminary budget update. We are continuing to provide the necessary support for our students, families, and staff to maintain small class sizes. Most employee contracts will be settled next year. The Revenue Estimating Conference is in January.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a legislative update.

-Superintendent Shastal gave a Strategic Goal Planning Update-FutureBond Proposal. The ECEC parking lot is complete, and they are continuing to work on the LED project from 2018 by replacing bulbs throughout the District. He spoke about the possibility of postponing the Bond Proposal in May 2026 to a later date.

From Board Members – None

Board Committee Reports - None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business-

The Board acknowledged the resignation of Blakelyn Rose, Preschool Lead Teacher, effective December 19, 2025

Proposal #28

Motion by Burley to hire Samantha Schaaf-Shepherd, Paraprofessional, Reimbursed by SRES
Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #29

Motion by Sayles to hire Blakelyn Rose, Elementary Teacher, Effective January 5, 2026
Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #30

Motion by Ragsdale to hire Cora Sayles, Preschool Lead Teacher, Effective January 5, 2026
Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #31

Motion by Sayles to Approve Transportation Mechanic Contract.
Seconded by Gutzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #32

Motion by Burley to approve the Emergency Operations Plan as presented.
Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to go into executive session at 7:02 pm. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sayles to move back into open session at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

The board rated the superintendent effective.

Future Business

Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting – January 15, 2026

Regular Board Meeting – February 9, 2026

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas

Organizational Meeting

2025-26 Budget Update

Motion by Gutzman to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Renee Gutzman, Board Secretary