

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approved MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

June 24, 2026

Middle School Media Center

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shane Brink, Mark Burley, Renee Gutzman, Christian Ragsdale, Michael Rourke

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jason Michels, Maggie Sayles

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

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2026, special board meeting.
Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Burley to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2026, regular board meeting.
Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Gutzman to approve the May 2026 Treasurers report.
Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the May 2026 Warrants:

May Accounts Payable –	\$ 321,924.89
May EFT/ACH Transfer(s) -	\$ 78,172.98
May Payroll -	\$1,426,812.76
May Building & Site -	\$ 2,844.44

Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

From Delegations or Visitors – None

Public Hearing

- Presentation of Proposed 2026-27 Budget
- Public Comments on Proposed 2026-27 Budget - none
- Conclude Public Hearing

From Non-Staff Communications and Reports –

- Renee Gutzman read a thank-you card from a graduate student for the award from the Margaret Scoutten and Raymond O. Nash Scholarship Fund.

From Superintendent Shastal and Staff -

Superintendent Shastal:

-2025-26 Budget Update: The budget picture gets clearer as we approach June 30th. A big thank you to our community support groups, who have given almost \$70,000 to the school this year. The budget deficit has been reduced by \$576k since February. He reminded the board that there was not an increase in State Aid for the second year in a row.

-2026-27 budget update: Still no budget from Lansing. Once again, they have planned for the worst-case scenario for the initial 2026-27 budget. He pointed out that this is a revenue problem. Revenue is down approximately \$600,000 from two years ago.

-Legislative update:

-District staffing: They are not looking to downsize.

-Strategic Plan Update- Revisit this in July

Proposal #56

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the 2026-27 Board of Education Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

From Board Members - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

The Board acknowledged the resignation of:

Autumn Ash, High School Teacher, Effective August 14, 2026

Proposal #57

Motion by Rourke to approve the hiring of Rachel Darr, Associate Preschool Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #58

Motion by Burley to approve the hiring of Alex George, IT Director, Effective July 1, 2026. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #59

Motion by Rourke to approve the hiring of Steve Toomey, Food Service Director, Effective July 1, 2026. Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #60

Motion by Gutzman to approve the hiring of Brayden Thomas, Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Seconded by Ragsdale. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board acknowledged the probationary status of the following teachers:

- i. Hannah Beauregard, 2nd year
- ii. Erin Brawner, 2nd year
- iii. Samantha Eschtruth, 2nd year
- iv. Chelsea Fink, 2nd year
- v. Kathryn Kostal, 2nd year
- vi. Olivia Moiles, 2nd year
- vii. Blakelyn Rose, 2nd year
- viii. Brianna Sweet, 2nd year
- ix. Cailey Thelen, 2nd year
- x. Hanna Angst, 3rd year
- xi. Makala Bohrer, 3rd year
- xii. Blake Charboneau, 3rd year
- xiii. Emily Charboneau, 3rd year
- xiv. Jenny Jacobson, 3rd year

- xv. Emme Kvalevog, 3rd year
- xvi. Trent Lashuay, 3rd year
- xvii. Kelsea Pearson, 3rd year
- xviii. Jinhua Yang, 3rd year
- xix. Jacob Chambers, 4th year
- xx. Kristina Bruggink, 4th year
- xxi. Jacob Pope, 4th year
- xxii. Ayla Starr, 4th year

The Board acknowledged the tenure status of the following teachers:

- i. Janelle Kessler-Finn
- ii. Sara Bowen
- iii. Jaelynn Harris
- iv. Alyssa Gill
- v. Madisyn Rawza
- vi. Sam Kaastra
- vii. Alyssa Klein
- viii. Paul Phillips
- ix. Rachel Shiller

Proposal #61

Motion by Gutzman to approve Elementary Social Worker, Kristina Bruggink's request to reduce her position to 0.4 FTE for the 2026-2027 school year. Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #62

Motion by Gutzman to approve the 2025-26 Proposed Budget

General Fund:

Total Revenue:	\$14,813,897
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$15,082,321</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance:	\$ (268,424)

Food Service

Total Revenue:	\$817,803
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$835,222</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance:	\$(17,419)

Student/School Activity Fund (29)

Total Revenue:	\$133,570
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$141,766</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance:	\$ (8,196)

Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #63

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the amended 2026-27 Proposed Budget

General Fund:

Total Revenue:	\$14,935,667
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$15,578,848</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance:	\$ (643,182)

Food Service

Total Revenue:	\$780,608
<u>Total Expenditures:</u>	<u>\$783,413</u>
Total Fund Equity to Balance:	\$ (2,805)

Student/School Activity Fund (29)

Total Revenue:	\$133,570
Total Expenditures:	\$141,766
Total Fund Equity to Balance:	\$ (8,196)

Seconded by Burley. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #64

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the MHSSA 2026-27 Membership Resolution.

Seconded by Rourke. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #65

Motion by Burley to approve the 2026 Tax Levy L-4029 Property Tax Millage rate as follows:

Non-Homestead Operation:	18.0000	
2016 Series A:	2.0400	
2019 Building & Site:	3.0600	
2019 Refunding	4.0800	
2021 Refunding	1.0200	
<u>2026 Sinking Fund</u>	<u>0.7500</u>	
TOTAL:	28.9500	mills

Seconded by Gutzman. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #66

Motion by Ragsdale to approve the 2026-27 General Fund Operational Loan, State Aid Note Resolution. Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Business

Meeting Dates

Regular Board Meeting - July 15, 2026, 7:00 pm @ MS Media Center

Preview of Topics for Future Agendas – NEOLA Board By-Laws and Policy update

Motion by Ragsdale to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Seconded by Brink. Motion carried unanimously.

Maggie Sayles, Acting Board Secretary