

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MACOMB, STATE OF MICHIGAN
September 8, 2025**

Agenda meeting was convened by Mrs. Yokel at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Engagement Center of the Neigebaur Administration Building, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, Michigan. Attending were Yokel, Covert, Furgal, Meisner, Lee, Ahmed and DeLoatch. Also in attendance were Administrators.

1. The Board Meeting was called to order by President Yokel at 6:32 p.m., in the Community Engagement Center of the Neigebaur Administration Building, 23200 Ryan Road, Warren, Michigan.

Members present: Julia Yokel, Annie Covert, Judy Furgal, Randel Meisner, Khaja Ahmed and Raymond DeLoatch.

Members absent: Kimberly Lee joined the meeting late at 7:26 pm

Also present: Superintendent, Elizabeth Jensen; Director of Academic Services, Heather Klos; Business Manager, Gina Cereska; Director of Human Resources, Cheri Nowak (Cheri left at 6:30 pm to attend a class); Director of Operations, William Rudd; and Director of Communications and Culture, Jessica Percy along with approximately eight (8) interested observers, employees, and administrators.

2. DECLARATIONS:

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Our Vision: E. Jensen

Fitzgerald Public Schools: Educating our Future
Focused ~ Progressive ~ Successful

Our Mission: E. Jensen
Inspiring, Empowering and Preparing Today's Learner to become
Tomorrow's Leader

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to adopt the agenda as presented.

AYE: All

NAY: None

Motion carried.

4. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION:

- 4.1 We were proud to be sponsors of the Warren Police Department's Operation Back 2 School event

5. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA: (Items indicated by an asterisk) The Board uses the Consent Agenda format. This allows for certain items to be designated and identified by an asterisk as part of the Consent Agenda, and therefore, acted on in a single motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda by any member of the Board at the time of the meeting.

Consent Items were read by Judy Furgal

Items included on this meeting's Consent Agenda:

- * 6.1 Minutes of the August 11, 2025 Board Meeting
- * 7.1 Approval of the Monthly Business Affairs Documents

Motion by Furgal, seconded by Meisner, to approve the consent agenda as presented or amended.

AYE: All

NAY: None

Motion carried.

6. MINUTES:

Item 6.1 was approved under the Consent Agenda.

7. BUSINESS AFFAIRS:

Item 7.1 was approved under the Consent Agenda.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 9.1 Presentation: Fitzgerald Summer Programs: Carmela Rudd, Aneta Dziejczak & Rich Smith
- 9.2 Presentation: MISD Summer Programs (Building Bridges): Marianne Owens
- 9.3 Presentation: Fitz Summer Camp: Rachel Belkowski
- 9.4 Presentation: Seal of Biliteracy: Aneta Dziejczak, Heather Klos
- 9.5 Resignations:
 - Dejourie Turner resigned girls and boys 7th grade basketball coach July 29, 2025
 - David Colon, Social Studies Teacher, Fitzgerald High School, August 15, 2025
 - Steve Hazard, Auto Technology Teacher, Fitzgerald High School, August 15, 2025
 - Brittney Beamon, Transition Coordinator, Fitzgerald High School, August 15, 2025

- Derek Atlas, Science Teacher, Chatterton Middle School, August 15, 2025
- Leeland Jones, Security Guard, Chatterton Middle School, August 15, 2025 (Edustaff)
- Kelly Weingust Hall, ECSE Teacher, Schofield Early Childhood Center, August 15, 2025
- Fallon Sherman, School Social Worker, Mound Park Elementary, August 24, 2025
- Ashlei Ellis, FVA Coordinator, Fitzgerald High School, August 25, 2025
- Omar Sumpter, Math Teacher, Chatterton Middle School, August 26, 2025
- Cameron Fischer, Paraprofessional, Mound Park Elementary, August 27, 2025
- Shavonne Moore, Paraprofessional, Schofield Early Childhood Center, August 27, 2025
- Nicole Grachal, Secretary to the Principal, Westview Elementary School, August 28, 2025
- Jessica Hall, Paraprofessional, Mound Park Elementary, September 2, 2025
- Chelsea Trendy, MTSS Behavior Specialist, Westview Elementary School, August 15, 2025

9.6 Retirement:

- Joe Kopicki, part time paraprofessional and part time security guard at Fitzgerald High School, August 15, 2025

9.7 Staff Changes:

- Mariah Wilkins, Paraprofessional, Westview Elementary School, rescinded acceptance
- Asia Kelley, Noon aide, Schofield Early Childhood Center, rescinded acceptance
- Mariah Day, Volleyball varsity girls assistant coach offer, Fitzgerald High School, rescinded acceptance
- Annica Brocker, from Science Teacher (GYO) to highly qualified Science Teacher, Fitzgerald High School, Fall 2025
- Rebecca Akins, from Elementary School Principal at Westview to Coordinator of District Improvement and Accountability, August 25, 2025

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

New Hires:

- 10.1 Munazzah Afzal, EL Teacher, Westview Elementary School, August 19, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Ahmed, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

- 10.2 Stephen Prissel, SE Co-Taught Teacher, Fitzgerald High School, August 19, 2025

Motion by Meisner, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

- 10.3 April Williams, Special Education Teacher, Fitzgerald High School, August 19, 2025

Motion by Ahmed, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

- 10.4 Vashon Strong, Counselor, Fitzgerald High School, August 20, 2025

Motion by Ahmed, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

- 10.5 Charles Greer, Security Guard, Chatterton Middle School, August 25, 2025

Motion by Ahmed, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

- 10.6 Alyssa Stehlin, Social Studies Teacher, Fitzgerald High School, August 25, 2025

Motion by Ahmed, seconded by DeLoatch, to approve the recommendation as presented.

