OFFICIAL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MACOMB, STATE OF MICHIGAN
February 9, 2026

Pre-board 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 6:30 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, Kimberly Lee, Khaja Ahmed and Raymond DeLoatch.

Members absent:

Also present: Superintendent, Elizabeth Jensen; Director of Academic Services, Heather Klos; Business Manager, Gina Cereska; Director of Human Resources, Cheri Nowak; and Director of Operations, William Rudd; along with approximately 33 interested observers, employees, and administrators. Absent: Director of Communications and Culture, Jessica Percy

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 amended with the addition of 12.2 Approval of Resolution Ratifying Execution of the Bond

Purchase Agreement and Other Actions of the Administration Regarding the 2026 School Building and Site Bonds to the agenda.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

4. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION:
   4.1 Recognition of Westview Student Council

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:

* 7.1 Approval of the Monthly Business Affairs Documents

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

6. MINUTES:
   6.1 Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2026 Board Meeting.

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.
Abstain: Raymond DeLoatch

7. BUSINESS AFFAIRS:
   Item 7.1 was approved under the Consent Agenda.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
   9.1 SMTEC Presentation - Steven Kay and Brooke Smith
   9.2 RESIGNATIONS
   - Toni Leverett, Server/Cashier a la carte, Fitzgerald High School, January 6, 2026
   - Amatullah Ahmed, Math Teacher, Chatterton Middle School, January 14, 2026

- Amy Chimovicz, Teacher Consultant, Fitzgerald High School, January 30, 2026
- Dore Lunsford, Special Education Co-taught Teacher, Chatterton Middle School, January 30, 2026 (ProCare)
- Nicole Wadsworth, Day Chair Custodian, Schofield Early Childhood Center, date January 30, 2026

9.3 TERMINATIONS

- Gary Skop, Student Support & Attendance Liaison, Fitzgerald High School, January 5, 2026
- Cameron Buchanan, Afternoon Custodian, Fitzgerald High School, January 26, 2026

9.4 Staff Changes

- Jordan Jacobs, Server/Cashier, Fitzgerald High School to a la carte, January 6, 2026
- Tylisha Lewis, from Server/Cashier (floater) at Fitzgerald High School to Server/Cashier at Mound Park Elementary, February 2, 2026
- Saska Catenacci, from Attendance Liaison at Mound Park and Westview to Office Clerk at Mound Park, effective February 2, 2026
- Lauren Rutkowski, Day Chair Custodian, from the High School to Schofield, February 16, 2026
- Greg Brown, Varsity Boys Track Coach, March 2, 2026
- Chris Bierman, Varsity Girls Track Coach, March 2, 2026
- Bennie Szczepkowski, Varsity Softball Girls Coach, March 9, 2026
- Devin Weiland, Asst Varsity Softball Girls Coach, March 9, 2026 (Edustaff)
- William Boddy, Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, March 10, 2026
- Willie Simon, Asst Girls/Boys Track Coach, March 16, 2026 (Edustaff)
- Guilford Pender, Middle School Baseball Coach, April 6, 2026 (Edustaff)

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

New Hires:

10.1 Precious Howard, Server/Cashier (Temporary), Schofield Early Childhood Center, January 20, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.2 Jeani Bonacorsi, Paraprofessional, Mound Park Elementary School, January 26, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.3 Tiara Freeman, Bus Driver, February 2, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.4 UNPAID LEAVE

- Melina James, Head Cook, Schofield Early Childhood Center, unpaid leave January 21, 2026 through February 9, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

12. NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Approval of a Sinking Fund Project: Neigebaur Ceiling repairs- due to moisture damage project

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.2 Approval of Resolution Ratifying Execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement and Other Actions of the Administration Regarding the 2026 School Building and Site Bonds

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

13. BOARD ITEMS

13.1 Local Citizens Items - Per Board Bylaws: Persons wishing to address the Board of Education must identify themselves by name and address and indicate their desire to be heard at the outset of the Board meeting or when otherwise requested to do so by the President of the Board of Education. Each person wishing to address the Board will be permitted a reasonable time, not to exceed three (3) minutes except in unusual circumstances, in which to be heard; the amount of time allotted to be within the discretion of the President of the Board of Education. Adoption Date: June 23, 1977; Amended: 3/17/83, 10/17/85, 03/05/87, 04/21/94, 05/05/05 and 10/15/09.

No audience members addressed the Board

13.2 Closed Session for Superintendent Midyear Evaluation

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to go into Closed Session for Written attorney opinion.

ROLL CALL
Votes to go into closed session: Covert, Meisner, Furgal, Lee, DeLoatch, Ahmed and Yokel

Votes against: None

Motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:01 p.m.
The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:39 p.m.

13.3 Approval of Closed Session Minutes as read in closed session

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

13.4 Approve Superintendent Midyear Evaluation

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Meisner, seconded by Lee, to adjourn the meeting.

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Randel Meisner, Board Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 2, 2026