OFFICIAL

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, FITZGERALD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTY OF MACOMB, STATE OF MICHIGAN
June 29, 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: None

Also present: Superintendent, Elizabeth Jensen; Interim Business Director, Piero Basile; Director of Human Resources, Cheri Nowak; Director of Operations, William Rudd; and Director of Communications and Culture, Jessica Percy along with approximately two (2) interested observers, employees, and administrators. Absent: Director of Academic Services, Heather Klos

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 Covert, seconded by Ahmed, to adopt the agenda as Presented as amended with the addition of 12.14 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Elizabeth Jensen, Superintendent for the school years 2026-2030 to the agenda.

AYE: Yokel NAY: Meisner Motion carried.
Covert
Furgal
Lee
Ahmed
DeLoatch

4. 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 June 8, 2026 Board Meeting
*10.1 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Gabriela Chulevski, Principal, Mound Park Elementary School for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.2 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Piero Basile, Director of Business Services for the School Year 2027
*10.3 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Carolyn Wilson, Special Education Supervisor for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.4 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Cheri Nowak, Director of Human Resources for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.5 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Gary Stevens, High School Principal for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.6 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Jessica Percy, Director of Student and Family Support Services for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.7 Approval of the Administrator Contract for John Adamus, Middle School Assistant Principal for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.8 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Laura Victory, Supervisor of Transportation for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.9 Approval of the Administrator Contract for LeaAnna Whitfield, Schofield Early Childhood Center Principal for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.10 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Leanne Davis, Middle School Principal for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.11 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Lyle Dixon, Special Education Supervisor for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.12 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Paul Hrycaj, High School Assistant Principal for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.13 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Rebecca Akins, Coordinator for Improvement and Accountability for the School Years 2027-2028

*10.14 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Sara Schaaf, Schofield Early Childhood Center Assistant Principal for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.15 Approval of the Administrator Contract for William Rudd, Director of Operations for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.16 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Heather Klos, Director of Academic Services for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.17 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Charisse Leverett, District Assistant to the Director of Food Service for the School Year 2027-2028
*10.18 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Brigetta Kuril, Human Resource Specialist for the School Year 2027
*10.19 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Darlene Thomas, Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.20 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Dave Anderson, Security Guard for the School Year 2027-2028
*10.21 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Dionne Boza, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student and Family Support Services for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.22 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Gerry Klos, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Academic Services for the School Year 2027-2028
*10.23 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Jeff Bruni, Auto Service Floor Coordinator for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.24 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Julie Allen, Pupil Accounting Coordinator for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.25 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Juwan Shakespear, District Athletic Director for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.26 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Karen Vandelinder, Kindergarten Intervention for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.27 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Kathleen Lusk, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Human Resources for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.28 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for LaDon Williams, Parent Engagement Liaison for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.29 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for LaQueshia Ackerman, Parent Engagement Liaison for the School Years 2027-2028
*10.30 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Michelle Ridky, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for the School Years 2027-2028

*10.31 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Monica Baker, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Operations for the School Years, 2027-2028

*10.32 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Olgert “Gary” Nazarko, Director of Food Service for the School Year 2027-2028

*10.33 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Rebecca Wright, District Accountant for the School Years 2027-2028

*10.34 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Samantha Mann, District Nurse, for the School Years 2027-2028

*10.35 Approval of the Non-Bargaining Unit Contract for Sharron Yoshonis, FVA, Program Specialist for the School Years 2027-2028

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION:
   - 5.1 FFEA Grant Presentation - R. Belkowski
   - 5.2 MISD Poster created by Macomb County students with disabilities
   - 5.3 Professional Development - AP Language Composition Reviews Reader - B. Michael
   - 5.4 Martez Kelley (2026 Fitzgerald Alumni), Dre Graham (assistant coach) and Juwan Shakespear (offensive coordinator) for the Eastside of the state won Allstar Football Game (Eastside vs Westside)
   - 5.5 Presentation: Final Amended Budget for 2025-2026 and Proposed 2026-2027 Original Budget: P. Basile

6. MINUTES:
   Item 6.1 was approved under the Consent Agenda

7. BUSINESS AFFAIRS: None

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS
   - 9.1 Resignations:

- Emma (Landless) Moore, School Social Worker, Schofield Early Childhood Center and Westview Elementary School, June 5, 2026
- Sarah Bricker, School Social Worker, Mound Park Elementary School, June 5, 2026 (Anthromed)
- Tara Kwilos, Psychologist, District, June 19, 2026
- Chris Sandberg, Assistant Principal, Westview Elementary School, August 14, 2026

9.2 Terminations:
Dashonna Houser, Paraprofessional, Schofield Early Childhood Center, June 12, 2026

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 - 10.35 were approved on the Consent Agenda

New Hires:

10.36 Tommy Brooks, Principal, Westview Elementary School, August 5, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.37 Lian Hardison, Secretary, Westview Elementary School, August 12, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.38 Margie McKoy, Middle School Counselor, Chatterton Middle School, August 19, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.39 Mary Gagnon, School Social Worker, Mound Park Elementary School, August 25, 2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

10.40 Moriah Ramesh, Music Teacher, Schofield Early Childhood Center, August 25, 2026

Motion by Ahmed, 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 the Resolution for the Final Amended Budget for 2025-2026

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.2 Approval of the Resolution for the Proposed Original Budget for 2026-2027

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.3 Approval of the Resolution of the Levy Operating & Debt Millage

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.4 Approval of the 2025-2026 FEA Probationary Status

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.5 Approval of the L-4029 Tax Form

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.6 Approval of the State Aid Anticipated Note Resolution

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.7 Approval of the 2026-2027 District Improvement Plan (MICIP)

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.8 Appointment of an Advisory Committee for Professional Development for the 2026-2027 School Year

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.9 Approval of 2026-2027 Students' Rights and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.10 Approval for a Sinking Fund-qualified project: Chatterton Middle School HVAC Repair Project

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.11 Approval for a Sinking Fund-qualified project: Chatterton Middle School Door Replacement Project

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.12 Approval for a Sinking Fund-qualified project: Fitzgerald High School Door Replacement Project

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.13 Approval for a Sinking Fund-qualified project: Field House HVAC Rooftop Unit Replacement

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

12.14 Approval of the Administrator Contract for Elizabeth Jensen, Superintendent for the school years 2026-2030.

AYE: Yokel NAY: Meisner Motion carried.
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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

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

AYE: All NAY: None Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Randel Meisner, Board Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 13, 2026