

WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 17, 2025

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Mahoney, Paula Martin, Melissa Moore, Tim Cross, Jimmy TenBrink, Rachel Fekken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shannon McGoran

OTHERS PRESENT: CJ Van Wieren, Kirsten Bolles, Kate Beda, Emily Van Dam, other staff and community members

President Fekken called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion Mahoney/Cross moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Cross, TenBrink, Moore, Martin, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Public Comment

M. Dillon - Millage

M. Brower - Health Curriculum

Consent Action Agenda

Motion Moore/Martin moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes (6) Moore, Martin, Mahoney, TenBrink, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Minutes of meetings dated October 20, disbursements for the month of October, 2025 which include: general fund - \$555,409.02, community education - \$28,750.82, food service - \$32,750.00, technology MAISD - \$231.71, activity account - \$42,013.29, common debt - \$0, Capital Projects - \$0;

Student Representative Update

Big month for WDS with the bond proposal passing allowing our schools to enhance safety precautions and improve educational spaces. Parent - Teacher conferences wrapped up recently as well. At the building levels, Shoreline learned about musical instruments, drumline and color guard. Ealy students presented Annie, Jr. led by Mrs. Chen and Mrs. Nilsson. Middle School auditions for Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr., directed by Mr. Garvey, are quickly approaching. High School juniors and seniors took a field trip to MCC, and will soon visit GVSU. NHS led its annual Leaf Rake with 55 students volunteering and cleaning over 20 yards for community members.

Committee Meeting Reports and any Board Discussion

Mrs. Martin spent time at the high school during lunches, visiting with students. Many positive comments were made - overwhelmingly around teachers and staff, but also the class lengths of 55 minutes and courses offered. Concerns that students voiced centered around safe entrances, classroom temperatures and bathroom maintenance. Overall it was a great visit.

Mrs. Moore volunteered at the Robotics tournament held recently. Such an amazing program and shout-out to the coaches and students!

Ms. Fekken attended the Fall Leadership Conference and learned a lot. She encouraged board members to seek out the class options that MASB offers.

Unfinished Business

Hilt's Landing Annual Operational Costs

Motion Mahoney/Cross moved to approve the request of \$58,200 from Muskegon Community Foundation for the annual operational costs of Hilt's Landing.

Ayes (6) Mahoney, Cross, Martin, Moore, TenBrink, Fekken

Nays ()

Motion Carried

Second Reading and Adoption of Policies

Motion Martin/Cross to approve the second reading and adopt the policy updates provided by our School Policy Services Provider, Miller Johnson

Ayes (6) Martin, Cross, TenBrink, Mahoney, Moore, Fekken

Nays ()

Motion Carried

Monthly Financials

Mr. Van Wieren reviewed monthly financials with the Board.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Van Wieren shared a presentation of data overview from state testing. Bond update - he met with construction and architects on Friday. Looking at what we could potentially start in the summer of 2026, but most likely will be summer of 2027. Van Wieren also gave a response to the public comments - it's important to note that these are guidelines, not mandates or requirements. Local districts have control of what will be taught to the students.

Public Comment

N/A

Adjournment

Motion Cross/Martin moved to adjourn.

Ayes (6) Cross, Martin, Mahoney, TenBrink, Moore, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Board Secretary/Designee