

WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: July 21, 2025

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Mahoney, Paula Martin, Melissa Moore, Jimmy TenBrink, Shannon McGoran, Rachel Fekken

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tim Cross

OTHERS PRESENT: CJ Van Wieren, Kirsten Bolles, 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 Martin/Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Public Comment

N/A

Presentation from Trane – K-12 Education Program

Gwen and Ben from Trane gave a detailed presentation to the board regarding how they help schools. Their team finds “inefficiencies in energy usage” and looks for possible solutions where money can be saved. They have four service centers in Michigan. Their programs help with STEM, Energy Awareness, and CTE – student programs as well. Their equipment is American made. After reviewing and inspecting equipment, they put a dollar amount to the efficiency, and then they guarantee it. There are two types of non-voted bonds and they also work with PFM, along with following MCL 380.1274(a) guidelines. They guarantee their energy savings; we save what they say, or they pay us the difference. WDS will not have to front any money. Some of the perks of working with Trane includes them having 2nd and 3rd shift workers and work year-round which results in shortened installation timing. They set up practice classrooms for the teachers to test out. Are the lights too bright? Can they dim? What changes need to be made? One board member asked how we get this out to the public? Gwen responded that it is part of their marketing process. They also do press releases when they begin. Gwen encouraged anybody to google any of their projects to see other press releases and reviews.

Consent Action Agenda

Motion Mahoney/McGoran moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Designation of the following: Depositories for School Funds, Authorized Signatories for Various Accounts, the Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO), Negotiator Authority, Professional Service Providers, Posting of Public Notice of Meetings, and an Administrator to Assume Specified Responsibilities of the Secretary; Minutes of meeting dated June 16, minutes of work session dated June 16, disbursements for the month of June which include: general fund - \$655,575.64, community education - \$27,291.97, food service - \$13,701.34, technology MAISD - \$14,092.05, activity account - \$72,897.36, common debt - \$0, Capital Projects - \$0, Handbooks for Shoreline,

Ealy, Middle School, High School, Home School and MCVA, 25-26 Course Offerings for Shoreline, Ealy, Middle School, High School, Home School and MCVA, Athletic Department Code of Conduct.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Fekken shared Mr. Cross' statement showing his full support of the upcoming bond proposal

Resolution to Place a Bond Proposal on the November, 2025 Ballot

Motion TenBrink/Moore moved to adopt as presented the resolution placing a bond proposal on the November 4, 2025 election.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Appointment of DILT Team as the District PD Committee

Motion McGoran/Martin moved to approve the DILT team as the District PD Committee for the purpose of scheduling staff professional development on non-student PD days.

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

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Mr. TenBrink left the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Monthly Financials

Mr. Van Wieren reviewed monthly financials with the Board.

Superintendent Report

Our newly contracted janitorial company, West Michigan Janitorial, is in full swing and working to complete staffing at each building. We are looking forward to teachers and students returning to the classrooms soon.

Public Comment

N/A

Adjournment

Motion McGoran/Martin moved to adjourn.

Ayes (5) McGoran, Martin, Moore, Mahoney, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Board Secretary/Designee