

**Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 13, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
High School Media Center**

Mission

The mission of Ida Public Schools is to advance its traditions of providing students with a safe learning environment, exceptional curricula, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become lifelong learners.

Preface to this evening's meeting

*January 2025 has been designated as **School Board Recognition Month** throughout the State of Michigan. The Ida Public School District is joining all local and intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their enduring dedication to public education.*

Public education is the backbone of American society, and local school boards are deeply rooted in U.S. tradition. Their origins can be traced to colonial times when the Massachusetts Law of 1642 empowered town officers to compel parents to teach their children to read. Today local school boards continue to do the most important work of their communities-that of educating our youth.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. Yet local trustees sometimes tackle an often-thankless job devoid of any glory. Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into a given decision. Now is the time to thank them for their untiring efforts.



ORGANIZATIONAL MINUTES

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.

- I. At 6:00 p.m. Jamie Hunter, Vice President, called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of board members

Present: Todd Albring, Stan Arnold, Jamie Hunter, Sara King, Sarah Lambert, Edward Stotz and Ryan Winkelman

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Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Business Manager Chad Baas; Principals Lucy Becker and Stacy Maynard; Middle School Assistant Principal Allison Georgic; Elementary School Dean of Students Mitchell Graves; Food Service Director Pam Oberski; High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Pat Riley; Technology Director Ryan Kisonas and Secretary Janie Dressel

Other attendees: There were members from the public in attendance.

It was determined a quorum was present. Mrs. Hunter welcomed those in attendance.

II. Best Practices

Ryan Kisonas – Introduced High School student Tiernan Strimpel, who is working on his Eagle Scout project. Tiernan provided the board a brief summary of the goal for his project. Tiernan plans to clean up the high school courtyards so they will need little or no maintenance in the future. He hopes to add birdhouses, river rock and possibly planter boxes and invite the AG class to plant flowers.

III. Annual Election of Officers

By mutual consent of the Board members, the superintendent could be appointed chairperson for this topic only and could conduct the election of the Board's officers. Mr. Eack, Superintendent conducted the election for officer positions.

I. President

Jamie Hunter was nominated by Sara King.
Second not necessary.
Roll call 7 to 0.

Recommended Resolution: Appoint Jamie Hunter as the President of the Ida Board of Education.

Motion to accept Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sarah Lambert to appoint Jamie Hunter as President of the Ida Board of Education.

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The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

II. Vice President

Ryan Winkelman was nominated by Todd Albring supported by Edward Stotz.

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Sara King was nominated by Jamie Hunter supported by Sarah Lambert.

Motion to close nominations by Sarah Lambert supported by Todd Albring.

Recommended Resolution: Appoint Ryan Winkelman as Vice President.

Roll call 5 to 2.

III. Secretary

Sara King was nominated by Jamie Hunter.

Motion to close nominations by Edward Stotz supported by Ryan Winkelman.

IV. Treasurer

Sarah Lambert was nominated by Jamie Hunter.

Motion to close nominated by Ryan Winkelman supported by Edward Stotz.

Recommended Resolution: Appoint the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Education as listed above.

Motion to accept Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Sara King to appoint Ryan Winkelman as Vice-President, Sara King as Secretary and Sarah Lambert as Treasurer of the Ida Board of Education.

There was no discussion.

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

IV. Standing Committees vs. Appointed/Designated Committees - Informational

- A. Some districts vote upon standing committees at their Organizational meeting; others vote upon Chairpersons and standing committees, with the chair(s) empowered to select one or two other members. Still other districts pass a resolution empowering the President to establish committees and appoint members based upon need. The committees might be: Finance; Curriculum; Building and Grounds; Negotiations; Policy, etc.
- B. In the late 80's and early 90's our committee endeavors were based upon a need arising in the course of the school year with, 1) a resolution being passed to form the committee, or 2) the President appointing a representative member(s) to a committee.

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- C. REMINDER: Per state law, a committee's functions are limited to the processes of deliberation and recommendation, i.e., all decisions must be completed by the entire Board.

- D. Committee of the Whole vs. Appointed/Designated Committees for Fiscal Year 2025:
 - 1. Ida Area Recreation Liaison – *Todd Albring*
 - 2. Band Boosters Liaison – *Sarah Lambert*
 - 3. Curriculum Council/School District Collaborative-School Improvement (C-SIP) Committee – *Jamie Hunter*
 - 4. Buildings & Grounds/Vehicle Selection – *Committee of the Whole*
 - 5. MEA Negotiations – *Committee of the Whole*
 - 6. Representative for I.S.D.'s Budget Hearing and Election – *Ryan Winkelman*
 - 7. Computer/Technology Liaison – *Sarah Lambert*
 - 8. Executive Board for the Monroe County Association of Boards of Education (MCABOE) – *Edward Stotz*
 - 9. District Health Studies Committee – *Sara King*
 - 10. Policy Review Committee – *Jamie Hunter, Sara King, Heather Schafer*
 - 11. Finance/Human Resource Committee – *Sarah Lambert, Edward Stotz, Ryan Winkelman*
 - 12. Committee of the Whole – *Curriculum, Facilities, Strategic Planning and Deliberations for all Committee's*
 - 13. Geothermal Committee – *Todd Albring, Sarah Lambert and Edward Stotz*

Recommended Resolution: To approve the updates and changes, if any, to committees for the Fiscal Year 2025 as noted during the board meeting.

A motion to accept Recommended Resolution by Sara King supported by Edward Stotz to approve the updates and changes, if any, to committees for the Fiscal Year 2025 as noted during the board meeting.

Discussion

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REGULAR MINUTES

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I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Todd Albring supported by Ryan Winkelman accepting the minutes of the December 9, 2024 Board of Education meetings and COW on December 5, 2024 as presented for adoption.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

II. Recommended Board Acceptance Items/Consent Agenda

Comment: Background materials for Consent Agenda topics were sent to the Board of Education prior to this meeting. Any Board member can remove any topic from the Consent Agenda and place the item in the Discussion Topics area.

Approved: The check register as presented for Board acceptance and authorization for payment. The total of the computer listing of invoices is \$890,043.41.

Approved: The rehire of Devyn McCluskey, Elementary School Dishwasher, per the recommendation of Pam Oberski.

Approved: The hiring of Kim DeSilvis, Secondary Spanish Teacher, per the recommendation of Chuck Fuller. Pending on boarding.

Approved: The request from the Ida Band Boosters to begin planning for an out of state trip in the Spring of 2026.

Approved: The recycling of equipment at no cost to the district per the request of Ryan Kisonas.

Approved: The disposal of old wrestling boards per the request of Pat Riley.

Approved: Leave requests.

Approved: The resignation of Michelle Cox, Bus Driver.

A motion was made by Todd Albring supported by Sarah Lambert to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

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Discussion Topics

- III. Policy Committee Report – Second Reading of NEOLA Policies
A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the second reading of the following proposed policies: 1130, 3110, 3120.08, 4110, 5340, 5500, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, 7450, 7540.09, 8321

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sara King to accept the second reading of the above proposed policies.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5 to 2.

- IV. Curriculum Topics
Sarah Ash - NWEA/Star Reading mid-year testing is underway for our Kindergarten-4th grade students. This data will help us update our MTSS and At Risk services provided to students. State testing (M-Step, Mi-Access, PSAT, SAT, and ACT Workkeys) pre-identification is beginning for our 3rd-11th grade students, this the beginning step to the required testing which is scheduled to take place this spring. At this time, I review all student lists that have been pulled from our records to ensure they are correct, remove students who have left the district, and add those who have recently enrolled as this impacts our state accountability. On Monday, January 20th we will have our next professional development day. Some topics teachers will be able to choose from are ALICE safety training, curriculum alignment, MTSS and review of data. Our Consolidated Application which includes our Title 1, Title 2, and Title 4 funding amendment period just opened. I will be reviewing our budget items and making any necessary adjustments before it is submitted at the end of the month. The Sexual Education Advisory Board will be meeting at the end of the month for our second annual meeting. Our next Curriculum Council meeting is on Thursday, February 27th at 8:15am.

Summer Program

Recommended Resolution: Authorize the administration to offer a summer program for students in grades K-8 that need additional support. The summer program will be in operation tentatively to begin June 2025 for approximately six weeks. Transportation may be provided. State of Michigan At-Risk funds may be available to be used to fund the program.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkleman to authorize the administration to offer a summer program.

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- V. Business Operations/Recent Legislation
 - A. Financial Legislative Update

- VI. District
 - A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Central Michigan Paper for white paper per the request from Cortney Galloro.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman to approve the quote from Central Michigan Paper for a total of \$7,920 for white paper.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

- VII. Geothermal Project

- VIII. Personnel
 - A. Vacancies/Postings
 1. Secondary Spanish Teacher
 2. Assistant Technology Technician
 3. Bus Driver(s)
 4. Crossing Guard(s)

- IX. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities
 - A. Director's report

- X. Next Meeting Dates
 - A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025.
 1. Regular Business Meeting
 - B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025.
 1. Regular Business Meeting
 2. Preliminary February 2025 Enrollment Report
 3. Upcoming Summer Maintenance Projects

- XI. Forthcoming Activities/ 'Go Around'
 - A. Activities

Date	Activity	Comment
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Mon, Jan 13	Regular Board Meeting	High School Media Center
Mon, Jan 20	Professional Development	No Students
Wed, Jan 22	Exams Begin	
Thur, Jan 23	First Semester Exams	½ day
Fri, Jan 24	First Semester Exams	½ day
Mon, Jan 27	Second Semester Begins	
Mon, Feb 10	Regular Board Meeting	HS Media Center
Mon, Feb 17	Professional Development	No Students
Mon, Mar 10	Regular Board Meeting	HS Media Center

B. 'Go-Around'

XII. Comments from the Public

Persons wishing to address the Ida Board of Education may do so during the 'Comments from the Public' agenda section. Please identify yourself and the organization you represent if you would like us to provide a response. Individual presentations may be limited to three minutes, timed by Board Secretary, unless it is the consensus of the Board to permit additional time. Total time allocated for any one topic will be an hour unless the Board determines that additional time is warranted. Specific guidelines for public comment are outlined in Board Policy 0167.3

XIII. Board/Superintendent Response

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert, at 7:28 p.m. supported by Sara King, to adjourn the January 13, 2025 board meeting.
The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.