

**Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
October 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.

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. Ryan Winkelman, Vice President called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of board members

Present: Todd Albring, Stan Arnold, Sara King, Edward Stotz and Ryan Winkelman

Absent: Jamie Hunter and Sarah Lambert

Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Business Manager Chad Baas; Principals Chuck Fuller, Lucy Becker and Stacy Maynard; Elementary Assistant Principal Mitchell Graves; Middle School Assistant Principal Allison Georgic; 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. Mr. Winkelman welcomed those in attendance.

- II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Sara King supported by Stan Arnold accepting the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Board of Education meeting as presented for adoption.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5 to 0. (Absent: Hunter and Lambert)

- III. 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 September total of the computer listing of invoices is \$1,348,216.28.

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Approved: The hiring of Brittany Albain, Kindergarten Teacher, per the recommendation of Stacy Maynard and interview committee.

Approved: The hiring of Brayden McCreary, Help Desk Technician, per the recommendation of Ryan Kisonas and interview committee.

Approved: The internal transfer of Katrina Brey, Paraprofessional, to the Middle School per the recommendation of Lucy Becker.

Approved: The hiring of Veronica Dluzen, Elementary Paraprofessional, per the recommendation of Mitchell Graves and Stacy Maynard.

Approved: The hiring of Elizabeth Wright, Elementary Paraprofessional, per the recommendation of Mitchell Graves and Stacy Maynard.

Approved: The following appointments of coaching positions pending background check per the recommendation of Pat Riley.

Tim Leonard – Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Rob Carlson – JV Girls Basketball Coach
Tyler Donahoe – JV Boys Basketball Coach
Jared Karner – Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Dennis Gerth – Varsity Wrestling Coach
Bryan Shaffer – Varsity Wrestling Coach
Hunter Assenmacher – Assistant Wrestling Coach
Nichole Nemec – Competitive Cheer Coach
William Clark – Varsity Bowling Coach

Approved: The resignation of the following athletic position:

Alex Martinez – Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach
Jeff Donahoe – 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach

Approved: The resignation of Collin Vogt-Williams, Music Teacher.

Approved: The resignation of Johna Szakovits, Middle School Paraprofessional.

Approved: The request for the Ida Civic Club to use the High School Building and Cafeteria for the Christmas in Ida Festival scheduled for December 5-6, 2025. Similar to prior years with some minor changes.

Approved: The Ida Public School District's Board of Education proclaims the month of October 2025 "United Way Month" throughout the school district to emphasize the value and positive contribution United Way of Monroe County offers to our community and its residents. This motion is evidenced in its entirety as Attachment A to this evening's agenda.

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

Discussion

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Discussion Topics

IV. Annual Review of the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit – Mr. Dan Merritt

A. Background: Mr. Merritt is a certified public accountant with the Jackson firm of Rehmann-Robson. This is the twelfth year they have served as the auditor of Ida Public Schools. The firm provides us with the necessary reports for the State Departments of Education and Treasury as well as an audit for all other financial institutions. Our receipts and disbursements for the fiscal period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, will be reviewed this evening.

B. Other Statements: In addition to auditing our General Fund's fiscal operations, Mr. Merritt and his staff review our Cafeteria, Athletic, Student Activities, Recreation Accounts, the Capital Projects and Technology Accounts, and our Inventory Accounts for instructional and custodial supplies.

Mr. Merritt's examination of our financial statements is provided for the Board of Education, the Monroe County Intermediate School District, the State of Michigan, the Municipal Finance Commission, the bond rating firms of Standard and Poor's, Moody's Inc. of New York, and the county's financial institutions.

C. Review of the General Fund Fiscal Year 2025:

Audit Summary

Balance 7-1-24	\$ 6,572,951
Revenue	\$19,161,294
Expenditures/Transfers	\$19,640,619
Expenditures and Revenues	\$ -479,325
Balance 6-30-24	\$ 6,093,626

D. Mr. Merritt's statements regarding our audit
Questions and Discussion

Recommended Resolution: The Board of Education accepts the auditor's report for fiscal year 2025.

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A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Edward Stotz supported by Todd Albring to accept the auditor's report for fiscal year 2025.

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V. Curriculum Topics

Sarah Ash - The High School optional PSAT/NMSQT test will be on October 17th. We had about 60 students sign up to take the test. This will provide practice for the upcoming digital SAT test in the spring and also provide possible scholarship opportunities. NWEA/Star Reading was completed in September for our kindergarten-8th grade students which starts our baseline data collection. Grade level and MTSS teams are now reviewing the data to determine which students could benefit from At Risk or Title services. The WIDA Screener was completed on new students who indicated another language was spoken at home on their registration paperwork. This is required by federal law. Young 5's-3rd grade teachers completed the 3rd Grade Reading Law compliance documents. These Individual Reading Improvement Plans or IRIPs went home to families last week. Our next professional development day is November 3rd. We are partnering with Summerfield, Mason, and Whiteford again with a guest speaker in the morning and then will have choices for teachers to choose from in the afternoon. Some departments and grade levels have also started meeting to review their current instructional resources and work on curriculum alignment. I am in the process of updating our budgets for our Consolidated Application for federal funds. This is normally done earlier in the summer but the application was not open at that time. Our first Curriculum Council meeting was October 9th. Complete notes are posted on our district website. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 4th.

VI. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

VII. Policy Committee Report – First Reading of NEOLA Policies

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the first reading of the following proposed policies: 2210, 2266, 2412, 4162, 5517.01, 7540.02, 8300, and 8305

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Todd Albring supported by Sara King to accept the first reading of the above proposed policies.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5 to 0. (Absent: Hunter and Lambert)

VIII. Policy Committee Report –NEOLA Policies

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept rescinding the following policy: 7541

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Todd Albring supported by Sara King to accept rescinding of the above policy.

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IX. Personnel

A. Vacancies/Postings

1. Bus Driver(s)
2. Elementary Music Teacher
3. Help Desk Technician (pending board approval)
4. Paraprofessional
5. MS Paraprofessional-Internal (pending board approval)
6. High School Bowling Coach (pending board approval)
7. JV Boys Golf Coach
8. Head Coach JV Girls Basketball (pending board approval)
9. Assistant Wrestling Coach (pending board approval)
10. 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach
11. 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach

X. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

A. Director's report

XI. Next Meeting Dates

A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025.

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Hearing and Adoption

B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025.

1. Regular Business Meeting

XII. Forthcoming Activities and Building/Department Updates

A. Activities

Date	Activity	Comment
Mon, Oct 13	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Fri, Oct 31	End of 1 st Marking Period	
Mon, Nov 3	Professional Development Day	No students
Mon, Nov 10	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Mon, Nov 24	Half Day / Parent Teacher Conferences	•K-4 th P/T Conferences (1-3 and 5-8 p.m.) •5 th grade (1-4 p.m.)

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		•6 th -8 th grades and HS PD (1-4 p.m.)
Tues, Nov 25	Half Day / Parent Teacher Conferences	•K-4 th P/T Conferences (1-4 p.m.) •MS and HS Conferences (1-3 and 5-8 p.m.)
Wed, Nov 26	Half Day	
Thur-Fri, Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving Recess	No School
Mon, Dec 8	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m. HS Media Center

XIII. 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

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Sara King, at 6:56 p.m., supported by Todd Albring to adjourn the October 13, 2025 board meeting.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5 to 0. (Absent: Hunter and Lambert)

Respectfully submitted,
Sara King
Board Secretary

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Attachment A

UNITED WAY MONTH

WHEREAS, the United Way of Monroe County is entering its 2025 campaign and will seek campaign pledges to serve approximately 40,000 Monroe County citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the United Way is the largest single voluntary organization in Monroe through which volunteers can channel their concern for people in need; and,

WHEREAS, the United Way, largely because of the continued generosity and caring of employees of the Ida Public Schools, can continue to grow and support a wider range of health and human care needs that directly benefit residents of our school district; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ida Board of Education that the school district employees be encouraged to participate in the 2025 United Way Campaign of Monroe County and receive the highest commendations and vote of thanks for their generous gifts to this vitally important cause; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ida Board of Education proclaims the month of October 2025 “United Way Month” throughout the school district to emphasize the value and positive contribution United Way of Monroe County offers to our community and its residents.

Adopted on the 13th day of October 2025.

Sara King
Board Secretary