

**Ida Public Schools  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
March 10, 2025  
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 6:01 p.m. Jamie Hunter, President called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of board members

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

Absent: Sarah Lambert

Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Business Manager Chad Baas; Principals Chuck Fuller, Lucy Becker and Stacy Maynard; High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Pat Riley; Middle School Assistant Principal Allison Georgic; Elementary School Dean of Student Mitchell Graves; 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

Lucy Becker – Introduced Steve Madrid, Middle School Student Support Interventionist. Steve stated he is working with students on building soft skills and activities that increase socio-emotional learning, individually and in small groups. Steve also spoke on how he provides academic and homework support to students during their Skills hour including in school suspension and other support as needed. Steve has started a volunteering opportunity with Monroe County Opportunity Program, bringing 2-3 8th-grade students twice a month to volunteer in the Food pantry to learn soft skills through service and to get exposed to other individuals outside of Ida. Steve has connected 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with Youth Opportunity Program, a Michigan Works program for youth. Steve was

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working with employers in Ida to set up summer employment opportunities for Ida Middle School students until YOP lost summer employment funding. Steve is working on a grant with the Community Foundation of Monroe County to seek funding for starting an on-site bi-weekly weekend food assistance program for Ida students who are most in need. Steve has begun the process of creating an Entrepreneurship program (focused on 8th-grade students) where students will engage in activities centered around creating a business, with the end goal of having an Entrepreneurship Fair where students can sell their items to other students. The hope is to implement this program in the fall.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sara King accepting the minutes of the February 10, 2025 Board of Education Meeting as presented for adoption.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

**IV. 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 is presented for Board acceptance and authorization for payment. The total of the computer listing of invoices is \$767,716.77.

Approved: The recommendation to hire Katie Byrd, High School Dishwasher, per the recommendation of Pam Oberski.

Approved: The recommendation to hire Cassandra Bowler, Middle School Dishwasher, per the recommendation of Pam Oberski.

Approved: The request to repair/improve the football and track stadium speaker system, per the request of Pat Riley.

Approved: The tentative 2025-2026 District Calendar. (Attachment A)

Approved: The request to continue athletic services with Athletico for the next three years, per the recommendation of Pat Riley.

Approved: The resignation of Kathy Hopson.

Approved: The resignation of Trilby Fox.

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Approved: The appointment of the following 2025 Spring coach, pending background check.

Jessica Click      Girls JV Softball

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

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*Discussion Topics*

V. Curriculum Topics

Sarah Ash - M-Step, MI-Access, PSAT 8, 9, 10, SAT and WorkKeys testing setup has begun. Students are now being placed into test sessions and test tickets are being developed. I have been meeting with teachers in all the buildings to develop testing schedules to accommodate all students and to create the best testing atmosphere possible. Testing begins April 8<sup>th</sup>. We had our last district wide professional development day on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Teachers completed their professional learning on-line through EduPaths or SafeSchools Modules. SCECH hours have been submitted to the state for those who completed the training. We have some staff members attending the MACUL Technology Conference in Detroit next week. This conference highlights technology resources and content that helps support teaching and learning. Planning for professional development for the 2025-2026 school year has begun by reviewing survey responses that were gathered this year and asking buildings for any ideas and input they might have. We were notified that we received the Future Proud Educator Explore grant for our teacher cadet courses. This grant allows students to take some college tour field trips, provides resources for the classroom, and purchase supplies as needed. I applied for another anti-bullying grant. We were awarded the grant the past three years for our peer to peer program so we are hoping to get it again for next year. The ISD has been hosting many student events in the past few weeks. From the elementary and middle school regional science challenges, grade level Quiz Bowl competitions, and the Spelling Bee, which is coming up, we have had students participating and doing very well against other schools in the county. We had a Curriculum Council meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>, notes are posted on the district website.

VI. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

B. Mid-Year Budget Amendment

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Recommended Resolution: To approve the mid-year budget amendments presented by Chad Baas, Business Manager.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Edward Stotz to approve the mid-year budget amendments presented by Chad Baas, Business Manager.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

C. Recommended Resolution: To contract with Rehmann to complete documents in reference to the Geothermal IRA rebate.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sara King supported by Todd Albring to contract with Rehmann to complete documents in reference to the Geothermal IRA rebate.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

D. Annual Authorization Resolution

Resolution of the Board of Education of Ida Public Schools Authorizing Negotiation and Implementation of Contracts

**WHEREAS**, The Board desires to make an appointment authorizing negotiation and implementation of contracts between the District and various groups of employees represented by exclusive bargaining representatives,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate and implement contracts, on behalf of the District, with employees represented by exclusive bargaining representatives.
2. The Superintendent shall have full authority to negotiate and to reach tentative agreements.
3. The Board reserves the authority to ratify any tentative agreements that may be reached between the exclusive bargaining representatives of employee groups and the Superintendent pursuant to the negotiations authorized by this resolution.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sara King.

Discussion

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E. School of Choice – 105 Opt-Out

Recommended Resolution: Adopt the Section 105 Opt-Out Resolution relative to the participation of the Ida Public School District in the State of Michigan's Schools of Choice Program for the 2025-2026 school year. The official text of this resolution is contained in Attachment B of this evening's agenda. A copy of the official resolution will be transmitted to the Monroe County Intermediate School District.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Edward Stotz supported by Todd Albring.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

F. School of Choice – 105c Opt-In

Recommended Resolution: Adopt the Section 105c Opt-In Resolution relative to the participation of the Ida Public School District in the State of Michigan's Schools of Choice Program for the 2025-2026 school year. The official text of this resolution is contained in Attachment B of this evening's agenda. A copy of the official resolution will be transmitted to the Monroe County Intermediate School District.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Todd Albring supported by Ryan Winkelman.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

VII. Technology

A. Recommended Resolution: To accept the bid from SSD Cabling to upgrade network wiring in the Middle School.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Edward Stotz to accept the bid from SSD Cabling to upgrade network wiring in the Middle School for a total of \$37,501.79 to be paid from Technology Funds.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

VIII. Personnel

A. Vacancies/Postings

a. Bus Drivers

b. High School Dishwasher (pending board approval)

c. Middle School Dishwasher (pending board approval)

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*Informational Topics*

- IX. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities  
A. Director's report
- X. Next Meeting Dates  
A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on April 14, 2025:  
1. Regular Business Meeting  
2. Annual Probationary/Tenure Recommendations  
3. Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Staffing  
  
B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on May 12, 2025:  
1. Regular Business Meeting  
2. Summer Maintenance Project Bids  
3. Monroe County ISD Budget Approval
- XI. Forthcoming Activities  
A. Activities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mon, Mar 10	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Fri, Mar 21	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period	
Mon, Mar 24 thru Fri, Mar 28	Spring Break	No School
Mon, Mar 31	Classes Resume	
Mon, Apr 14	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Mon, Apr 7 – Fri, May 16 (on-going)	M-Step Testing	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>
Wed, Apr 9	Testing	PSAT 8; K-12 <sup>th</sup> grades report to school
Thur, Apr 10	Testing	PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and ACT

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		Workkeys; K-11 grades report to school
Fri, Apr 11	Testing	SAT Testing – K-8 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> grades report to school; 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> virtual
Fri, Apr 18	Holiday/Good Friday	
Mon, May 12	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Mon, May 26	Memorial Day	No School

**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 Sara King, at 7:10 p.m. supported by Ryan Winkelman, to adjourn the March 10, 2025 board meeting.

The roll call vote passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Lambert)

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Attachment A

Ida Public Schools  
2025-2026 School Calendar  
177 Student Days / 185 Teacher Days / 180 Instructional Days

<u>August 2025</u>	<u>0 Student Days – 2 Teacher Days - 1 Instructional Day</u>
Tues., Aug. 26	Professional Development Day (8-3:30), (Instructional Day) Open House – ES 4:30-6:00 p.m., MS 4:30-6:00 p.m., HS 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 27	Professional Development Day (8-3:30)
<u>September 2025</u>	<u>21 Student Days – 21 Teacher Days - 21 Instructional Days</u>
Mon., Sept. 1	Labor Day – No School
Tues., Sept. 2	First Day for Students
<u>October 2025</u>	<u>22 Student Days – 23 Teacher Days - 23 Instructional Days</u>
Fri., Oct. 31	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period
<u>November 2025</u>	<u>18 Student Days – 18 Teacher Days - 18 Instructional Days</u>
Mon., Nov. 3	Professional Development Day (Instructional Day)
Mon., Nov. 24	½ day: K-4 P/T Conferences (1-3 and 5-8); 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Conferences (1-4); 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grades and HS PD (1-4)
Tues., Nov. 25	½ day: K-4 P/T Conferences (1-4); M.S. and H.S. Conf (1-3 and 5-8)
Wed., Nov. 26	½ Day
Thurs., Nov. 27-	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
Fri., Nov. 28	
<u>December 2025</u>	<u>15 Student Days – 15 Teacher Days - 15 Instructional Days</u>
Sat., Dec. 20 –	County wide Winter Break
Sun., Jan. 4	
<u>January 2026</u>	<u>19 Student Days – 20 Teacher Days - 20 Instructional Days</u>
Mon., Jan. 5	Classes Resume
Mon., Jan. 19	Professional Development Day (MLK Day) (no students); (Instructional Day)
Wed., Jan. 21	Exams Begin
Thur., Jan. 22	<u>First Semester Exam – ½ day</u>
Fri., Jan. 23	<u>First Semester Exam – ½ day (90 Days with students, 94 teacher days)</u>
Mon., Jan. 26	Second Semester Begins



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<b>February 2026</b>	<b>19 Student Days – 20 Teacher Days - 19 Instructional Days</b>
Mon., Feb. 16	Professional Development Day (Presidents' Day) (Online PD) (no students)
<b>March 2026</b>	<b>20 Student Days – 20 Teacher Days - 20 Instructional Days</b>
Fri., Mar. 27	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
Mon., Mar. 30- Fri., Apr. 3	County wide Spring Break
<b>April 2026</b>	<b>18 Student Days – 18 Teacher Days - 18 Instructional Days</b>
Mon., Apr 6	Holiday/Day after Easter
Tues., Apr 7	Classes Resume
**Wed., Apr. 9	PSAT 8, all grades report to school
**Thur., Apr. 10	PSAT 9, PSAT 10, WorkKeys 11, all grades report to school
**Fri., Apr. 11	SAT 11
** Subject to change	
<b>May 2026</b>	<b>20 Student Days – 20 Teacher Days - 20 Instructional Days</b>
Mon., May 25	Memorial Day - No School
<b>June 2026</b>	<b>5 Student Days – 8 Teacher Days - 5 Instructional Days</b>
Wed., June 3	Exams Begin
Thur., June 4	<u>Second Semester Exams – ½ day</u>
Fri., June 5	<u>Second Semester Exams – ½ day (87 Days with students, 91 teacher days);</u> Students Last Day
Mon., June 8- Wed., June 10	PD in place of 18-hour Teacher led PD*

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Attachment B

**Section 105 Opt-Out Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1705, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, permitted school districts to accept schools of choice enrollment applications from nonresident applicants residing within the same intermediate school district; and,

**WHEREAS**, by official action taken at its March 10, 2025 meeting, this Board of Education determined to not accept applications under §105 for enrollment from nonresident applicants residing within the same intermediate school district for the 2025-2026 school year but instead will participate in the Monroe County School of Choice Program; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District must comply with Section 105 of the State School Aid Act in order to avoid a state school aid penalty.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the School District will not accept applications under §105 for enrollment from nonresident applicants residing within the same intermediate school district for the 2025-2026 school year but instead will participate in the Monroe County Schools of Choice Program.

Sara King  
Board Secretary

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**Section 105c Opt-In Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, Section 105c of the State School Aid Act of 1979, MCL 388.1705c, as amended by Public Act 297 of 2000, permitted school districts to accept schools of choice enrollment applications by nonresident applicants residing in a district located in a contiguous intermediate school district; and,

**WHEREAS**, by official action taken at its March 10, 2025 meeting, this Board of Education determined to accept applications under §105c for enrollment by nonresident applicants residing in a district located in a contiguous intermediate school district for the 2025-2026 school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District must comply with the provisions of §105c of the State School Aid Act in order to avoid a state school aid penalty.

**Now therefore be it resolved** that the School District will accept applications under §105c for enrollment by nonresident applicants residing in a district located in a contiguous intermediate school district for the 2025-2026 school year.

Sara King  
Board Secretary