

**Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
April 14, 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 6:00 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, Sarah Lambert, Edward Stotz, and Ryan Winkelman

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

Chuck Fuller – Introduced Caitlin Luck, AG Teacher. Caitlin shared they had over 30 students compete in Career Leadership Contests at the district level. Contests ranged from job interviewing, junior high conduct of meetings and demonstrations. Some students attended the Michigan FFA State Convention in March. Three students received their State FFA Degree which is a culmination of their efforts towards their supervised agricultural experiences, community service and participation in FFA events. These students will receive six free credits to Michigan State University along with their award. We had one student receive their Outstanding Junior Award, which is the step below their state degree. We also had one junior high member compete in the Junior High Public Speaking contest. Seven students competed in the Ag Skills contest on April 11th. Contests varied from vet science, agronomy and floriculture. In

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preparation for the vet science contest, students visited the Ida Vet Clinic and partnered with Dr. DeLand to learn the practicum abilities. Students are in the process of preparing for the annual greenhouse sale. There are over 300 hanging baskets, many 4-inch pot flats, patio pots, succulents and hanging pouches. Additional information is posted on the Ida Agriscience Facebook page.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Todd Albring accepting the minutes of the March 10, 2025 Board of Education meeting as presented for adoption.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

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 \$883,382.22.

Approved: The resignation of Kurt Kosky, High School Teacher.

Approved: The resignation of Lynn Roberts, Elementary School Teacher.

Approved: The resignation of Julie Crozier.

Approved: The resignation, due to retirement, of Pam Oberski, Food Service Director.

Approved: The hiring of Anne Smith, Paraprofessional.

Approved: The hiring of Amy Sortor, Custodian.

Approved: The internal transfer of Julie Kerfoot to High School Special Education Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Max Kull Boys' Middle School Track

Approved: The appointment of the following 2026 Coaches, pending background check.

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Sandra Steinke – HS Girls' Golf
Renee Merkel – MS Coed Cross Country

Approved: The revision of the January 13, 2025 minutes to reflect Band Boosters Liaison as Stan Arnold and Policy Review Committee as Todd Albring, Jamie Hunter and Sara King.

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

Discussion Topics

V. Curriculum Topics

Sarah Ash - State testing started last week. Our 8th-11th grade students took the PSAT 8, PSAT 9, 10, SAT, and ACT WorkKeys. Make up tests will be given during the designated time frames for those who were unable to attend on testing day. M-Step and Mi-Access is also beginning for 3rd-11th grade students and we have until mid-May to complete the computer-based tests. Depending on the grade level, students will take tests in various subject areas ranging from ELA, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies. NWEA reading and math and STAR testing will begin at the end of April for our Kindergarten-8th grade students. End of the year benchmark testing is required by state law. Planning for professional development for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. We are trying to provide multiple choices for staff to choose from and also provide some time for grade or department guided professional learning. I have been working with Chad to complete the various reports that are needed for the grants we have received. The state provided a grant to purchase new English/Reading curriculum for elementary students that align to the science of reading. We have had multiple teachers pilot two different programs this year and the staff has decided to proceed with Wonders, which is the same program that is currently used in 5th grade. Once a quote is prepared and approved with the Curriculum Council it will be shared for board approval and purchase with grant funds. Summer school planning is underway for the Elementary and Middle School. The Sexual Education Advisory Board met this afternoon for our second annual meeting of the school year. Our next Curriculum Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15th at 8:15am.

VI. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

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- B. The Ida Public School District Board of Education to Proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Recommended Resolution: The Board of Education of Ida Public Schools to Proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Monroe County. The official text of this resolution is contained in Attachment A of this evening's agenda.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

VII. Policy Committee Report – First Reading of NEOLA Policies

- A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the first reading of the following proposed policies: 0131.1, 2340, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 8320, 8500, 8510

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 7 to 0.

VIII. Policy Committee Report –NEOLA Policies

- A. Recommended Resolution: Accept rescinding the following policy: 8640

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

IX. Personnel

- A. Vacancies/Postings

1. Bus Drivers
2. Custodian
3. Seasonal Grounds Help
4. High School Special Education Teacher
5. Cook - MCISD

X. Technology

- A. Recommended Resolution: To authorize staff to develop specifications and seek bids for technology and related service needs that may or may not be eligible for Federal Universal Service Fund reimbursement beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sarah Lambert to authorize staff to develop specifications and seek bids for technology and related service needs that may or may not be eligible for Federal Universal Service Fund reimbursement beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 per the request of Ryan Kisonas.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

B. Recommended Resolution: To replace the High School gym projector.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Todd Albring supported by Stan Arnold to replace the High School gym projector for a cost of approximately \$11,000 per the recommendation of Ryan Kisonas.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

C. Recommended Resolution: Accept the recommendation to purchase 235 Chromebooks from the REMC Spot bid for the HS and MS student one-to-one program.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sara King supported by Ryan Winkelman to accept the recommendation to purchase 235 Chromebooks and licenses from REMC Spot bid at \$234.98 each for a total of \$55,220.30 to be paid out of the 2024-2025 Technology funds.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

Informational Topics

XI. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

A. Director's report

XII. Next Meeting Dates

A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on May 12, 2025:

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Annual Probationary/Tenure Recommendations
3. Monroe County ISD Budget Approval

B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on June 23, 2025:

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. 2025-2026 Enrollment Projections

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3. 2025-2026 Staffing Report
4. Fiscal Year 2025 Uniform Preliminary Budget Adoption
5. First Reading of Fiscal Year 2026 Student Handbooks
6. End of Year Building Reports
7. Monroe County Tax Equalization Report
8. Truth in Taxation Hearing

XIII. Committee of the Whole

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole to discuss infrastructure is tentatively scheduled for April 22 at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the High School Media Center.

XIV. Forthcoming Activities

A. Activities

Date	Activity	Comment
Mon, Apr 14	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Mon, Apr 7 – Fri, May 16 (on-going)	M-Step Testing	3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th and 11 th
Wed, Apr 9	Testing	PSAT 8; K-12 th grades report to school
Thur, Apr 10	Testing	PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and ACT Workkeys; K-11 grades report to school
Fri, Apr 11	Testing	SAT Testing – K-8 th and 11 th grades report to school; 9 th and 10 th 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
Sun, June 1	Graduation	Rain or shine
Wed, June 4	Exams Begin	
Thur, June 5	Exams	½ day
Fri, June 6	Exams	½ day; Students last day
Mon, June 23	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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Mon, July 14	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.
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B. 'Go-Around'

XV. 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

XVI. Board/Superintendent Response

XVII. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert, at 7:00 p.m. supported by Sara King, to adjourn the April 14, 2025 board meeting.

Discussion

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Attachment A

**Proclaim the month of April as
Child Abuse Prevention Month Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Child Advocacy Network (CAN) of Monroe County is a non-profit organization of concerned citizens, professionals, and agencies for programs to prevent child abuse and neglect;

WHEREAS, both statewide and nationally, child abuse is considered to be one of our nation's most serious public health problems with scientific studies documenting the link between the abuse and neglect of children and a wide range of medical, emotional, psychological and behavioral disorders such as depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, severe obesity and juvenile delinquency; and

WHEREAS, CAN Council encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Monroe County a better place for children and families by ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and re-sources they need to care for their children; and

WHEREAS, promoting family functioning/resiliency, social support systems, nurturing and attachment, and knowledge of parenting/child development all are known protective factors which prevent child mistreatment and help to strengthen families; and

WHEREAS, CAN of Monroe County plants Pinwheels around the county to remember that pinwheels are an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures all children deserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 14th day of April 2025, the Ida Public Schools Board of Education, hereby Proclaim the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Monroe County.