

**Ida Public Schools  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
May 12, 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: Stan Arnold, Jamie Hunter, Sara King, Edward Stotz and Ryan Winkelman

Absent: Todd Albring and Sarah Lambert

Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Business Manager Chad Baas; Elementary Principal 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

Mr. Eack introduced Mr. Morelli, Metals, Welding, and Drafting HS Teacher. Mr. Morelli had some of his students display their projects and some of them spoke on a variety of competitions they competed in and attaining certification.

- III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sara King accepting the minutes of the April 14, 2025, Board of Education meeting and the April 22, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting as presented for adoption.

Discussion

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

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**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 \$2,240,760.02.

Approved: The request for the Ida Varsity Wrestling Team to attend an overnight event Winter of 2025, per the request of Pat Riley.

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

Discussion

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

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*Discussion Topics*

**V. Monroe County Intermediate School District Election**

A motion was made by Sara King supported by Edward Stotz to adopt MCISD Biennial Election Resolution. See Attachment A.

Discussion

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

**VI. Curriculum Topics**

Sarah Ash - State testing is well underway. All of our PSAT, SAT, and ACT WorkKeys testing took place in April. Students who took College Board tests are able to see their scores online and the school will start to receive them later in June. M-Step and Mi-Access testing is also underway for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students. As students finish preliminary results start to come back with the extended response questions being scored this summer. The testing window will close on Friday. Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are also taking NWEA and STAR reading assessments. Testing should be finished at the end of May. Data reports from this testing will be shared out once testing is completed. Additional professional development that teachers completed this year through committees, mentoring, and book studies are wrapping up. I will be entering the SCECH hours for all teachers in the coming weeks. Professional development planning for the 2025-2026 school year has begun. A final plan for the year has to be submitted and approved by the state for SCECH purposes by the end of July. A school violence prevention grant recently opened and I will be applying for grant funds in the coming weeks. Later this month the applications for our

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federal funds and at risk reports will open. These are tentatively due at the end of June and mid-July. The district continuous improvement plan is due at the end of June. I will be working on updating this plan in the coming weeks. Our next Curriculum Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am.

Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from McGraw Hill to purchase the 2023 edition of Wonders for the elementary school per the recommendation of Sarah Ash.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Stan Arnold to accept the quote from McGraw Hill to purchase the 2023 edition of Wonders not to exceed \$200,000 to be paid with Section 35J grant funds, pending Curriculum Council approval.

Discussion

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

VII. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

B. MCISD Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund Budget

Prior to June 1, 2025, each local school district is required to either pass a resolution of approval or reject the proposed budget(s) and forward a written summary of their objections to the Intermediate District. Following is a summary of the general fund budget presented:

<b>General Fund</b>			
Beginning Balance			11,385,479
Estimated Revenue	26,001,174		
Estimated Expenditures		27,176,497	
<b>Estimated Ending Balance</b>			10,210,156

Recommended Resolution: The administration recommends that the Board of Education of the Ida Public School District approve or reject the MCISD Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

A motion to ☒approve or ☐reject Recommended Resolution by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sara King.

Discussion

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

VIII. Policy Committee Report – First Reading of NEOLA Policies

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- A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the first reading of the following proposed policy: 5460

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Edward Stotz supported by Ryan Winkelman to accept the first reading of the above proposed policy.

Discussion

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

IX. Policy Committee Report – Second Reading of NEOLA Policies

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

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 0. (Absent: Albring and Lambert)

X. 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 Stan Arnold to accept rescinding of the above policy.

Discussion

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

XI. Personnel

A. Vacancies/Postings

- a. Bus Drivers
- b. Food Service
- c. Seasonal Grounds Help

- B. Recommended Resolution: Grant changes in probationary and/or tenure status per administrative recommendations. Following is a summary of those recommendations with the effective date of change:

**Fourth Year Probationary Status to Fifth Year Probation**

Christina Fitzgerald	Elementary Classroom	September 7, 2021	June 30, 2025
Renee Merkel	MS ELA	September 7, 2021	June 30, 2025

**Third Year Probationary Status to Fourth Year Probation**

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		<u>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Effective Date of Change</u>
Justin Gephart	HS PE	September 6, 2022	June 30, 2025
Caitlin Luck	HS Agri-Science	September 6, 2022	June 30, 2025
Jessica Weikum	Elementary Classroom	September 6, 2022	June 30, 2025
Amy Hinkle	Elementary Classroom	September 13, 2022	September 13, 2025
Brad Drabczyk	MS Art	September 6, 2022	June 30, 2025
Travis Harmon	MS Social Studies	September 6, 2022	June 30, 2025
Collin Vogt-Williams	Music	February 23, 2023	February 23, 2026
Kimberly Manthei	MS Math	January 23, 2023	January 23, 2026

**Second Year Probationary Status to Third Year Probation**

		<u>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Effective Date of Change</u>
Katie Shopshire	HS Math	September 5, 2023	June 30, 2025
Annalyse Auxter	Elementary Classroom	September 5, 2023	June 30, 2025
Scarlet Adams	Elementary Classroom	September 5, 2023	June 30, 2025
Brooke Quick	Elementary Classroom	September 12, 2023	September 12, 2025
Nicole Maddux	HS English	September 5, 2023	June 30, 2025
Bethany Spetz	MS PE	September 18, 2023	September 18, 2025

**First Year Probationary Status to Second Year Probation**

		<u>Date of Hire</u>	<u>Effective Date of Change</u>
Kathryn Anderson	Elementary Classroom	January 6, 2025	January 6, 2026
Georgia Keefer	Elementary Classroom	January 6, 2025	January 6, 2026
Danielle Miller	MS SE	September 3, 2024	June 30, 2025
Kim DeSilvis	HS Spanish	January 27, 2025	January 27, 2026
Teresa Clarke	MS ELA	September 3, 2024	June 30, 2025
Stacy Morrow	HS Math	September 3, 2024	June 30, 2025

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

Discussion

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

*Note: The following individuals do not hold a Michigan Teaching Certificate and thus are unable to attain tenure in their positions. The administration has found their performance satisfactory and recommends that they be retained in their positions, funds being available and allocated:*

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<i>Kari Lusky</i>	<i>-Speech Therapist</i>
<i>Ed Redmon</i>	<i>-Speech Therapist</i>
<i>Caitlin Ryan</i>	<i>-Guidance Counselor</i>
<i>Brittany Pawlak</i>	<i>-Guidance Counselor</i>

- C. Recommended Resolution: Approve a one-year extension to the Personal Services Contracts for the following employees for the 2025-2026 school year and authorize the superintendent to finalize their contracts consistent with this resolution:

Assistant Technology Technician	Athena Bongard
Elementary – Dean of Students	Mitchell Graves
Food Service Assistant Manager	Tanya Monday
GSRP Teacher	Connie Hall
GSRP Associate Teacher	EveAnn Gerth
Maintenance Working Supervisor	Greg Pello
School Nurse	Whitney Rhoades
Student Services Provider	Donna Banker
Student Support Interventionist	Steve Madrid
Technology Director	Ryan Kisonas
Transportation Supervisor	Cortney Galloro

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sara King supported by Stan Arnold the one-year extension of personal service contracts.

Discussion

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

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**Informational Topics**

XII. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

A. Director's report

XIII. Next Meeting Dates

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

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. 2025-2026 Enrollment Projections
3. 2025-2026 Staffing Report
4. Fiscal Year 2024 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

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8. Truth in Taxation Hearing

B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on July 14, 2025:

1. Annual Organization Meeting/Regular Business Meeting
2. Regular Business Meeting

XIV. Forthcoming Activities

A. Activities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Comment</b>
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.
Mon, July 14	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.

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 Ryan Winkelman, at 6:51 p.m. supported by Edward Stotz, to adjourn the May 12, 2025 board meeting.

Discussion

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

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**Attachment A**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the biennial election of the Monroe County Intermediate School District Board of Education (MCISD Board) will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, the MCISD Board member will be elected by an electoral body comprised of one (1) person designated by the board of education for each constituent district;

**WHEREAS**, this Board of Education is required to consider a resolution to designate a representative at least one public meeting before adopting this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 614(2) of the Revised School Code, MCL 380.614(2), this Board seeks to designate Ryan Winkelman as its proposed representative and further desires to direct said designated representative to vote on behalf of this Board for a specific candidate.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that:

1. This Board designates Ryan Winkelman as its representative for the electoral body which will elect one (1) candidate on Monday, June 2, 2025 to serve on the MCISD Board.
2. The designated representative is directed to cast a vote on at least the first ballot on behalf of this Board for Paul Miller.
3. The Secretary of this Board will file a certified copy of this resolution with Dr. Stephen McNew, Superintendent for MCISD.