

**Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
June 23, 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; Business Manager Chad Baas; Food Service Director Pam Oberski; Food Service Assistant Manager Tanya Monday and Secretary Janie Dressel

Other attendees: There was a member from the public in attendance.

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

- II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sarah Lambert accepting the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Board of Education meeting as presented for adoption.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

- 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 is presented for Board acceptance and authorization for payment. The total of the computer listing of invoices is \$974,951.42.

Approved: The internal transfer of Katie Byrd to MS Cashier.

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Approved: The internal position change of the current Elementary Dean of Students to Assistant Principal.

Approved: The internal position change of the current Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent to Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Human Resources Director.

Approved: The addition of a Student Support Interventionist for the District.

Approved: The internal transfer of Tanya Monday to Food Service Director.

Approved: The hiring of Starr Anteau, MCISD Food Service Cook.

Approved: The internal hiring of Trina Coulter as cook for the Summer MICSD Food Service program.

Approved: The change to the HS Gym projector and screen purchase.

Approved: The following teachers for Summer School:

Hannah Sugg - Kindergarten
Christina Taylor – 1st Grade
Angie Funchion – 2nd Grade
Georgia Keefer – 3rd Grade
Scarlet Adams – 4th Grade

Middle school on a rotating basis:

Jennifer Butz
Brad Drabczyk
Audrey Hamm
Travis Harmon
Melissa Raymond
Jessica Thompson

Approved: The following paraprofessionals for Summer School:

Andrea Collins
Jacki Dunsmore
Vonda Hughes
Heather Schooner
Malinda Swartz
Johna Szakovits

Approved: The resignation of Athena Bongard, Assistant Technology Technician.

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Approved: The resignation of Adrienne Faust, Paraprofessional.

Approved: The resignation of Jessica Mohr, Food Service.

Approved: The resignation of Marianne Molnar, Bus Driver.

Approved: The resignation of Rodney Oberski, Bus Driver.

Approved: The resignation of Jessica Click, ES Teacher.

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

Discussion Topics

IV. *Batista v Office of Retirement Services* Litigation

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the recommendation resolution regarding the settlement reached in *Batista v Office of Retirement Services*.

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Todd Albring to accept the Recommended Resolution. See Attachment A

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

V. Courses

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the recommendation from the Curriculum Council to add the following new courses for the 2025-2026 school year:

Middle School: Introduction to Leadership; High School: Business Communications, Business Essentials, Computer Science, Kinesiology, Music Appreciation and Sound Exploration, Music Production and Audio Technology, and Musical Theater.

A motion was made by Sara King supported by Ryan Winkelman to add the following new courses for the 2025-2026 school year: Middle School: Introduction to Leadership; High School: Business Communications, Business Essentials, Computer Science, Kinesiology, Music Appreciation and Sound Exploration, Music Production and Audio Technology, and Musical Theater.

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- B. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Edmentum to purchase Exact Path licenses for the next three years, per the recommendation of Sarah Ash, Curriculum Director.

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert supported by Todd Albring to accept the quote, for a total of \$16,048, from Edmentum to purchase Exact Path licenses for next three years, per the recommendation of Sarah Ash. To be paid from the State of Michigan's Literacy Curriculum grant.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

- C. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Cengage to purchase the 2025 edition of the Big Ideas Math program for grades 6th-8th per the recommendation of Sarah Ash, Curriculum Director.

A motion was made by Sara King supported by Ryan Winkelman to accept the quote, for a total of \$47,214, from Cengage to purchase the 2025 edition of Big Ideas Math program for grades 6th-8th per the recommendation of Sarah Ash, Curriculum Director. To be paid out of the general fund.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

VI. 2025-2026 Student Handbooks (First Reading)

- a. High School
- b. Middle School
- c. Elementary School

- A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the first reading 2025-2026 Student Handbook for the High School, Middle School, and Elementary School revisions as recommended by the Administration. These revisions will be included in the student handbooks that will be available to our students at the opening of the 2025-2026 school year.

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sarah Lambert to accept the first reading for the 2025-2026 Elementary, Middle and High school Student Handbooks.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

VII. Annual Fire/Safety Drills (Information)

Each building is required to conduct a minimum of five (5) Fire Drills, two (2) Severe Weather Drills, and three (3) Lockdown Drills during each school year.

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The building administration has documented that this requirement was met during Fiscal Year 2025.

VIII. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

B. Monroe County Tax Equalization Report

Recommended Resolution: The administration recommends the acceptance of the Monroe County Tax Equalization Department's summary statements concerning the school district's Non-Homestead Valuation figures and the school district's Commercial Personal Property figures for Fiscal Year 2025 as follows:

Township	N-H Taxable Valuation (18 mills)	% of District Valuation
Bedford	\$825,960	1%
Dundee	\$3,746,460	7%
Ida	\$35,223,670	59%
LaSalle	\$2,633,405	4%
Monroe	\$1,796,565	3%
Raisinville	\$15,925,443	26%
Total	\$60,151,503	100%

This represents an increase in our Non-Homestead Valuation of \$3,224,914 from Fiscal Year 2024.

Township	Commercial Personal Property Taxable Valuation (6 mills)	% of District Valuation
Bedford	\$0	0%
Dundee	\$26,845	2.1%
Ida	\$805,300	63.5%
LaSalle	\$73,398	5.8%
Monroe	\$0	0%
Raisinville	\$363,257	28.6%
Total	\$1,268,800	100%

Recommended Resolution: Accept the Monroe County Tax Equalization Department's summary statements.

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A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Edward Stotz.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

C. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Presentation

Recommended Resolution: Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 budget updates for the General Fund, Capital Projects, Technology, Cafeteria, Recreation, Student Activities, Debt, and Sinking Fund budgets as presented.

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

D. Second Review of the Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund Budget and Review of the Capital Projects, Technology, Cafeteria, Recreation, Student Activities, Debt, and Sinking Fund Budgets.

A projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026 was presented for your study at the February 10, 2025 Board of Education meeting. In the interim, this budget has been updated and revised as more accurate information has become available.

E. Truth In Taxation Hearing – As required by statute, we placed a public advertisement of this hearing in a newspaper of general circulation a minimum of six (6) days prior to this evening's meeting. We are required to provide the public this opportunity to raise any questions relative to our Non-Homestead taxable value's millage rate. Due to the passage of the Headlee restoration proposal at the August 2018 school election, we are able to levy the full authorized rate of 18 mills on non-homestead property and 6 mills on commercial property.

Comments for the Public regarding the tax levy. None

F. Presentation of the Preliminary Uniform Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

This evening we present for your consideration and adoption a Uniform Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, based upon the revisions made to the projected budget presented on March 10, 2025. A final budget for the fiscal year will be presented for adoption at the Annual Financial Meeting prior to November 1,

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2025. The fall budget will be more precise than this uniform budget, as we will have more accurate enrollment statistics and funding from all sources.

a. Comparisons of Budget Projections Fiscal Year 2025 vs. Fiscal Year 2026

<u>2024-2025*</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026*</u> (Projected 6/23/25)	
\$ 6,572,951	Beginning Balance	\$ 5,571,213	
\$19,262,487	Total Revenue	\$ 18,195,662	
\$20,264,225	Total Expenditures	\$ 18,947,611	
<\$1,001,738>	Difference between Revenue/Expense	<\$751,949>	
\$5,571,213	Projected Fund Equity	\$ 4,819,264	

*Includes Athletic Revenue and Expenses

b. Review of the Fiscal Year Capital Projects Budget

The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025 Capital Projects Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary comparison follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)	
\$ 1,240,691	Beginning Balance	\$3,348,836	
\$ 2,359,845	Revenue	\$ 776,686	
\$ 251,700	Expenditures	\$ 1,753,700	
\$3,348,836	Total Fund Balance	\$2,371,822	

c. Review of the Fiscal Year Technology Budget

The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025

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Technology Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary comparison follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)	
\$ 864,477	Beginning Balance	\$ 850,786	
\$ 568,351	Revenue	\$ 587,102	
\$ 582,042	Expenditures	\$ 602,856	
\$ 850,786	Total Fund Balance	\$ 835,032	

d. Review of the Fiscal Year Cafeteria Budget

The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025 Cafeteria Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary comparison follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)	
\$ 968,532	Beginning Balance	\$ 935,169	
\$ 1,380,335	Total Revenue	\$1,367,991	
\$ 1,413,698	Total Expenditures	\$ 1,923,026	
\$ 935,169	Ending Balance	\$ 380,134	

e. Review of the Fiscal Year Recreation Budget

The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025 Recreation Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary comparison follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)	
\$ 15,585	Beginning Balance	\$ 15,335	
\$ 11,850	Total Revenue	\$ 11,850	

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\$ 12,100	Total Expenditures	\$ 12,110
\$15,335	Ending Balance	\$ 15,085

f. Review of the Fiscal Year Student Activities Budget

The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025 Student Activities Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)	
\$ 333,045	Beginning Balance	\$ 346,337	
\$ 254,500	Total Revenue	\$ 254,500	
\$ 241,208	Total Expenditures	\$ 241,208	
\$ 346,337	Ending Balance	\$ 359,629	

g. Review of the Fiscal Year Capital Projects 2024 Energy Bond Budget

The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025 Capital Projects 2024 Energy Bond Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)	
\$6,456,301	Beginning Balance	\$ 346,279	
\$116,000	Total Revenue	\$ 5,000	
\$6,226,022	Total Expenditures	\$ 351,279	
\$346,279	Ending Balance	\$0	

h. Review of the Fiscal Year Debt Retirement Budget

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The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025 Debt Retirement Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)
\$ 0	Beginning Balance	\$ 0
\$ 957,819	Total Revenue	\$ 1,912,250
\$ 957,319	Total Expenditures	\$ 1,912,250
\$ 500	Ending Balance	\$ 0

i. Review of the Fiscal Year Sinking Fund Budget

The Business Office has completed a review of the 2024-2025 Sinking Fund Budget and developed a projected budget for Fiscal Year 2026. A summary follows:

<u>2024-2025</u> (Projected 6/23/25)		<u>2025-2026</u> (Projected 6/23/25)
\$ 343,193	Beginning Balance	\$ 78,471
\$1,115,641	Total Revenue	\$1,115,641
\$1,380,363	Total Expenditures	\$ 511,750
\$ 78,471	Ending Balance	\$ 682,362

Note: The ending balance for the 2024-2025 budgets are subject to adjustment upon the completion of the District's FY 2025 audit.

Recommended Resolution: Adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 projected budget for the General Fund, Capital Projects, Technology, Cafeteria, Recreation, Student Activities, Debt, and Sinking Fund budgets as presented.

A motion to accept the Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Edward Stotz.

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IX. Veregy
Discussed payment of current invoice and progress of the project.

X. Policy Committee Report – Second Reading of NEOLA Policies

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

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

XI. Personnel

A. Vacancies/Postings

1. Help Desk Technician

XII. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

A. Director's report

B. Annual Michigan High School Athletic Association Participation

Recommended Resolution: The Ida Board of Education hereby delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of said association and adopts as its own the rules, regulations and interpretations (as minimum standards), as published in the current handbook as the governing code under which Ida Public Schools shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association's meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules. This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2025 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2026, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Todd Albring supported by Stan Arnold.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

C. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Current Surfaces for the repair, resurfacing, and relining of the track.

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A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman to accept the quote from Current Surfaces for a total of \$112,917 for the repair, resurfacing, and relining of the track, per the recommendation of Pat Riley.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

Informational Topics

XIII. Next Meeting Dates

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

1. Annual Organization Meeting/Regular Business Meeting
2. Regular Business Meeting
3. Enrollment Projections for 2025-2026

B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on August XX, 2025: (board calendar will be on agenda in July)

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. 2025-2026 Staffing Report

XIV. Forthcoming Activities

A. Activities

Date	Activity	Comment
Mon, June 23	Regular Board of Education/Uniform Budget/End of Fiscal Year Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Mon, July 14	Board of Education meeting	6:00 p.m.
Tues, Sept 2	First Day of School	

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

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- XVII. Closed Session
Closed Session Requested: Prior to entering into a Closed Session a ROLL CALL VOTE must be taken. The resolution must stipulate the reason for the Closed Session.

Recommended Resolution: The Ida Board of Education will enter into closed session pursuant to section 8(c) of the open meetings act to discuss contract negotiations.

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman, at 7:58 p.m., supported by Sara King to move into closed session pursuant to section 8(c) of the open meetings act to discuss contract negotiations.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

The board members returned from closed session at 8:31 p.m.

- XVIII. Return to Open Session
Jamie Hunter called the open session of the board meeting to resume at 8:31 p.m.

- XIX. Closed Session
Closed Session Requested: Prior to entering into a Closed Session a ROLL CALL VOTE must be taken. The resolution must stipulate the reason for the Closed Session.

Recommended Resolution: The Ida Board of Education will enter into closed session pursuant to section 8(a) of the open meetings act to consider a periodic personnel evaluation.

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman, at 8:32 p.m., supported by Sarah Lambert to move into closed session pursuant to section 8(a) of the open meetings act to consider a periodic personnel evaluation.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 7 to 0.

The board members returned from closed session at 8:57 p.m.

- XX. Return to Open Session
Jamie Hunter called the open session of the board meeting to resume at 8:57 p.m.

- XXI. Motion to Adjourn

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A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman, at 8:57 p.m., supported by Todd Albring to adjourn the June 23, 2025 board meeting.
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Respectfully submitted,
Sara King
Board Secretary

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ATTACHMENT A

Batista v Office of Retirement Services Resolution

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Ida Public School District has historically provided compensation and associated adjustments and increases in compensation to all employees in consideration of their labor and efforts in advancing the interests of the District;

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025 a settlement was reached in *Batista v Office of Retirement Services*, Case No. 19-000019-MZ, which concludes a longstanding dispute between Michigan public school employees and the Michigan Office of Retirement Services surrounding what compensation increases may count towards employees' state pensions;

WHEREAS, the settlement provides the opportunity for local board of educations to pass resolutions "attesting that the subject compensation [paid to employees] was not paid for the specific purpose of increasing final average compensation (also known as 'spiking')." "

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Education certifies that it has never provided an increase to any employees' compensation for the purpose of "spiking" the amount of that employees' final average compensation, as calculated by the Office of Retirement Services.
2. This resolution is acknowledged by the Board to comply with the settlement terms of *Batista v Office of Retirement Services*, and should be interpreted as such in any future proceeding or controversy between the District's employees and the Michigan Office of Retirement Services.