

**Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 14, 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.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 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, and Ryan Winkelman

Absent: Edward Stotz

Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Business Manager Chad Baas; High School Principal Chuck Fuller 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. Compliance Resolutions Required by Revised School Code

A. Background – In 1996, the Board's policy committee received several mailings concerning the fact that Michigan school districts would be operating as "general powers" governmental entities on July 1, 1996. Michigan's Revised School Code necessitated this; hence, the following statements and resolution appear.

B. Recommended Resolution(s) for compliance

- i. The Ida Public School District, formerly classified as a fourth class school district, became a general powers school district on July 1, 1996, and is comprised of seven (7) Board of Education members, who are elected for terms of four (4) years. Since January 1, 2012, it

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has been established that said election of Board members will occur on the regular November election date as established by the State of Michigan.

Further, they shall conduct their Annual Organizational Meeting on or prior to the second Monday in July, annually, and conduct a second Organizational Meeting in January.

- ii. Further, to record in these minutes our current Board members, holding office on July 1, 2025, we must include in our motion the individual member's term expiration date:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Todd Albring	12-31-2026
Stan Arnold	12-31-2028
Jamie Hunter	12-31-2026
Sara King	12-31-2026
Sarah Lambert	12-31-2028
Edward Stotz	12-31-2026
Ryan Winkelman	12-31-2028

- iii. Finally, the members of the Ida Public Schools Board of Education resolve to continue to revise and refine their current Policy Manual; and, to allow their current By-Laws section to serve as the district's guiding principles (under the general powers code); and, to continue to operate under their current Policy Manual "as permitted by the Revised School Code"; and, based on the fact that legal research reveals no prohibition against the adoption of this policy, to function in said manner as is appropriate to the operation of the school district, which is to serve in the best interests of the public elementary and secondary children residing in this district's boundaries.

Resolution to adopt the above recommended items, in recognition of the Revised School Code's conferring of general powers upon Michigan school districts in general--and the Ida Public School District specifically.

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

III. Designation of Dates, Time(s) and Place(s) for Board of Education Meetings

- A. **Attachment A** to this evening's agenda is a draft of our annual Official Notice to the community, listing meeting dates, time and place. Twelve (12)

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Regular meetings are listed and eleven (11) of them will be conducted on the second Monday of the month.

Comments/Suggested Changes: None

- B. Time and Place: All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m., and will be held in the High School Media Center.
- C. Separate Recommendation: In addition to adopting the information stated above, the Ida Public Schools Board of Education reserves the right to schedule Special meetings, or to reschedule, postpone or cancel any of the Regular meetings listed on the attachment, based on the needs of the school district. (Point of Information: Only the second meetings of the month could be cancelled.)
- D. Resolutions are needed for:
 - i. Dates:
 - ii. Time:
 - iii. Place:
 - iv. Statement in IV, C, above,
OR
 - v. All could be combined into one resolution

Recommended Resolution: The Ida Board of Education officially adopts the dates, times, locations and stipulations for meetings as outlined in **Attachment A** of tonight's agenda.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sara King supported by Sarah Lambert.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

IV. Non-Resident Student Attendance Requests/Tuition Rates

- A. County-Wide Schools of Choice program – There will be no changes in the program for the 2025-26 school year. Tuition rate not to exceed what has been established by State Law.

V. Consent Agenda for Organizational Meeting

- A. Recommended Resolution: Designate the list below as the banks of depository for savings accounts, checking accounts, certificate of deposits and sweep investment accounts, for the various funds, for the 2025-2026 school year:

First Merchants

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Old National Bank
Flagstar Bank
MILAF+ (Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus)

- B. Recommended Resolution: Retain the firm of Miller Johnson Law Firm for the 2025-26 school year for all matters relating to elections, possible legal liability and/or errors and omissions incidents, recent court decisions, as well as contract negotiation meetings and other questions arising during the school year.
- C. Recommended Resolution: Designate the Board President as the 'Key' member for MASB legislative and negotiations mailings.
- D. Recommended Resolution: Empower the Superintendent or their designee to select the best interest rates from banks and/or savings or loan associations for the purpose of purchasing certificates of deposit or money-market agreements.
- E. Recommended Resolution: Appointment of the auditing firm of The Rehmann Group to conduct the financial audit for fiscal year 2025. *(Their annual endeavors include auditing all of our fiscal accounts, such as Title I, the At-Risk Categorical, Food Service, Interscholastic Athletics, and our Operating Budget. Per state law, the firm also now conducts audits of specialized programs and of our student head-count procedures.)*
- F. Recommended Resolution: Appointment of the Dundee Urgent Care for random selections and bus drivers' medical certifications (physicals) during Fiscal Year 2026. *(All Michigan school bus drivers must receive a written physical every other year. This law was passed in 1992.)*

A resolution to accept the Organizational Meeting's Consent Agenda by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

REGULAR MINUTES

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Stan Arnold supported by Todd Albring accepting the minutes of the June 23, 2025, Board of Education meetings as presented for adoption.

Discussion

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II. 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 \$1,008,404.93.

Approved: The recycling of equipment at no cost to the district per the request of Ryan Kisonas.

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

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

Discussion Topics

III. 2025-2026 Student Handbooks (Second Reading and Adoption)

- a. Elementary School
- b. Middle and High Schools

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

Note: The first reading was conducted at the June 23, 2025 meeting of the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Sara King to approve the second reading for the 2025-2026 Elementary, Middle and High School Handbooks.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

IV. Curriculum Topics

Sarah Ash - Summer school is under way. Our students have been working on vocabulary, comprehension, math activities, STEM, and fluency. Curriculum needs, replacements, and additions are in the process of being ordered and should arrive in the next month. Finalized spring test scores are starting to come back and have been shared with principals and grade level teachers. They should be released and the embargo removed later in August. I will be submitting our

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professional development plan to the state for the upcoming school year by the end of the month. This plan includes topics on what we plan to provide for professional development in order to get approved to award SCECH hours for teachers. I recently applied for two state funded literacy grants, one aimed at providing additional resources for students and teachers, and the other focused on additional support staff. We should know the outcome of these two applications in the coming months. I completed and submitted the Section 31a reporting information. This is due to the state tomorrow and is based around At Risk students and the services we provide. Our district wide Continuous Improvement Plan will be submitted by the end of July. Our Consolidated Applications for our Title funds should become available later this month and will be submitted by mid-August.

V. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

B. Enrollment Projections for 2025-2026

VI. District

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Contract Paper Group for white and color paper per the request from Greg Pello.

A motion was made by Todd Albring supported by Ryan Winkelman to approve the quote from Contract Paper Group for a total of \$12,158.20 for white and color paper.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

B. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Aerial Titans to purchase a 2020 Skyjack Scissor lift per the request of Greg Pello.

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman to approve the quote from Aerial Titans to purchase a 2020 Skyjack Scissor lift for a total of \$16,850.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

VII. Athletics

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote for baseball and softball field renovation from Dura Edge for field dirt, grading, leveling, dressing and grooming per the request from Pat Riley.

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman to approve the quote for baseball and softball field renovation from Dura Edge for field dirt, grading, leveling, dressing and grooming for a total of \$18,366.62.

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VIII. Personnel

- A. Vacancies/Postings
 - a. Help Desk Technician
 - b. High School Dishwasher
 - c. Elementary School Teacher

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 August 11, 2025 (pending board approval):
 - 1. Regular Business Meeting
 - 2. 2025-2026 Staffing Report

- B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on September 8, 2025 (pending board approval):
 - 1. Regular Business Meeting
 - 2. 2025-2026 Mentoring recommendations
 - 3. School Opening Building Reports
 - 4. Preliminary Enrollment Report

XI. Forthcoming Activities

- A. Activities

Date	Activity	Comment
Mon, July 14	Regular Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Mon, August 11	Regular Board of Education Meeting	pending board approval
Tues, Aug 26	Open House	ES – 4:30-6:00 5 th grade orientation – 4:30-6:00 MS – 4:30-6:00 HS – 4:30–6:00
Mon, September 1	Labor Day	No School
Tues, September 2	First Day for Students	

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Mon, September 8	Regular Board of Education of Meeting	pending board approval
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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. 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 Sarah Lambert, at 6:51 p.m., supported by Stan Arnold 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 6-0. (Absent: Stotz)

The board members returned from closed session at 7:15 p.m.

XV. Return to Open Session

Jamie Hunter called the open session of the board meeting to resume at 7:16 p.m.

XVI. Contract Ratification

A. Ida Education Association

Recommended Resolution: Ratify the tentative agreement with the Ida Education Association.

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert supported by Ryan Winkelman to ratify the tentative agreement with the Ida Education Association.

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XVII. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert, at 7:17 p.m., supported by Stan Arnold to adjourn the July 14, 2025 board meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,
Sara King
Board Secretary

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**Attachment A
Approved July 14, 2025**

NOTICE

Residents – Ida Public Schools
Calendar of 2025-26 Board of Education Meetings

At their Annual Organizational Meeting the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal Year 2026. Eleven (11) of the twelve (12) regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All Board meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the high school media center, unless the Board determines a more appropriate site is available.

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| 1. | July 14, 2025 | Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting |
| 2. | August 11, 2025 | Regular Business Meeting |
| 3. | September 8, 2025 | Regular Business Meeting |
| 4. | October 13, 2025 | Regular Business Meeting/Student Enrollment Certification |
| 5. | November 10, 2025 | Annual Financial Meeting, including Budget Hearing |
| 6. | December 8, 2025 | Regular Business Meeting |
| 7. | January 12, 2026 | Regular Business Meeting/Second Annual Organizational Meeting/First Review of 2026-2027 Budget |
| 8. | February 9, 2026 | Regular Business Meeting |
| 9. | March 9, 2026 | Regular Business Meeting |
| 10. | April 13, 2026 | Regular Business Meeting |
| 11. | May 11, 2026 | Regular Business Meeting |
| 12. | June 15, 2026* | Regular Business Meeting/Uniform Budget Meeting/End of Fiscal Year |
| 13. | July 13, 2026 | Annual Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting |

*3rd Monday of the month

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