

**Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 8, 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, Sarah Lambert, Edward Stotz and Ryan Winkelman

Absent: Todd Albring

Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Business Manager Chad Baas; Principals Chuck Fuller, Lucy Becker and Stacy Maynard; Elementary Assistant Principal Mitchell Graves; Middle School Assistant Principal Allison Georgic; 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. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ryan Winkelman supported by Stan Arnold accepting the minutes of the August 11, 2025 Board of Education meetings and the August 25, 2025 Special Board of Education meeting as presented for adoption.

Discussion

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

- 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.

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Approved: The check register is presented for Board acceptance and authorization for payment. The total of the computer listing of invoices is \$2,082,541.36.

Approved: The hiring of John Gurganus, Student Support Interventionist, per the recommendation of David Eack.

Approved: The internal transfer of Laura Secord to Elementary Line Server per the recommendation of Tanya Monday.

Approved: The following fundraising requests:

Ida Girls Basketball Free Throw Shoot-A-Thon	November-January
March Madness Squares	March

Approved: The resignation of the following coach:

Hannah Bolster	JV Girls Basketball
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A motion was made by Sara King supported by Edward Stotz to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion

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

Discussion Topics

IV. Curriculum Topics

Sarah Ash - NWEA/Star Reading has begun for our kindergarten-8th grade students to start our baseline data collection. Once complete we will review the data to determine which students need At Risk or Title services. We will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT test to 10th and 11th grade students in October. This is an optional test that will provide practice for the SAT which will be taken in the spring. Spring 2025 state testing data has been released. Overall, a majority of our grade levels demonstrated growth when compared to previous years and while we did have a couple of declines, all of our scores still exceeded the state averages. With this data we will continue to work to increase student proficiency, add support systems where possible and continue to implement best practices in our classrooms. Our individual building and department teams will also analyze the data to help improve instruction and look for ways to support all students. I have been inputting and assigning all the students, teachers, and previous data to our multiple online programs and resources that we have available to use. All programs should be up and running.

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We had our first two professional development days on August 26th and 27th. Some of the topics covered were Brisk AI, ALICE Safety training, NWEA, Wonders Curriculum, Section 504 plans, Exact Path, health awareness, curriculum mapping and grade/department level time. I will be entering the State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) earned for teachers who attended our first two professional development days later this week. These are used for certificate renewals. We were notified that our Consolidated Application for federal funds will be reopened and now include Title II, III, and IV. Earlier this summer it only included Title 1, as the state was unsure of the final federal allocations for the other programs. Our first Curriculum Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 9th at 8:15 in the Middle School Library.

**Spring Testing Results
M-Step/PSAT/SAT ELA % Proficient**

Grade Level	Ida 2023	Michigan 2023	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024	Ida 2025	Michigan 2025
Third	65.8%	40.9%	58.2%	39.6%	44%	38.9%
Fourth	53.1%	44.3%	56.3%	43.3%	52.4%	42.4%
Fifth	55%	43.9%	66.7%	44%	65.8%	44.4%
Sixth	44.1%	37.5%	54.5%	37.5%	55.1%	38.6%
Seventh	51.2%	36.9%	42.5%	37.9%	59.3%	39.2%
Eighth	63.6%	59.7%	75.8%	64.5%	78.4%	65.3%
Eleventh	54.4%	52.2%	55.1%	51.3%	59.8%	55.4%

M-Step/PSAT/SAT Math % Proficient

Grade Level	Ida 2023	Michigan 2023	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024	Ida 2025	Michigan 2025
Third	79.3%	42.9%	61.2%	43.4%	51.7%	42.7%
Fourth	53.1%	38.6%	55.4%	39.1%	43.8%	39.4%
Fifth	34.2%	31.5%	47.4%	32.6%	49.6%	32.9%
Sixth	33.3%	29.6%	28.9%	31%	37.3%	31.5%
Seventh	43.8%	31%	38.1%	32.1%	50%	33.3%
Eighth	45%	36.3%	51.6%	32.6%	41.4%	30.4%
Eleventh	38.8%	29.9%	30.6%	26.3%	33.3%	27.5%

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M-Step Social Studies % Proficient

Grade Level	Ida 2023	Michigan 2023	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024	Ida 2025	Michigan 2025
Fifth	43.3%	18.6%	47.4%	18.9%	54.7%	29.8%
Eighth	37.2%	26.7%	37.8%	29.7%	60.7%	47%
Eleventh	45.6%	36.1%	54.5%	39.6%	55.7%	42.1%

M-Step Science % Proficient

Grade Level	Ida 2023	Michigan 2023	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024	Ida 2025	Michigan 2025
Fifth	55%	38.9%	60.5%	40.4%	68.4%	40.3%
Eighth	39.5%	37.4%	55.9%	38.8%	56.3%	41.1%
Eleventh	64.1%	39%	65.7%	37.5%	56.8%	34.9%

*Shaded boxes represent proficiency rates were below the state proficiency level

- V. Business Operations/Recent Legislation
 - A. Financial Legislative Update

- VI. Personnel
 - A. Vacancies/Postings
 - 1. Bus Driver(s)
 - 2. Help Desk Technician
 - 3. High School Bowling Coach
 - 4. JV Boys Golf Coach
 - 5. Paraprofessionals

- B. Mentor Assignments

Recommended Resolution: Approve the following Mentor Teachers and related stipends for the 2025-2026 school year.

1st year	
Mentor	Probationary Teacher
Jessica Guthrie	Stephanie Ott
Carolyn Guy	Alexis LaRoy
Kristina Watterworth	Georgia Keefer

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Annabel Durbin	Kim DeSilvis
2nd Year	
Mentor	Probationary Teacher
Audrey Hamm	Danielle Miller
Sarah Angelocci	Teresa Clarke
Melissa Benware	Stacy Morrow
Amanda Steckmeyer	Alexa Young
Karen Burkett	Kathryn Anderson
3rd Year	
Mentor	Probationary Teacher
Kelli Sondergeld	Annalyse Auxter
Melissa Benware	Katie Shopshire
Kim Hogston	Nicole Maddux
Rachel Derian	Scarlet Adams
Kelly Jaworski	Brooke Quick
Jen Butz	Bethany Spetz
Kelli Sondergeld	Collin Vogt-Williams

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

Discussion

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

VII. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

A. Director's report

VIII. Next Meeting Dates

A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025.

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Final Student Enrollment

B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, November 10, 2025.

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Auditor's Report on Fiscal Year 2025
3. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Update

IX. Forthcoming Activities and Building/Department Updates

A. Activities

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Date	Activity	Comment
Mon, September 8	Regular Board Meeting	@ 6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Mon, Sept 29 – Fri, Oct 3	Homecoming Week	
Mon, October 13	Regular Board Meeting	@ 6:00 p.m. HS Media Center

X. 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

XI. Board/Superintendent Response

XII. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert, at 6:33 p.m., supported by Ryan Winkleman to adjourn the September 8, 2025 board meeting.
The roll call passed 6 to 0. (Absent: Albring)

Respectfully submitted,
Sara King
Board Secretary