

MACOMB INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Genest at 4:04 p.m.
Members Present: Genest, Farley and White.
Members Absent: Hubler and Schulte.

Administrators Present: DeVault, Bollinger, Riley, Frank and Flye.

APPROVAL OF
AGENDA

1. Superintendent DeVault requested that the Board have an executive session after the action items on the agenda to update on negotiations. The Agenda was accepted and moved by White, supported by Farley. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

INTERESTING THINGS

Superintendent DeVault reported that Maple Lane started running club this week. Students run outside the building, five laps equal a mile. The students love this outlet every Tuesday and Thursday.

The Secondary Autism students have been practicing for Opening Day and are excited for the big event!

On September 25th from 5-7pm, Bovenschen will hold its final Family Fun Night. This event is sponsored by the PTO. There will be food, fun, and music. There is a DJ, exotic animals to pet and visit with, bounce houses, face painting, and a dunk tank.

Lutz welcomed over 35 new students this year. Every year these new families come in nervous about the big leap from the locals but by week two our wonderful staff have these parents and students settled in and enjoying the wonderful experience our program offers. The Lutz greenhouse classroom will be selling fall time mums in the next couple of weeks.

OPEN MEETINGS
COMPLIANCE

President Genest asked patrons wishing to be heard to fill out a form for that purpose and submit it to Mr. White. Three minutes per person would be allowed under Section II, A.

TEACHER AND
PARAPROFESSIONAL OF
THE YEAR

Director of Center Programs Paula Elias introduced Cathy Sulkowski from Keith Bovenschen; Julee Anderson from Glen Peters School; and Nick DeVault from Lutz School who introduced each of the outstanding Teachers and Paraprofessional of the Year.

Principal Sulkowski introduced Caitlin Kubert, Elementary School Nominee- Keith Bovenschen School

- *"I always found her supportive of her students and their families."*
- *"She was always kind and caring in addition to finding ways to make learning fun."*

- *“Her quiet manner along with a gentle, firm presence allows students to feel safe.”*

Principal Anderson introduced Amanda Hayes, Middle School Nominee- Glen H. Peters School

- *“She truly embodies a true team member, serving as an example of what it means to be a dedicated and supportive colleague.”*
- *“She consistently goes above and beyond to create opportunities for staff to connect, de-stress, and celebrate their shared commitment to education.”*
- *“She gives so much of her time and dedication, you can see how much she truly cares for her students.”*

Principal DeVault introduced Vincent Giacona, High School Nominee- Lutz School for Work Experience

- *“Some people learn to be a teacher, this candidate was born to be one.”*
- *“He brings his vigorously positive attitude and energy to our school and the classroom every day.”*
- *“We will be forever grateful for the positive and powerful impact that he has had, and continues to have, on our son and family.”*

Principal Velazquez introduced Stefanie Dagnall, Paraprofessional Nominee, Rockwell Middle School. Angela became a paraprofessional in 2018. This year she wrote a grant to obtain 53 bicycles and helmets for students.

Superintendent DeVault stated that on behalf of the Board, these are examples of the amazing employees we have here at the ISD. Our parents are dependent upon these employees as they are a part of their families year-round.

Board President Genest stated that we see all that you do on a daily basis, and it is amazing for our families. We appreciate you.

NAEP

Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Alesia Flye, stated that there has been so much discussion on how to improve literacy outcomes. Often Michigan is a part of the national perspective. We recently had Mississippi here to develop a strong partnership with training. Dr. Flye introduced John Cafagna to give an update on NAEP scores. John presented a broad overview of student achievement which looks at trends of 4th and 8th graders. The NAEP is the highest level of data and is not meant to be a diagnostic tool, it gives more of a broad snapshot which is not a comprehensive picture. Large urban schools like Detroit have everyone take this test where other districts are randomly selected each year. In 2024 Michigan's fourth grade reading was lower than 31 states, higher than 2 and not significantly

different than 18. We know that a number of the higher ranked states align their state standards with the NAEP.

Superintendent DeVault added that we sought out Mississippi to learn from what their Governor did over ten years ago legislatively and how they maintain a consistent focus as there is no magic bullet. We need to be talking about good things. Our national data shows us ranked 43rd but there are 18 other states that are similar to ours. Thank you for all your work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Motion was moved by White, supported by Farley, to go into Executive Session to update the Board on negotiations. Roll Call: All present. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board moved into Executive Session at 4:53 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 5:04 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

11. Moved by White, supported by Farley, to approve the September 10, 2025 Consent Agenda, as recommended by Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS

12. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following retirements:

Christopher Moore Susan Tatro Jessica Yenchar

Moved by Farley, supported by White, that the Board of Education accepts, with regret, notification of retirements as per the above, and expresses its deep appreciation for their efforts on behalf of the Board and its Administration. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND FUTURE BUSINESS

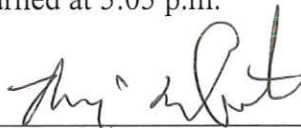
Superintendent DeVault reported that given conflicting schedules, September 24, 2025, Board meeting may be canceled, or the time may be changed to 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

17. Moved by Farley, supported by White, to adjourn. Ayes: all; nays: none. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Theresa Genest, President



Brian White, Secretary

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