

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
100 Price Avenue Ste A  
Stockbridge, Michigan 49285

**Board of Education**

Regular Meeting #12 – June 9, 2025  
Junior/Senior High School Media Center– 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Present: Carrie Graham; President,; Keven Numinen; Secretary, Cindy Lance; Treasurer, Kary Gee; Trustee, Jill Ogden; Trustee, Rocky Ramalia; Trustee

Absent: Erin Gancer; Vice President

IV. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the board meeting agenda for June 9, 2025 as presented/amended.

V. Public Comment Addressing Action Items

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None

VI. Board of Education Comments

None

VII. Board Committee Reports

None

VIII. Student Representative Report - Eliana Johnson & Lily Sager

None

IX. District School Improvement Presentation

[District School Improvement Presentation](#)

X. Reports

Mrs. Kunzelman - Jennifer Lavierge hosted her 3rd and 4th grade spring concerts. We hosted achievement assemblies during the last week of school. Move up tours were held at Heritage for 2nd graders and at the Junior/Senior High for 6th graders. Our students and staff attended 6th grade camp recently. 95.6% of students would recommend going in the future. Fishing, archery, rock wall and eating plants and bugs were some of the highlights. Many students expressed wanting an overnight camp.

Mr. Trapp - We had a very successful graduation. We hosted Coming Up Day with 6th graders where 11th graders presented their passion projects to the 6th graders. The Junior High completed a scavenger hunt throughout the building. We held our awards ceremony for GRIT tickets with a 5:1 ratio of grit tickets to discipline actions.

Mr. Allison - PASS had 5 students graduate this year. We may have another student graduate within a week or two and another student graduate before fall. We had 105 courses completed. Productivity was up this year and behaviors were way down. The PASS program averages 18 students as enrollments fluctuate through the year.

Mr. Keskes - This is my final board report. I want to thank you. It's been a great opportunity to serve the students in Stockbridge. I was able to get enough funding for 74b (\$4.673 million) to pay for 10 electric buses for a full year. This money is sitting in our bank account collecting interest. The estimated time of arrival of the electric buses is September/October. We have 30 days to sell the gas powered bus once we receive the electric buses. Wrapping up grants and completing end of year reporting. Teresa has been a god send doing a huge amount of clean up work. 35M grant for dyslexia curriculum could be \$70,000 and could increase. Innovative literacy practices could be a \$500,000 possibility (like Beyond Basics). [PublicSurplus.com](http://PublicSurplus.com) is being used to sell the yellow box truck. The truck hit the auction block today and will end at noon on July 1st. There has been over \$17 million in grants captured and managed over the last 2.3 years.

Mrs. Hodgson - We are very excited to share our data when we are able. We have 11 individuals on our committee for hiring for the Smith principal. We are working on a District newsletter, if there is anything you would like to include please reach out.

Ms. Jennett - We finished off all the things that were due. We received an initial evaluation on the last day and will be carried over to fall. One of the items the State measures is how many students spend at least 80% of the day in the general classroom. Our percentage was 89.17%. Discipline target from State 2.6% or less we were exactly at 2.6%. Child find compliance target 100% target we were 97.6% (1 was late)

Mr. Kruse - We have wrapped up the year for athletics. We had 12 students go to the state track meet. Softball competed against Grass Lake in the Districts. Baseball started doing some cool things. We are looking to build in the offseason and hone in on our identity.

Ms. Clear - Summer school officially started today. All of the buses are through state inspections with green tags. We celebrated our students that were involved in the bus accident. Transportation conducted a Panther Pride Raffle for all students in the elementary buildings with over \$650 in prizes including a couple of pools, drones, scooters and more. The Police chiefs and I were able to meet about the stop arm legislation. Potential training coming up after the bus accident based on the response. Stockbridge Senior Center has contracted with us to take them to Turkeyville for the day.

XI. Superintendent Report

We will be back Wednesday at 6pm for the Superintendent evaluation. In the board folder there are bond communications for your review. If you are interested in being at Day in the Village please reach out.

XII Discussion Items

Storm Damage - Baseball backstop windscreen needs for 6" poles. Insurance will not pay for an upgrade as the existing poles were 4".

XIII. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - May 12, 2025, May 19, 2025 and May 28, 2025.
2. Financials
  - a. \$292,155.53 from General Fund
  - b. \$17,573.80 from Cafeteria Special Revenues Fund
  - c. \$14,301.84 from Student Activity Special Revenues Fund
  - d. \$1,463,247.98 May Payroll
3. Move to designate Community National Bank (CNB) and Choice One Bank as the District's depositories for the 2025-26 school year. The accounts maintained between these two banks are as follows:
  - a. CNB General Fund Checking Account
  - b. Choice One 2015 Debt Account
  - c. CNB Payroll Account
  - d. Choice One 2016 Debt Account
  - e. CNB Money Market Account
  - f. Choice One 2020 Debt Account
  - g. CNB Food & Nutrition Account
  - h. Choice One General Fund Tax Account
  - i. Choice One Food & Nutrition Account
4. Move to authorize the Superintendent (Brian Friddle), Board President (Carrie Graham) and the Board Treasurer (Cindy Lance) to sign checks drawn against the accounts of the District.
  - a. It is further moved to authorize the Business Manager/Interim Business Manager (Teresa Zigman) and Accounts Payable

- (Carolyn Malinski) to transfer funds to/from accounts as necessary to meet the District's financial obligations.
5. Move to designate Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund as investment depository for Stockbridge Community Schools for the 2025-26 fiscal year and that the Superintendent (Brian Friddle), Board President (Carrie Graham) and Board Treasurers (Cindy Lance) signatures be attached to the investment accounts.
    - a. It is further moved that the Superintendent (Brian Friddle), Interim Business Manager (Teresa Zigman), and Accounts Payable (Carolyn Malinski) be authorized to transfer funds to/from investment accounts to other savings/checking accounts of the District and is authorized to invest district monies in accordance with state and/or federal law and Board Policy.
  6. Move to approve the 2025-2026 MHSAA Membership Resolution as presented.
  7. Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2025-2026 as presented
  8. Storm Damage Repairs
    - a. ~~Clery Fence – Baseball Backstop Quote dated 5/23/25 \$24,960.00~~
    - b. Belfrost Construction - Dugout Repairs Quote #5911 \$9,950.00
  9. Moved to approve the first reading of Neola Policies as follows:
    - a. po0131.1, po1130, po2340, po2410, po2414, po2418, po3110, po3120.08, po4110, po5320, po5330.01, po5330.02, po5340, po5500, po5530, po6110, po6111, po6112, po6114, po6325, po6550, po7310, po7450, po7540.09, po8320, po8321, po8500 and po8510.
  10. Move to approve the Student Trips as presented:
    - i. Cross Country team trip to Van Buren State Park July 13-17, 2025
    - ii. Agriculture/FFA Chapter trip to FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 28-31, 2025.
    - iii. Agriculture/FFA class trip to Yellowstone National Park June 23-30, 2026
  11. Move to award Holland, LLC the contract to purchase four (4) electric buses, cameras, radios, chargers, and installation not to exceed \$1,869,460 to be paid for with funding from the 74b grant.

Motion : Numenin

Second : Ramalia

Passed : 6-0

#### XIV. Action Item

##### 1. Bond Resolution

- a. Move to approve the November 4, 2025 Bond Resolution as presented.

Motion : Numemin

Second : Ogden

Passed 6-0

##### 2. Storm Damage Repairs

- a. Clery Fence - Baseball Backstop Quote dated 5/23/25 \$24,960.00 not to exceed \$30,000 (6" posts to support a windscreen)

Motion : Numenin

Second : Ramalia

Passed : 6-0

XV. Old Business

- Have we scoped the high school drain? - Yes, there is a problem near the cafeteria door. Will require the floor to be pulled up. Smith plumbing lines are fine.
- Reproductive Health curriculum meeting needs to be set. Follow up the beginning of August.
- Drill training - Fire, tornado, CPR, CPI etc. Are we doing these? - Yes
- Title IX - Coordinators will be Amy Hodgson and Jeff Trapp they have been trained
- Transportation software - Ms. Clear to be sending us information
- Gregory Field - Started off strong and fell off. It is now looking rough. 2nd base is broken.
- Ball Stars donation - regarding bleachers have not heard back
- WIFI password that doesn't change. Staff public not working
- Ballfield Signage - sign is done just needs to be picked up and placed
- Sick Bank guidelines - presentation in the boards hand
- ESTA audit - It is a process that is happening
- SEA contract - forthcoming

XVI. Schedule of Meetings

Special Meeting-Supt Eval	June 11, 2025	6:00 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Curriculum Committee	June 16, 2025	4:30 PM	Heritage
Work Session	June 23, 2025	6:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Budget Hearing & Adoption	June 23, 2025	6:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Policy Committee	June 30, 2025	4:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC

XVII. Acknowledgements

Meghan Kunzelman - Reagan Walz and a small group of parents and teachers for the Summer Kick Off Event. They pulled it off in a short amount of time.

Jeff Trapp - Leslie Cummings celebrated her as she has come to the end of her time with Stockbridge Community Schools. She has been sharing a lot with our new counselors.

Amy Hodgson - Steve Keskes for all his time here and what he has brought into the district. DSIT members for coming in on their summer break for tonight's meeting.

Steve Keskes - Summer School staff for the quick turn around. Teresa Zigman is a god send in the business office.

Ben Kruse - A big shout out to our coaching staff. Summer programs taking place including team overnight trips. This is their off season.

Kate Fox - Brad Edwards for his years of service, Jenny Lavierge for all her hard work on the kindergarten celebration. Patty Pniewski as she puts a lot into her students in ways that people do not realize. She teaches 8 different grade levels. Jeff Trapp and Kristy Rivers for tackling scheduling. Chris Conley

for the soccer program where elementary soccer players were invited to come do a big/little sister with the varsity players.

Brian Friddle - Steve Keskes for his contributions while he was with Stockbridge Community Schools, 17.2 million in grants in his 2.3 years here. That helped add about 40 staff members with funding available. Thank you for being here.

John Fox - Patty Pniewski for her teaching style she instills life skills in her assignments.

Jill Ogden - Junior High student council & Michelle Szylagi for their work on the scavenger hunt. It was a lot of fun. Win, Lose or Draw and other games. It was very cool seeing all the different strategies students used.

#### XVIII. Public Comments

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Rita Stricklin - I have been a teacher here for 6 years. The most meaningful part of my job is the senior portfolio. I have come to notice loss in the students life and have noticed loss in the stability in school in regards to teacher turnover. Those remaining face salary struggles, when we lose staff we are not replacing. Class sizes are growing and students are taking virtual classes. Staff want to stay here, we want support and smaller class sizes.

#### XIV. Adjournment

Move that regular meeting #12 of the Stockbridge Community School District Board of Education be adjourned at 8:11pm.

Motion : Gee                      Second : Lance                      Passed : 6-0

### **BOARD COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES January 13, 2025 - December 31, 2025**

#### **Board Committees**

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Meeting Frequency</b>	
<b>Technology/Curriculum</b>	Gancer	Ogden	Ramalia	Quarterly	
<b>Athletics Committee</b>	Numinen	Ramalia	Gee	As Needed	
<b>Safety/Wellness/Repro Health/Food &amp; Nutrition</b>	Gee	Lance	Ogden	Annually	
<b>Facilities Committee:</b>	Graham	Lance	Ogden	As Needed	

<b>Personnel Committee:</b>	Numenin	Gee	Gancer	Bi-Annually	
<b>Policy Committee:</b>	Ogden	Lance	Ramalia	Bi-Annually	
<b>Marketing Committee:</b>	Gancer	Numenin	Graham	As Needed	
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Lance	Graham	Numenin	As Needed	

## Board Representatives

<b>Student Representative</b>	Eliana Johnson & Lily Sager		Monthly	Reg Board Mtg
<b>SAEF Member</b>	Lance		Quarterly	
<b>MASB Legislature</b>	Ogden		Annually	
<b>MASB Voting</b>	Ogden		Annually	
<b>ISD Budget Voting</b>	Delegate: Numenin	Alt:Graham	Annually	
<b>ISD Election Rep</b>	Delegate: Numenin	Alt:Graham	Annually	
<b>ISOA</b> Ingham School Officers Association	Graham	Numenin	Monthly	

## School Organizations

<b>Panther Cubs PTO</b>	Reaghan Walz	Jessica Lane		Bi-Annually	Sept/Mar
<b>Athletic Boosters</b>	Rebeca Lackey	Stacey Wright	Amy Adkins	Bi-Annually	Sept/Mar