

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

Board of Education

Regular Meeting #10 – April 13, 2026
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, Erin Gancer; Vice President, Rocky Ramalia; Trustee, Jill Ogden; Secretary; Keven Numinen; Treasurer; Jimmy Chapman; Trustee; Justin Richardson, Trustee

Absent : None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the board meeting agenda for April 13, 2026 as presented/amended.

Present

V. Public Comment Addressing Consent Agenda and Action Items

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None

VI. Board of Education Comments

Carrie Graham - I have heard amazing things from the weekend dances (Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son).

VII. Board Committee Reports

Rocky Ramalia - Athletic Committee - We had our spring meeting with the Athletic Director (AD). Headcount wise we are looking good. We have a few sports that are facing a low headcount. We spoke about changes with the league and culture changes that we may need to make. We reviewed a couple draft

policies that focused on post season contests. Challenges with dual sports were discussed. We overall look to be in good shape heading into next year.

VIII. Student Representative - JayLee Chapman

A lot of testing going on this week for 9 -11th grade. The union trade fair just happened, which was organized by Sara Oesterle. We just wrapped up our March Is Reading Month. The Junior High Choir earned a spot at the state festival at the end of April. The Unified basketball team earned bronze at states.

X. Joining Hands 2026 - Robert Richards - [Joining Hands Presentation](#)

IX. Presentation - Meghan Kunzelman - [Heritage Presentation](#)

XI. Superintendent Report

RJ Naughton - We have sold the bonds. I have worked on past bond projects with PFM. We had a competitive bid bond sale today and had 9 bidders. PNC bank was the lowest bid 3.1%. PNC misbid when they bid. There are rules about them having to honor their bid. They must submit a good faith deposit by noon tomorrow. If they do not honor we will have to redo the entire process. 3.5% was the second lowest bid. It is still expected to be a no mill increase. There is a resolution for the board to approve the bonds to PNC bank.

We had a meeting this week about Consumers Energy rebates.

The Stockbridge Area Education Foundation (SAEF) did quite well on their auction. Raising over \$23,000. Many scholarships will be given at Honor night on May 21st. We have been approved for a CTE 61v grant in excess of half million dollars. This grant will provide elective opportunities in the business area. We received a \$125,000 grant for literacy. We have a purchase on the agenda tonight using that grant. The State of Michigan approved various language arts curriculum. The 35n grant will cover \$125,000 of the \$140,000 needed to purchase the curriculum. The Safe Routes to School Grant is still in need of survey results. The survey will be sent out again this week. This grant is really a community improvement grant. We are looking at Parent Square to replace various communication tools. CKLA is the curriculum on the agenda tonight. Custodial negotiations are forthcoming. Support staff negotiations will begin in the next 30 days.

XII. Discussion Items -

1. Superintendent Search - Jessica Lane
Discussed the upcoming dates for the Superintendent search.

XIII. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - March 9, 2026, March 16, 2026 and March 26, 2026
2. Financials
 - a. \$243,494.59 from General Fund
 - b. \$36,619.16 from Cafeteria Special Revenues Fund
 - c. \$4,114.97 from Student Activity Special Revenues Fund

- d. \$1,182,479.75 March Payroll
 - 3. Student Trips
 - a. Varsity Softball Team - Overnight to Lake City High School May 9, 2026
 - b. Choir - Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH June 6, 2026
 - c. Band - Cedar Point, Sandusky, OH May 29, 2026
- Motion : Ogden Second : Chapman Passed : 7-0

XIV. Action Items

1. Move to approve the purchase of CKLA from Amplify, not to exceed \$139,855.66 as presented. This will be paid for in part with \$125,719 from the 35m Literacy grant funding.
Motion : Numien Second : Gancer Passed : 7-0

2. Move to approve the purchase of Parent Square communication software with a three year contract, not to exceed \$45,000 as presented.
Motion : Gancer Second : Ogden Passed : 7-0

3. Move to approve the sale of the November 2025 bid resolution as presented.
Motion : Chapman Second : Numinen Passed : 7-0

4. Move to approve the updated 2025-2026 contracts for the following people as presented.
 - a. Steve Allison, Katharine Fox, Jennifer Matthews, Robert Myers, Josh Nichols, Dena Sommer
 - b. Nikki Clear, Stephanie White, Michael Pierson
 - c. Brian Friddle, Amy Hodgson, Kelsey Jennett, Jeff Trapp, Meghan Kunzelmen, Ben Kruse
 - d. Jessica Lane, Carolyn Malinski
 Motion : Chapman Second : Gancer Passed : 7-0

XV. Old Business
None

XVI. Schedule of Meetings

Regular Meeting	April 13, 2026	6:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Work Session	April 27, 2026	6:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Recruitment Workshop	April 30, 2026	5:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Interview Prep Workshop	May 19, 2026	5:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
First Round Interviews	May 26, 2026	4:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
First Round Interviews	May 27, 2026	4:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Finalist Reception	June 2, 2026	4:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Final Interviews	June 2, 2026	5:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Facilities Meeting	April 22, 2026	5:30 PM	Heritage
Personnel	April 20, 2026	5:30 PM	Heritage

XVII. Acknowledgements

Meghan Kunzelman - Dena Sommer and all of her volunteers for the Daddy/Daughter & Mother/Son dance this past weekend.

Bonnie Rattai - Dena Sommer for all her hard work on the dance. The school for a new position as Summer Kids Club Coordinator. Dena has been amazing at helping me get this up and going.

Dena Sommer - Jeanette Wetzel, Kimmy Porter and Brittany Monette for showing up and helping both nights. Christina Villegas and Michelle Szilagyi for their NHS student volunteers. Mike Pierson for fixing the a/c over the weekend.

Jeanette Wetzel - Dena Sommer for her work on both dances. A lot of moms have said that Dena puts her heart into everything. Kate Fox and Faith Whitt for going above and beyond for track and field.

Patty Pniewski - Meghan Kunzelman, had a rough go around with some 6th graders and Meghan had my back and supported me.

Kate Fox - Faith Whitt, back in March put out a thing to cross country about a female empowerment conference. I appreciate the opportunities she puts out there for students.

Kate Fox - Mr Richards and Mrs Zemke for their work on robotics in the district. Four teams walked away with trophies for their competition before spring break.

Dena Sommer - Susan Lockhart for supporting me with my new role in Community Education.

Brian Friddle - Dena Sommer, It is not just one dance, it was 3 on Saturday and 1 Sunday. It is appreciated.

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Kate Fox - I know we are in transition but I am hoping in the transition things get figured out as to whether the health center will happen or not.

XIV. Adjournment

Move that regular meeting #10 of the Stockbridge Community School District Board of Education be adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Motion : Numinen Second : Chapman Passed 7-0

BOARD COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES January 13, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Board Committees

Committee Name	Chair	Member	Member	Meeting Frequency	
Technology/Curriculum	Gancer	Ogden	Chapman	Quarterly	
Athletics Committee	Ramalia	Numinen	Chapman	As Needed	
Safety/Wellness/Repro Health/Food & Nutrition	Ogden	Gancer	Richardson	Annually	
Facilities Committee:	Graham	Ramalia	Richardson	As Needed	
Personnel Committee:	Numenin	Chapman	Gancer	Bi-Annually	
Policy Committee:	Ramalia	Graham	Ogden	Bi-Annually	
Finance Committee	Numinen	Graham	Richardson	As Needed	

Board Representatives

Student Representative	JayLee Chapman		Monthly	Reg Board Mtg
SAEF Member	Richardson		Quarterly	
MASB Legislature	Ogden		Annually	
MASB Voting	Ogden		Annually	
ISD Budget Voting	Delegate: Numinen	Alt:Graham	Annually	
ISD Election Rep	Delegate: Numinen	Alt:Graham	Annually	
ISOA Ingham School Officers Association	Graham	Numinen	Monthly	

School Organizations

Panther Cubs PTO	Katie Schafer			Bi-Annually	Sept/Mar
Athletic Boosters	Monique Coffman	Cassie Horstman	Tracy Warren	Bi-Annually	Sept/Mar