

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

**Board of Education**

Regular Meeting #6 – December 8, 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, Erin Gancer; Vice President, Rocky Ramalia; Trustee, Keven Numinen; Secretary, Cindy Lance; Treasurer, Jill Ogden; Trustee

Absent : None

IV. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the board meeting agenda for December 8, 2025 as presented/amended.

Motion : Numinen Second : Ogden Passed 6-0

V. Stockbridge High School Choir Presentation - Director Mr. Gilbey  
Choral concert December 17th 7:00pm

VI. Public Comment Addressing Consent Agenda and Action Items

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The board president may adjust the guideline as they see fit.

Ben Kruse - Athletic League pros and cons for the Big 8 and Cascades. We are really trying to weigh what is best for kids. Is it travel time or competitiveness? I see more competitiveness in the Big 8 as we are in the top 30% there but in the Cascades we would be bottom 30%. The key to our competitiveness is in putting in the work.

Hillsdale is not the same as they have been. They are declining enrollment. I believe they are going to look heavily on what is decided tonight. Hillsdale has been invited to both the Cascades and the Big 8.

Big 8 currently has 10 teams and if we get to 12 it would force divisions which would greatly reduce travel times.

VII. Board of Education Comments

Carrie Graham - I want to thank FFA and Community Ed for their participation in the Festival of Lights parade.

Cindy Lance - I have so much love in my heart for this community. Our school system is the heart of the community. I would like to publicly thank Ms. Avis, Mr. Baird, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Allison, Mr. Byerly, Mr. King, Ms. Lockhart, Ms. Martell, Ms. Villegas, Ms. Omo, Ms. Petsch, Mr. Taisor, Mr. Cook, Ms. Lehr, Ms. Ocweija, Mr. Trapp and Mr. Richards for their direct impact on all three of my children. My "why" was to have every child to have what my children had. We need to face the future together. Support our students, staff, administrators and board.

VIII. Board Committee Reports

None

IX. Student Representative - JayLee Chapman

We had the start of winter sports. Basketball just had their opening win against Dansville. Students are really trying to go hard the last couple of weeks of the semester. The Journalism class went on a trip to interview local malls. Savannah's passing did take a toll on the upper classman.

X. Smith Elementary - A Day in the Life of A Kindergartener - Mrs. White  
[A Day in the Life of A Kindergartner](#)

XI. Superintendent Report

There are 3 motions for the 31aa resolution and we need to select one to approve. We do not have any additional information. We may not know anything until December 19th or 20th. Electric buses were supposed to be here at the end of November and we have not seen them. The buses have vin numbers and are getting a/c installed. We are hopeful for December. I like the options of the Big 8 with 2 divisions. Policy is split as the second reading and old business. The policies in old business are the ones we may need to still work on.

XII. Discussion Items

None

XIII. Consent Agenda

1. Minutes - November 10, 2025 and November 24, 2025

2. Financials

- a. \$396,796.46 from General Fund
- b. \$33,215.98 from Cafeteria Special Revenues Fund
- c. \$19,959.41 from Student Activity Special Revenues Fund
- d. \$881,924.37 November Payroll

3. Moved to approve the second reading of Neola Policies as follows:

- a. po2210, po2266, po2412, po4162, po5517.01, po7540.02, po7541, po8300 and po8305
- b. Non Discrimination Policies  
po1422, po1422.02, po1662, po3122, po3122.02, po3362, po4122, po4122.02 and po4362

Motion : Lance Second : Numinen Passed 6-0

#### XIV. Action Items

##### **31aa Motions:**

1. Move to approve the Resolution to opt into 31aa funding.
2. Move to rescind the 31aa funding option.
3. Move to approve the resolution to opt into 31aa and direct the superintendent to rescind the 31aa funding option, if action is not taken to preserve the district's "attorney client privilege".

Approval of Motion #3 - Motion : Ramalia Second : Ogden Passed 6-0

##### **League Motion**

1. Move to continue our participation in the Big 8 Activities Conference.
2. Move to accept the invitation to join the Cascades Conference.

Approval of Motion #2 - Motion : Numinen Second : Lance Passed : 4-2

#### XV. Old Business

Updated Policies (po5830, po6605, po7250, po9700 and po9700.01) - We will get together with Rocky and bring back to a meeting in January.

We have received one letter of interest submitted for the vacated school board position. The deadline to submit interest is Friday December 12, 2025 at 3pm.

#### XVI. Schedule of Meetings

Organizational Meeting	January 12, 2026	6:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC
Work Session	January 26, 2026	6:30 PM	Jr/Sr SSC

#### XVII. Acknowledgements

Cindy Lance - Jennifer Goble for her 17 years of service. Jumping in to help everyone, reactive when she needed to be and proactive. I know that our staff appreciated everything you have done for us.

Carrie Graham - Cindy Lance for her 16 years of service. She has kept us going financially through it all.

Brian Friddle - Cindy Lance - board members come in with different strengths, including a business and finance background that has been greatly appreciated. Kary Gee - brings a different perspective and strength in agricultural science and support for the FFA and Ag Science program. Jennifer Goble - I appreciated your service to the district and you making payroll always happen and your reliability.

Jill Ogden - Cindy Lance - I have learned so much from you over the years.

Ben Kruse - Mike Pierson is a problem solver and takes care of so many things behind the scenes that we are not even aware of.

Erin Gancer - Kary and Cindy one thing that I have appreciated is your willingness to share from your heart. I appreciate your patience in explaining history and helping me grow as a board member.

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Bonnie Rattai - I have some surveys that staff members did not feel comfortable doing their survey online. I have printed answers from them.

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

Move that regular meeting #6 of the Stockbridge Community School District Board of Education be adjourned at 7: 50 pm.

Motion : Numinen    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	Numinen	Graham	As Needed	
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Lance	Graham	Numinen	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: Numinen	Alt:Graham	Annually	
<b>ISD Election Rep</b>	Delegate: Numinen	Alt:Graham	Annually	
<b>ISOA</b> Ingham School Officers Association	Graham	Numinen	Monthly	

## School Organizations

<b>Panther Cubs PTO</b>	Katie Schafer			Bi-Annually	Sept/Mar
<b>Athletic Boosters</b>	Rebeca Lackey	Stacey Wright	Amy Adkins	Bi-Annually	Sept/Mar