BOARD BRIEFS

October 20, 2026

Presentation

Maner Costerisan joined the Board of Education to present information regarding the 2026 draft financial audit.

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Docket as follows:

- Regular Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2026
- Human Resources Report
- Calendar of Events
- Payment Summary Report
- Investment Report
- Authorization of Recurring Vendor Contracts
    - IDN Global Inc. for July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, in an estimated total of $80,000 for professional general contractor services for small facility door repair/replacement projects.

In other action, the Board:

- The board reviewed and received the draft 2025-26 Audit report and other supporting materials, as presented by Maner Costerisan. The financial statement and Single Audit report will be finalized and filed separately in accordance with applicable reporting requirements.
- Approved and adopted the second reading of the Neola policy, as presented.
    - 5530 – Drug Prevention
- Approved the reclassification of the Administrative Assistant, ECSE and Early On position, as presented.
- Approved the increase of 1.0FTE for a Business Unit Accountant, as presented.
- Approved the increase of 2.0 FTE for Mental Health Specialists, as presented.
- Approved the increase of 1.0 FTE for a Paraprofessional North Star, as presented.
- Approved the increase of 1.0 FTE for a Speech Language Pathologist, as presented.
- Authorized purchase orders with Ferris State University, Baker College, Davenport University, and Grand Valley State University at specific tuition rates based on final student enrollment and the number of credit hours purchased allowing Wilson Talent Center students to earn direct college credit during the fall and spring semesters of the 2026-27 school year.

- Approved the 2026-27 Special Education Program student handbooks, as presented.
- Authorized the Superintendent to execute three-year consortium contracts for cybersecurity measures with one or more vendors as recommended by the Information Technology department in amounts estimated to range from $1,300,000 to $2,100,000 total over the three-years dependent on local district participation levels, services selected and annual staff, student and device counts.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Mellema provided updates on the following:

- Scholarship Granting Organizations
- Fall Neola Updates

Board Member Reports

- The Ingham School Officers Association hosted a Legislative Breakfast that was well attended. It was well attended by candidates and local districts representatives.

Closed Session

- The Board moved into and out of Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss attorney-client privileged communication.

Upcoming Events

November 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
December 9, 2026, WTC Open House, 4:30-7:30pm – Wilson Talent Center
December 15, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
January 12, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
February 16, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
March 16, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
April 13, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
May 6, 2027, WTC Student Showcase, 4:00-7:00pm – Wilson Talent Center
May 18, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
June 21, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center

For further information about the preceding items, please contact Micki O'Neil (moneil@inghamisd.org) or 517.244.1212.