



BOARD BRIEFS

September 15, 2026

Presentation

Micki O'Neil, Chief Communications Officer, shared an update on the Public Relations and Communications Department and the five districts the team supports in addition to Ingham ISD.

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Docket as follows:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2026
2. Human Resources Report
3. Calendar of Events
4. Payment Summary Report
5. Investment Report
6. Authorization of Recurring Vendor Contracts
 - Gordon Food Service, Sysco and Meijer for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an estimated annual total of \$65,000 for the annual purchase of food supplies for the Wilson Talent Center's culinary program and Career Start store.
 - Ascend Learning Holdings LLC, DBA as National Healthcareer Association for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an estimated annual total of \$100,000 for the purchase of study materials, practice tests and certification tests for students attempting certifications in the Wilson Talent Center's Medical Assistant, Patient Care Technician, and Sports Medicine Programs.
 - Phonak, Inc for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an estimated annual total of \$100,000 for the annual purchase of hearing equipment including hearing systems, transmitters, headsets, digital shoes and receivers for students with hearing impairment throughout the Ingham ISD service area along with equipment repair services.
 - Lowery Corporation dba Applied Innovations for October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2031, in an estimated total of \$36,662.41 for the addition of PaperCut MF software and badge-reader functionality to the copier and printer services as authorized by the Board in July 2026. The five-year purchase includes software licenses, installation, setup, configuration, maintenance and support, along with 23 RFIC card readers that will allow employees to securely release print jobs using their ISD identification badges.
 - TRM Consulting LLC for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an annual estimated total of \$35,000 for contracted services for coordinating a bus driver training agency program and other related projects.



- Kent Intermediate School District for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in an annual estimated total of \$130,000 for continued participation in the Kent ISD MiPSE PowerSchool Special Education Partnership for 2026-27, including software licensing, hosting, maintenance and support. Previous board action approved from 2023-24 through 2025-26.

In other action, the Board:

- Adopted the revised Emergency Operations Plans for the Beekman Center, Heartwood School and the Wilson Talent Center which includes the State mandated standardized emergency-response terminology incorporated into those plans.
- Authorized the Superintendent to contract with the Lansing School District for management services and labor for our Beekman Center school-lunch program for the 2026-27 school year in an initial estimated amount of \$80,000.
- Authorized the Superintendent to execute a three-year agreement effective January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029, with Parent Square, Inc. of Goleta, CA for mass notification and family communication platform services at the per license rates of \$6.50 in 2027, \$6.83 in 2028 and \$7.17 in 2029, less applicable 3% REMC discount, for an estimated three-year total of approximately \$45,000 based on current license counts.
- Approved the Resolutions of Tribute to Melissa LaLonde, Speech-Language Pathologist, Early On and to Jennifer Lindeman, Administrative Assistant, Early Childhood Special Education and Early On.
- Approved the engagement of Collins & Blaha, P.C. to provide legal counsel and related legal services to Ingham ISD, as needed.

Discussion Items

- Mike Lilly updated the Board on the Ingham ISD Cybersecurity Consortium's market search as the current cybersecurity service contracts are approaching their end. Consideration for future purchase will be made from a vendor as recommended by our Information Technology department.
- First reading of NEOLA Policy #5530 - Drug Prevention

Information Items

- Jason Mellema provided an update to the board regarding the parcel acquisition for the Beekman Center reconstruction.
- Susan Tinney updated the board of the following teachers being granted tenure:
 - Michelle Hartman, Teacher Consultant, Visually Impaired
 - Elizabeth Putman, Teacher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - Jessica Towsley-Rasmussen, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher Specialist

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Jason Mellema provided updates on the following:



- Rob Evans earned his Pupil Accounting Certification from MSBO
- Reminder that next month, October 7, Legislative Breakfast at 7:30am

Board Member Reports

- John Wolenberg provided the ISOA report.
- Michael Flowers shared that the Board of Water and Light had their Open House last week and a majority of the students were from Ingham ISD.

Upcoming Events

October 7, 2026, Legislative Breakfast, 7:30am – Thorburn Education Center
October 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
November 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education 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 18, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
June 21, 2027, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center

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