

ISOA Executive Board Meeting September 2, 2026 Minutes

Attendance:

Present:

Dansville	David Lilly
East Lansing	Abbie Tykocki
Ingham ISD	Jason Mellema
Ingham ISD	John Wolenberg
Mason	Liz Evans
Stockbridge	Carrie Graham
Waverly	Deborah Lopez
Webberville	Joshua Rockey
Williamston	Sarah Belanger

Absent:

Haslett	Amy Clark
Holt	Matea Caluk
Lansing	Cirea Strode
Leslie	Eric Isham
Okemos	Lenni Shrestha

Other:

Hannah Sweeney

Legislative Update on Educational Issues:

Hannah Sweeney, CARES Collaborative

- The Legislative Breakfast will be moderated by Hannah. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to hear from candidates on education-related topics and support an exchange of information and perspectives.
- Questions will be shared in advance to enable substantive responses.
- There will be no endorsements; the organization's role is facilitative across diverse jurisdictions.
- Question topics should include School Aid fund, Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), 31aa (Mental Health and School Safety), State Aid Payments to districts, and Health Insurance.

Superintendents' Round Table Update:

Jason Mellema provided discussion highlights from the Superintendents 'Round Table Retreat including:

- Problem of Practice – challenge of visibility
- Prosecutor letter about School Safety and Attendance
- EOP new plans that need to be approved by October 1, 2026
- Legislative update provided by Hannah Sweeney and Matt Kurta
- SE Report that was shared with each districts data provided to each Sup
- Common Calendar, Inclement Weather, AI report

Ingham School Officers Association

District Updates:

Dansville	Traffic flow lines at the elementary school were repainted and are working well. The district has seen an increase in parents driving students to school. The district now has an eight-man football team.
East Lansing	Construction associated with the safety bond is nearing completion. The district hired a Director of School Safety for the next three years using Section 31aa funding.
Mason	A recent Board vacancy was filled by a former Board member following the relocation of a sitting member. Two Board seats are up for election. Bond renewal planning is underway, and the Data Center will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting.
Stockbridge	“The Stockbridge shuffle” The district welcomed a new superintendent, middle/high school principal, and elementary principal. The FFA programs for sheep and pigs continue to receive awards. The PASS alternative education program is now located at the high school.
Waverly	The district continues its transition under its new superintendent. Bond projects progressed over the summer and were completed in preparation for the start of school. The district has a senior center connected to an elementary school. Graduation Alliance is a new option, with approximately 30 students currently enrolled.
Webberville	The school year began on August 17 and is off to a positive start. Enrollment has increased.
Williamston	The school year is off to a positive start. The district is seeing increased safety concerns related to student use of e-bikes.
Ingham ISD	Following passage of the bond, planning is underway for the Beekman Center rebuild and Heartwood School improvements. Wilson Talent Center enrollment is approximately 1,000 students.

2026-27 ISOA Meetings:

~~September 2, 2026~~

October 7, 2026 – Legislative Breakfast

November 4, 2026 – Tour

December 2, 2026

January – No meeting

February 3, 2027

March 3, 2027

April – No meeting

May 5, 2027