

**ISOA Executive Board Meeting
March 5, 2025
Minutes**

Present

East Lansing	Abbie Tykocki	Waverly	Alicia Guevara
Haslett	Amy Clark	Webberville	Joshua Rockey
Lansing	Deyanira Nevarea Martinez	Williamston	Sarah Belanger
Leslie	Eric Isham		
Ingham ISD	Jason Mellema	<u>Absent</u>	
Ingham ISD	John Wolenberg	Dansville	Mike Kapp
Mason	Lacy Harding	Holt	Rob Halgren
Okemos	Leeni Shrestha		
Stockbridge	Carrie Graham		

MASB Legislative Update

Brad Banasik, Legal Counsel and Director of Labor Relations/Policy, gave a legislative update:

ISD Board Election

- The Ingham ISD board election is June 2 – The deadline to submit to run is May 5, 2025.
- Candidate Eligibility – Not more than three members of the ISD board may also serve on an LEA board, with no more than two members of ISD board from the same school district.
- Monday, May 12 is the earliest date that a board may designate its representative to cast the board's vote(s) for the ISD board election and to designate who the representative should vote for on behalf of the board.
- The Ingham ISD Board Election will be held in the Thorburn Education Center in Mason on June 2 at 6:00pm.

School Board Committees & OMA

All meetings of a public body shall be open to the public. Is a board committee a public body?

- Yes - If the committee is receiving government authority from the board, then yes. Was board approval a rubber stamp? Committee exercising authority to preclude matters from reaching the full board for deliberation and decision – then a public body.
- No - If the committee is just gathering information, purely advisory, and sharing with the full board, then no. Board retains the authority to accept or reject recommendations.

If a public body, the board committee must:

- Post notice of the committee meeting
- Minutes are made available to the public
- Opportunity for Public Comment
- Decisions made in the open session and minutes must be taken.

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Federal Administrative Law

- School districts are still required to follow federal regulations unless they are set aside by a court, overturned by Congress, or repealed by the federal agency.
- Title IX Law – Federal statute that prohibits discrimination:
 - Based on sex
 - In education programs and activities,
 - Receiving federal financial assistance.
- Title IX Regulations – 2024 regulations have been vacated
 - Vacates the 2024 rules and automatically reinstates the 2020 Title IX Regulations
 - Staff need to be trained (or retrained) in the 2020 regulations.
 - Court ruled the Biden administration had overstepped when it sought to enforce its new interpretation of Title IX through federal rulemaking.
- Dear Colleague Letter (Feb 14, 2025)
 - Ensure that policies and actions comply with existing civil rights law;
 - Cease all efforts to circumvent prohibitions on use of race by relying on proxies or other indirect means to accomplish such ends;
 - Cease all reliance on third-party contractors, clearinghouses, or aggregators that are being used by institutions to circumvent
 - School leaders are encouraged to consult with district legal counsel.

Superintendents' Round Table Update

Jason Mellema, Superintendent of Ingham ISD, provided an update from the February 26, 2025, Round Table Meeting.

- Information on the Stop the Bleed/Roman Kits for classrooms – training offer from ICSD
- StarNet Consortium Update on billing and internet
- Pre-Labor Start Waiver Request –Public Hearing on March 19 for the ISD service area
- Changes to the Pupil Accounting Manual and the timing of the updates to the manual.
- Executive Orders and Title III – English Language Learner
- Humanex Leadership Summit on March 12

ISOA Bylaws and Election of Officer

ISOA Board members reviewed and approved the ISOA bylaws. Sarah Belanger, supported by Abbie Tykocki, moved to confirm the bylaws as written.

Annual election of the ISOA President and Vice President.

- Abbie Tykocki, supported by Josh Rockey, moved to confirm Sarah Belanger as President.
- Joshua Rockey, supported by Sarah Belanger, moved to confirm himself as Vice President of ISOA.

District Updates

Williamston Williamston's Freaky Friday musical was a huge success. The annual Smokey Bear contest took place. A middle school teacher was named VFW Teacher of the Year. In the MS Math Counts competition, Williamston placed second overall at MSU. Bond work has begun with a construction/design company.

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- Stockbridge Boys Basketball team had a season record of 20-4, while the Girls team is still competing. Activities for March Reading Month have started. There is consideration for a possible bond vote in November.
- East Lansing: The construction on the new central administration building, funded by the Safety, Security, and Accessibility Bond, will commence soon. The central office will move out of the high school to a new location. Renovations are planned for the high school and café area. Mental Health Summit scheduled for May.
- Okemos The Archery Tournament was a great success. The first year of construction on the new middle school is complete. The 7th graders took a trip to Spring Hill Camp.
- Lansing The district is proud of how their graduation rates have improved. Days of Professional development coming up.
- Webberville The high school musical, The Lightening Thief, will be on March 14/15. Vape detectors have been installed in the bathrooms with success.

Upcoming Meetings

- April – No Meeting
- May 7, 2025 – End of the Year Wrap-up/ISD Budget Discussion