

**ISOA Executive Board Meeting
May 7, 2025
Minutes**

Present

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

Ingham ISD General Fund Budget Review

Jason Mellema reviewed the 2025-26 Ingham ISD General Fund Budget with the ISOA representatives.

- Medicaid – Significant funding source for schools – In the Ingham ISD service area, there are 7,000 students with IEPs of which 62% are Medicaid eligible. This equals over 6 million dollars in Medicaid reimbursements. If those funds are gone, local districts will still be required to provide the special education services needed to their students.
- Block Grants – Discussion on the pros and cons to block grants. Theoretically, the block grants would flow to the state, and the state could reassign the formula – which could be detrimental to districts as dollars are shuffled and not assigned to predetermined areas.
- Special Education Distribution Formula – Discussion on the three-year process of changing the 1998 SE distribution formula used to provide SE funds to districts.
- State Budget – Odds are low that districts will know the state budget before the requirement to finalized district budgets by June 30.

Superintendents' Round Table Update

Jason Mellema provided an update from the April 23, 2025, Round Table Meeting, including:

- Update from lobbyist – The legislature is discussing retirement costs, per pupil foundation amount, school safety bills, possible impacts from a decrease in federal funds (free breakfast and lunch)

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- Mental Health Services – Updates related to continue supports/services for students.
- Unanimous approval for a letter of support for a Law Enforcement Grant.
- Medicaid – Continue to advocate for funds.
- ORS/NSI Lawsuit settlement appears to be in the future.
- Collaboration with other ISDs – working with Clinton and Eaton for a leadership network breakfast to bring in leaders for relationship building: Legislators, Chamber Leaders etc.
- Rater Reliability Training opportunity offered by the ISD.

District Updates

East Lansing	Continued contract negotiations with the union. A mental health and wellness summit was held as a community resource. Successful trip to Chicago for the district orchestra.
Dansville	In honor of Public Service Recognition Day – thank you to everyone for their service to kids.
Webberville	Local scholarships sponsored by businesses and services groups were presented to seniors. The FFA Agstravaganza and plant sale was recently held. Graduation is on May 15.
Haslett	The district's Imagine 2030 Project is ongoing – an exciting project focused on setting the districts long term goals and gathering community input. End of year activities include Prom, senior awards, athletic and music activities.
Leslie	Negotiations continue. A Police Week Recognition Resolution was passed by the Board. Sinking Fund projects are ongoing. Leslie Learning Center (former While Pine building) now houses the administrative office and Pre-K campus.
Okemos	Strategic planning meeting held with community members, families, staff, and board members. Working on the goals for the districts five-year plan. The Prom is May 17, and graduation is May 29. Archery Team is going to the national competition. Middle school construction continues.
Lansing	The district held a Years of Service Celebration to recognize staff with 5-50 years. Graduation is June 7. Extra-curricular activities involving the arts and athletic programs are going great.
Stockbridge	End of year activities in full swing as the district gets ready for graduation, honors night and all the district wide celebrations.
Ingham ISD	Spring Open House at the WTC being held Thursday, May 8 from 4:00-7:00pm. Beekman and Heartwood Schools will hold their graduation ceremonies on June 19 and 20, respectively.
Williamston	The annual district Art Festival was well attended. Quiz bowl presented to the state board. All end of year activities celebrating students, including graduation, are in full swing. The Board recently recognized Educator Appreciation Week.

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2025-26 ISOA Meetings

September 3, 2025

October 1, 2025

November 5, 2025

December 3, 2025

January – No Meeting

February 4, 2026

March 4, 2026

April – No Meeting

May 6, 2026

