

**ISOA Executive Board Meeting
November 2, 2022
Minutes**

Present

Dansville	Mike Kapp	Stockbridge	Keven Numinen
Dansville	Jennifer Wonnell	Williamston	Sarah Belanger
East Lansing	Monica Fink		
Holt	Rob Halgren	<u>Absent</u>	
Ingham ISD	Jason Mellema	Haslett	Cammy Wheeler
Ingham ISD	John Wolenberg	Leslie	Mary Crowl
Ingham ISD	Sandee Donald	Mason	Michael Kelly
Lansing	Nino Rodriguez	Webberville	Amy Coe
Okemos	Jayne Taylor	Waverly	Mary Ann Martin

Jason Mellema called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. Acknowledgement that Jayme Taylor will now be the Okemos representative, replacing Melanie Lynn.

Literacy Update

Sandee Donald, Ingham ISD Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, shared information on the Mid-Michigan Literacy Impact Network (MMLIN) which is a collective and cooperative effort of superintendents, school boards, school district staff and Ingham ISD to improve early literacy and, ultimately, student achievement across all grade levels.

Goals of MMLIN:

- To ensure meeting the state of Michigan’s goal that a minimum of 80% of third graders in all demographic groups read proficiently at grade level and that intervention strategies be systematically implemented for the 20% who, due to normal developmental differences, need more time.
- Increase instructional leadership skills to ensure high quality teaching and learning in every classroom, every day, Pre-K to 12th grade by enhancing the use of evidence-based literacy practices.
- Increase alignment of instruction with research best practices to improve student literacy outcomes

Next Steps:

- Superintendents committed (post Covid) to continuing/resuming the work of instructional rounds.
 - Instructional Rounds – Offers a structure for educators to work together to identify and solve common problems related to teaching and learning – adapted from the medical field.
- Revising and refining our collaborative implementation plan with actionable next steps
- Identifying district teams and engaging in team learning
- Hosting two different sessions of instructional rounds in local districts (March 2023)

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Superintendents' Round Table Update

Jennifer Wonnell, Dansville Schools Superintendent, provided an update from the October Superintendent Round Table meeting:

- FBI Special Agent Christopher Rodolico and Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth attended the meeting to discuss Sextortion – students sending compromising pictures of themselves to someone online and then being extorted for money – this is happening in the tri-county area. Discussion on student presentations to discuss the dangers of sextortion, how to prevent it, and what to do if it happens. Districts will work directly with the FBI/Sheriff on presentations for their students if interested.
- School Safety Discussion – Continued discussion on school safety and agreement that the service area would benefit from a unified approach to safety issues and responses. This would help both the districts and law enforcement when responding to an issue. Agreement on the need for a comprehensive safety assessment and recommendation for the districts and law enforcement moving forward.
- MI House Bill 5703 – Superintendents discussed the new law requiring posting of Section 1 of Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution and Section 10 of the Revised School Code.
 - Thrun Case Law – Does not equate to parents taking authority away from the school board. Does not extend to how the public school operates or teaches.

MI House Bill 5703 Posting Requirements - Under this amendment to the Revised School Code, the following text must be displayed in districts by January 1, 2023:

Section 1 of Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution of 1963:

Religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

Section 10 of the Revised School Code:

It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive environment.

The law specifies these notices must be posted in the rooms where the board holds meetings, a school district's administrative building, and the principal's office.

District Updates

- Holt Work continues on the bond construction projects. Supply chain and labor market issues still present a challenge. Election day will be a day off in the district – students will not be in the buildings while they are being used for the election. The Holt football team has made the second round of the playoffs.
- Lansing Covid cases in the district are still being reported weekly, but cases are decreasing. The strategic plan is finished with a first reading in November and then adoption of the five-year plan in December. Building work continues with work on Mt. Hope next. There will be no school on November 8, election day. The board has three six-year terms open and one partial term.

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- Stockbridge Stockbridge is doing well. Good to have things returning to normal. Working on combating learning loss across all grade levels.
- East Lansing HS boys' soccer team and the cross-country team won championships, Donley Elementary won an award for design and sustainability, Model UN had a successful event, the marching band earned second place in competition, a high school student was a national merit semi-finalist, College Board recognition awards, band teacher nominated for City Pulse award. The district is currently experiencing a custodial shortage.
- Williamston The Special Education Director presented to the Board on student achievement data including results from the M-step, PSAT, SAT, etc. The district had a clean audit review. Pre-pandemic events for students returning with a "Be Nice" football game with Haslett, fifth grade camp celebrating 50th year, family math night at Discovery Elementary, and homecoming. A high school student was named a national merit semi-finalist and Williamston High School was named one of the best high schools across the county for the fourth year in a row
- Dansville The district welcomed a new superintendent, Jennifer Wonnell, who is doing an excellent job and has assembled a fantastic team of administrators at the elementary, middle, and high school.
- Okemos The district is now using the NWEA assessment tool as they work to close the achievement gap for Okemos students. The DEI work continues with workgroups happening next week. The district will have a bond issue on the ballot on Tuesday. A clean audit was presented to the board. Boys' soccer and girls' volleyball are district champions. Five hundred students participated in summer learning opportunities funded by Covid funds – looking to continue the work in the future. Due to safety issues, the varsity football season ended early - the community responded well to the decision. The marching band ended their season with a one hour "Pack the Stands" performance.
- ISD The ISD continues the construction of North Star School which will be the new home for the students in the emotionally impaired program at the ISD. Student groups are traveling again with culinary students planning to compete in Florida and manufacturing students planning a trip to Chicago.