

**Mason County Eastern School District
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
July 21, 2025
High School Library**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Mickevich at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Mickevich, Dan Bacon, Ed Miller, Curt Stewart,
Ryan Howe, Sheryl Howe, Jake Smith

II. Also in Attendance

Superintendent Paul Shoup, Kristy Stewart, Dr. Mark Forner, Paul Gilbert and Melissa Kindinger from Brickley DeLong Accounting, Brittany Carstens, and Shanna Avery from Ludington Daily News.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting, Budget Hearing, Closed Session, and June 25, 2025 Special Meeting
- B. Bill Payment on the summary dated July 16, 2025, in the amount of \$140,374.77.
- C. Payroll for June 6, 2025, in the amount of \$138,744.43, and June 20, 2025 in the amount of \$122,792.54.

Motion made by S. Howe, supported by R. Howe, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,
R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

IV. Communications to the Board

Paul Gilbert and Melissa Kindinger from Brickley-DeLong Accounting presented the Governance Entrance Conference Agenda (pre-audit).

V. Treasurer Report

Superintendent Shoup reported on General Fund and Food Service budgets.

VI. K-12 Principal Report

- 1) Informed Board of the ESD Board officer election.

VII. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Shoup reported on:

- 1) Legislative Update - none
- 2) Slow Down for Sammi Committee - traveled to Lansing to present petitions for slowing down the speed limit in front of school.
- 3) Facility Updates

VIII. Committee Reports

The Committee as a whole did not meet in July.

IX. Discussion and Action Items

A. Set Goals Workshop Date, Time, and Place

Discussion was held on setting the Goals Workshop date, time, and place.

Motion made by R. Howe, supported by S. Howe, to set the date, time, and place for the Goals Workshop for Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,

R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

B. Set Date, Time, and Place for 2025-2026 Board of Education Meetings

Discussion was held on the date, time, and place for the 2025-2026 Board of Education meetings.

Motion made by R. Howe, supported by E. Miller, to set the date, time, and place for the 2025-2026 Board of Education meetings for the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Library, with the exception of June 2026 which will be held on the fourth Monday of June.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,
R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

DATE	TIME
Monday, July 21, 2025	6:30 P.M.
Monday, August 18, 2025	6:30 P.M.
Monday, September 15, 2025	6:30 P.M.
Monday, October 20, 2025	6:30 P.M.
Monday, November 17, 2025	6:30 P.M.
Monday, December 15, 2025	6:30 P.M.
Monday, January 19, 2026	6:30 P.M.
Monday, February 16, 2026	6:30 P.M.
Monday, March 16, 2026	6:30 P.M.
Monday, April 20, 2026	6:30 P.M.
Monday, May 18, 2026	6:30 P.M.
Monday, June 22, 2026	6:30 P.M.

C. Sinking Fund - Fire Alarm System and PA System

Discussion was held on patching and then replacing the MS/HS Fire Alarm system using the Sinking Fund.

Motion made by S. Howe, supported by Miller, to approve using the Sinking Fund to patch and then replace the MS/HS Fire Alarm system using Summit Fire Protection in the amount of \$90,633, with a letter of reasoning as to why they are being approved.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,
R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

Discussion was held on approving MOSS/ETA for replacing the PA System using the Sinking Fund.

Motion made by Bacon, supported by Smith, to approve MOSS/ETA for replacing the PA System using the Sinking Fund in the amount of \$56,671.63.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,
R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

D. Personnel

Motion made by S. Howe, supported by R. Howe, to approve hiring Jennifer Whitaker as the JV Volleyball coach.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,
R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

E. Closed Session - Negotiations

A roll call vote was taken to go into Closed Session to discuss Negotiations.

Mickevich - yes; Bacon - yes; Miller - yes; Stewart - yes;

R. Howe - yes; S. Howe - yes; Smith - yes

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:20 and returned to Open Session at 9:06.

X. Other Business With Consent of the Board

There was no further business for the Board.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Mickevich adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.



Edward Miller, Secretary

Board of Education

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