

**Mason County Eastern School District
Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 15, 2025
High School Library**

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Mickevich at 6:28 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Mickevich, Ed Miller, Curt Stewart, Ryan Howe,
Sheryl Howe, Jake Smith, Miley Kessel

It was acknowledged that Dan Bacon resigned due to moving out of the district.

II. Also in Attendance

Superintendent Paul Shoup, Kristy Stewart, Dr. Mark Forner, Alden Maleckas, Brittany Carstens

III. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting and Closed Session

B. Bill Payment on the summary dated September 9, 2025, in the amount of \$198,822.21.

C. Payroll for August 1, 2025, in the amount of \$107,242.10, August 15, 2025 in the amount of \$107,156.53, and August 29, 2025, in the amount of \$106,547.31.

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0.

IV. Communications to the Board

Alden Maleckas addressed the Board and asked for a cost analysis for the electric buses that will be delivered soon. Brittany Carstens addressed the Board about legislative phone call she made regarding buses and meals.

V. Treasurer Report

Superintendent Shoup reported on General Fund and Food Service Budgets and state budget/funding.

VI. K-12 Principal Report

- 1) School year beginning very good
- 2) Back to school night was successful
- 3) Cell phone policy successful so far
- 4) MS schedule change
- 5) NWEA testing done
- 6) Ellen Kerans resigned from WSESD School Board - replaced by Marc Cole

VII. HSSBM Report

In the absence of the HSSBM, Dr. Forner reported for her.

- 1) Great start to the school year
- 2) 2nd annual Senior Sunrise Sunday
- 3) 5 foreign exchange students
- 4) 18 student council members

VIII. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Shoup reported on:

- 1) Afton Shoup, Miley Kessel, and Morgan Stocks are the YAC representatives for 2025-2026
- 2) PA/audio visual system update for gymnasium
- 3) PA System update
- 4) Back to School Open House
- 5) Legislative Update

IX. Committee Reports

The Committee as a whole met September 9 and discussed floor repairs done, parking lots complete, temporary fire alarm, audio in gym complete, getting quote for outside audio for track Aaron's list of tasks to do next year, compensation, quotes for van and wraps, and bus.

X. Discussion and Action Items

A. Capitol Project Fund Purchase

Discussion was held on a Capitol Project Fund Purchase of a 2019 Ford Transit Van and decals in the amount of \$54,000 from Seely Auto and the purchase of a 2025 Thomas school bus in the amount of \$118,500 from Hoekstra Transportation.

Motion made by R. Howe, supported by S. Howe, to approve the purchase of the 2019 Ford Transit Van and half wrap for \$54,000.

There was no further discussion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0.

Motion made by Stewart, supported by R. Howe, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Thomas bus in the amount of \$118,500 from Hoekstra Transportation.

There was no further discussion.

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

B. SEPAC Representative

Discussion was held on the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Representative (SEPAC) for MCE.

Motion made by Miller, supported by Mickevich, to appoint Ella Damkoehler as the SEPAC representative for MCE as recommended by Superintendent Shoup.

There was no further discussion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried 6 to 0.

C. Support Staff Compensation

Discussion was held on Support Staff compensation.

Motion made by R. Howe, supported by S. Howe, to approve a 4.5% increase in Support Staff compensation for the 2025-2026 school year.

There was no further discussion.

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

Abstain: Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 5 to 0 with 1 abstaining

D. Closed Session - Personnel and Superintendent Contract/Evaluation

A Roll Vote was taken to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and Superintendent Contract/Evaluation.

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

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:04 and returned to Open Session at 7:28.

XI. Other Business With Consent of the Board

Superintendent Shoup will post an opening for the School Board for 10 days and meet with candidates so the Board can appoint a replacement within 30 days from Dan Bacon's resignation. A special meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 to discuss the audit and Board member replacement since the next Board meeting is more than 30 days away.

XII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Edward Miller, Secretary
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Mason County Eastern Schools

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