

BOARD BRIEFS

May 21, 2025

Regular Business

Presentations

- Kelly Hager, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, and Amy Lowrie, Director of Related Services Staff and Early On provided highlights of the work of the related services staff this year.
- The Relevant Academy team provided an update on their progress and improvements.

Closed Session

The board moved into and out of closed session to discuss negotiations connected with the ESPA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Docket as follows:

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025
- Personnel Report
- Board Bills and Disbursement Report

In other action, the Board:

- Authorized the Superintendent to contract with Conduit for the Trades, LLC, a sole source provider of "apprenticeship walls" to design, print and deliver apprenticeship walls to awarded schools. Eaton RESA was awarded a \$1 million grant by MDE-OCTE in order to direct and manage the statewide apprenticeship wall project. Interested schools will be required to participate in an application process and to request an apprenticeship wall with costs ranging from \$2,000 - \$3,000. An estimated 50 apprenticeship walls will be developed, printed and delivered in round 1 of applications for a cost not to exceed \$160,000 through September 2025.
- Authorized the renewal of a three-year Xello license agreement. The Xello system will be used to conduct Education Development Plans for students in grades 7-12 throughout Eaton County service area. The three-year agreement allows for discounted pricing based on student enrollment. The proposed/estimated cost for the 2025-2026 school year is \$17,709 and locks in the rate at \$3.45 per student in grades 9-12 and \$2.70 for students in grades 7-8. It is estimated 3,758 high school students and 1,757 middle school students will use the program.

- Approved the out of state travel request for Vlad Lebedinstev, Assistant Superintendent for CTE, to attend the ACTE Vision Conference December 9-12 in Nashville, Tennessee. The conference will allow the administrator to learn the most recent and relevant best practices in Career and Technical Education and bring back to share and implement with CTE programs across Eaton County.
- Approved the out of state travel request for Principal Margo Hazelman and Welding 2 Instructor Jim Davis to accompany four Career Prep Center students (three Welding Fab Team members and one Leadership Skills student) to Atlanta Georgia for the National Skills Conference June 23-28. Margo will be serving as their advisor.
- Approved an increase in GSRP FTE – 3.0 FTE GSRP and 4.0 FTE GSRP Paraprofessional. PreK for All expansion in Michigan continues and the goal for each local district would be to offer free preschool to 50-70% of eligible students. To continue expansion towards the goal, additional classrooms and staff are needed to open 2-3 additional GSRP classrooms for 2025-26.
- Authorized the Superintendent to execute an agreement with Potterville Public Schools for the continuation of a 0.8 FTE Special Education Director for the 2025-26 school year for an estimated amount of \$103,204 which will be a bill back to Potterville Public Schools through the Special Education Funding System.
- Authorized the Superintendent to execute an agreement with Maple Valley Schools for the continuation of a 0.5 FTE Special Education Director for the 2025-26 school year for an estimated amount of \$64,502 which will be a bill back to Maple Valley Schools through the Special Education Funding System.
- Approved an increase of 0.5 FTE for Related Service Staff at an estimated cost of \$45,511 for Occupational Therapist and a 0.2 FTE increase for School Social Work for an estimated cost of \$16,838 for the 2025-26 school year.
- Approved the Plan Member Services Provider and Consultant Agreement which includes developing and implementing a curriculum for financial literacy, providing financial education for employees designed to create a culture of savings, increase participation in the voluntary retirement programs and assist employees in better understanding their retirement.
- Approved the Lease and Infrastructure Agreements with Capital Area Michigan Works (CAMW) for Adult Ed Office Space for the Director and Support Staff for 2025-26.
- Approved of the 2025-2026 Non-Affiliated/Non-Administrative Salary Schedule as presented. The schedule also satisfies the new ORS salary schedule guidance for non-affiliated groups.
- Approved the one-year Potterville Public Schools Business Services Agreement for continued services. The annual cost to Potterville is \$110,000.
- Approved an updated resolution with Eaton RESA's health insurance provider, Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP), to amend the trust agreement naming the Trustee and Alternate Trustee for WMHIP records.
- Approved the Eaton RESA five-year common calendar for 2025-26 through 2029-30 as was previously approved at the Superintendent's Round Table Meeting on May 15, 2025.
- Authorized the Superintendent to approve the two-year ESPA agreement, as presented.

Information Items

- Final budget amendments for the 2024-25 fiscal year have been entered and will be presented for approval at the June meeting.
- The 10-year capital projects plan was shared, along with identified projects for 2024-25 and 2025-26. The plan was developed as a tool to address building improvement needs and provide a schedule so upgrades are complete in a timely manner. The plan also assists in the financial planning of how projects are to be funded.
- Superintendent Sean Williams presented the first reading of the following NEOLA policies:
 - 0131.1 Bylaws and Policies
 - 2340 District Sponsored Trips
 - 5320 Immunization
 - 5330 Use of Medications
 - 5330.01 Epinephrine Auto-Injectors
 - 5350 Student Suicide
 - 8320 Personnel Files
 - 8500 Food Services
 - 8510 Wellness

Board Member Reports, Requests

- Mark Rushford and Jack Temsey attended the MASB conference in May and shared their experience with the Board of Education.
- Jack Temsey attended the Meadowview graduation today.

Correspondence

Upcoming Events

- Board Election Meeting, June 2, 2025, 6:00pm – Eaton RESA
- Public Hearing on Budget and Regular Board Meeting, June 11, 2025, 6:00pm - Eaton RESA

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