

**Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 14, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.
High School Media Center**

Mission

The mission of Ida Public Schools is to advance its traditions of providing students with a safe learning environment, exceptional curricula, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become lifelong learners.

MINUTES

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.

- I. At 6:00 p.m. Jamie Hunter, President called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of board members

Present: Todd Albring, Stan Arnold, Jamie Hunter (left @ 6:14 p.m), Sarah Lambert, Edward Stotz, and Ryan Winkelman

Absent: Sara King

Staff Present: Superintendent David Eack; Curriculum Director Sarah Ash; Shared Business Manager Ethan Thomas; Principals Chuck Fuller, Lucy Becker and Mitchell Graves; Technology Director Ryan Kisonas; Supervisor of Building, Grounds and Maintenance Greg Pello and Secretary Janie Dressel

Other attendees: There were members from the public in attendance.

It was determined a quorum was present. Mrs. Hunter welcomed those in attendance.

- II. Unified Special Olympics - Dave Phillips

- III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Todd Albring supported by Sarah Lambert accepting the minutes of the August 10, 2026 Board of Education meeting as presented for adoption.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5-0. (Absent: Hunter and King)

- IV. Recommended Board Acceptance Items/Consent Agenda

Comment: Background materials for Consent Agenda topics were sent to the Board of Education prior to this meeting. Any Board member can remove any topic from the Consent Agenda and place the item in the Discussion Topics area.

Approved: The check register is presented for Board acceptance and authorization for payment. The total of the computer listing of invoices is \$841,853.03.

Approved: The resignation of Karen Lowrey.

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Approved: The resignation of Cyndi Yeary.

Approved: The resignation of Cortney Galloro.

Approved: The hiring of Daniel Laws, Grounds and Bus Driver, per the recommendation of Greg Pello. (pending onboarding)

Approved: The hiring of Michael Liedel, Custodian, per the recommendation of Greg Pello. (pending onboarding)

Approved: The hiring of David Ball, Bus Driver, per the recommendation of Cortney Galloro. (pending onboarding)

Approved: The hiring of Penny Cornell, Bus Driver, per the recommendation of Cortney Galloro. (pending onboarding)

Approved: The hiring of Drew Cook, Spanish Teacher, per the recommendation of Chuck Fuller. (pending onboarding)

Approved: The hiring of Megan Brown, GSRP Teacher, per the recommendation of Mitchell Graves. (pending onboarding)

Approved: The hiring of Rachael Anastasoff, GSRP Assistant, per the recommendation of Mitchell Graves. (pending onboarding)

Approved: The request for the Ida Varsity Wrestling team to stay overnight in Marquette MI in December per the request from Pat Riley.

Approved: The following fundraising requests:

Ida Girls Basketball	Free Throw Shoot-A-Thon	December-January
	March Madness Squares	March
Ida Wrestling	Weight Class Sponsorships	September-November

A motion was made by Edward Stotz supported by Sarah Lambert to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Discussion

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Discussion Topics

V. Curriculum Topics

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Sarah Ash - NWEA/Star Reading has begun for our kindergarten-8th grade students to start our baseline data collection. Once complete we will review the data to determine which students need At Risk or Title services. We will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT test to 10th and 11th grade students in October. This is an optional test that will provide practice for the SAT which will be taken in the spring. Spring 2026 state testing data has been released. Overall, our students continue to exceed the state average in nearly all grade levels and content areas. While we saw growth in several areas, we also experienced some declines in proficiency from the previous year in certain grade levels. Notable areas of growth include third grade ELA and math, eighth grade ELA, and eighth grade social studies. Our elementary and middle school math results also continue to demonstrate strong performance compared to the state averages. As we move forward, our building and department teams will continue to look at the data, identify areas of strength and opportunities for improvement. We will continue to work with the ISD content area coaches, focus on increasing student proficiency, strengthening MTSS support systems, and implementing best practices in our classrooms. I have been inputting and assigning students, teachers, and previous data to our multiple online programs and resources that we have available to use. All programs are up and running. We had our first two professional development days on September 1st and 2nd. Some of the topics covered were ALICE Safety training, Brisk AI, PA 146 and Dyslexia, health awareness, curriculum mapping and grade/department level time. I will be entering the State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECHs) earned for teachers who attended our first two professional development days later this week. These are used for certificate renewals. Our Consolidated Application for federal funds was submitted earlier in the summer and has now been approved. Our first Curriculum Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 15th.

**Spring Testing Results
M-Step/PSAT/SAT ELA % Proficient**

Grade Level	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024		Ida 2025	Michigan 2025		Ida 2026	Michigan 2026
Third	58.2%	39.6%		44%	38.9%		47.1%	38.2%
Fourth	56.3%	43.3%		52.4%	42.4%		50.4%	41.3%
Fifth	66.7%	44%		65.8%	44.4%		63.8%	43.8%
Sixth	54.5%	37.5%		55.1%	38.6%		54.3%	37.5%
Seventh	42.5%	37.9%		59.3%	39.2%		50.4%	38.4%
Eighth	75.8%	64.5%		78.4%	65.3%		81.1%	64.8%
Eleventh	55.1%	51.3%		59.8%	55.4%		52.8%	52.1%

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M-Step/PSAT/SAT Math % Proficient

Grade Level	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024		Ida 2025	Michigan 2025		Ida 2026	Michigan 2026
Third	61.2%	43.4%		51.7%	42.7%		60.9%	42.9%
Fourth	55.4%	39.1%		43.8%	39.4%		43.7%	39.4%
Fifth	47.4%	32.6%		49.6%	32.9%		37.1%	32.2%
Sixth	28.9%	31%		37.3%	31.5%		39.7%	31.9%
Seventh	38.1%	32.1%		50%	33.3%		51.3%	33.3%
Eighth	51.6%	32.6%		41.4%	30.4%		45.9%	33.2%
Eleventh	30.6%	26.3%		33.3%	27.5%		22%	26.5%

M-Step Social Studies % Proficient

Grade Level	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024		Ida 2025	Michigan 2025		Ida 2026	Michigan 2026
Fifth	47.4%	18.9%		54.7%	29.8%		45.7%	27.5%
Eighth	37.8%	29.7%		60.7%	47%		71.2%	50.3%
Eleventh	54.5%	39.6%		55.7%	42.1%		43.4%	43.2%

M-Step Science % Proficient

Grade Level	Ida 2024	Michigan 2024		Ida 2025	Michigan 2025		Ida 2026	Michigan 2026
Fifth	60.5%	40.4%		68.4%	40.3%		57.1%	40%
Eighth	55.9%	38.8%		56.3%	41.1%		55%	39.2%
Eleventh	65.7%	37.5%		56.8%	34.9%		46.7%	35.2%

VI. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update

VII. Personnel

A. Vacancies/Postings

1. JV Boys Golf Coach
2. Secondary Spanish Teacher (pending board approval)
3. Bus Drivers (3) (pending 1 board approval)
4. Custodians (pending board approval)

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5. Help Desk Technician
6. Grounds and Bus Driver (pending board approval)
7. Paraprofessional
8. GSRP Teacher (pending board approval)
9. GSRP Assistant (pending board approval)
10. GSRP Floater
11. JV Baseball Coach
12. MS Wrestling Coach

B. Mentor Assignments

Recommended Resolution: Approve the following Mentor Teachers and related stipends for the 2026-2027 school year.

1st year	
Mentor	Probationary Teacher
Melissa Benware	Bethany Bell
Angie Funchion	Sara Bower
Annabel Durbin	Drew Cook
Dave Morelli	Nora Pello
Chris Leonard	Cody Spotts
2nd Year	
Mentor	Probationary Teacher
Jessica Guthrie	Stephanie Ott
Carolyn Guy	Alexis LaRoy
Kristina Watterworth	Georgia Keefer
Chris Bennett (1/2) Andy Green (1/2)	Jackson Stawick
Christina Taylor	Brittany Albain
3rd Year	
Mentor	Probationary Teacher
Audrey Hamm	Danielle Miller
Sarah Angelocci	Teresa Clarke
Melissa Benware	Stacy Morrow
Amanda Steckmeyer	Alexa Young
Karen Burkett	Kathryn Porter

A motion to approve the Recommended Resolution by Edward Stotz supported by Sarah Lambert.

Discussion

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VIII. District

- A. Recommended Resolution: The Board of Education of Ida Public Schools ("District") has received or anticipates receiving a donation from Monroe Community Foundation for the benefit of the District.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Stan Arnold to accept the donation from Monroe Community Foundation for the benefit of the District.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5-0. (Absent: Hunter and King)

- B. Recommended Resolution: To allow district representative(s) to sell the 2004 White Ford Truck F250 following the district bid process per the request of Greg Pello.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Todd Albring supported by Edward Stotz to allow district representative(s) to sell the 2004 White Ford Truck F250 following the district bid process.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5-0. (Absent: Hunter and King)

IX. Food Service Topics

- A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from Palmer Hamilton, LLC to replace cafeteria tables in the middle school building per the recommendation from Tanya Monday.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Sarah Lambert supported by Todd Albring to accept the quote from Palmer Hamilton, LLC to replace cafeteria tables in the middle school building for a total of \$56,724 including freight to be paid from food service funds.

Discussion

The roll call vote passed 5-0. (Absent: Hunter and King)

X. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

- A. Director's report

- B. Recommended Resolution: Accept the donation of JV volleyball jerseys from Catering by Scott, no advertising requested.

A motion to approve Recommended Resolution by Todd Albring supported by Sarah Lambert to accept the donation of JV volleyball jerseys, estimated value \$500-\$1,000, from Catering by Scott, no advertising requested.

Discussion

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XI. Next Meeting Dates

A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2026.

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Final Student Enrollment

B. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2026.

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Auditor's Report on Fiscal Year 2026
3. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Update

XII. Forthcoming Activities and Building/Department Updates

A. Forthcoming Activities

Date	Activity	Comment
Mon, September 14	Regular Board Meeting	@ 6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Mon, Sept 28 – Fri, Oct 2	Homecoming Week	
Mon, October 12	Regular Board Meeting	@ 6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Mon, Nov 2	Professional Development	No Students

B. Building/Department Updates

XIII. Comments from the Public

Persons wishing to address the Ida Board of Education may do so during the 'Comments from the Public' agenda section. Please identify yourself and the organization you represent if you would like us to provide a response. Individual presentations may be limited to three minutes, timed by Board Secretary, unless it is the consensus of the Board to permit additional time. Total time allocated for any one topic will be an hour unless the Board determines that additional time is warranted. Specific guidelines for public comment are outlined in Board Policy 0167.3

XIV. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Sarah Lambert, at 6:51 p.m, supported by Edward Stotz to adjourn the September 14, 2026 board meeting.

Discussion

The roll call passed 5-0. (Absent: Hunter and King)

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Dressel
Secretary