

Ida Public Schools
Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 12, 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.

Preface to this evening's meeting

*January 2026 has been designated as **School Board Recognition Month** throughout the State of Michigan. The Ida Public School District is joining all local and intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their enduring dedication to public education.*

Public education is the backbone of American society, and local school boards are deeply rooted in U.S. tradition. Their origins can be traced to colonial times when the Massachusetts Law of 1642 empowered town officers to compel parents to teach their children to read. Today local school boards continue to do the most important work of their communities—that of educating our youth.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, ensure schools are accountable to the community and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. Yet local trustees sometimes tackle an often-thankless job devoid of any glory. Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into a given decision. Now is the time to thank them for their untiring efforts.



ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

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- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order by Jamie Hunter, President; Start time _____

A. Roll Call

T. Albring	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
S. Arnold	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
J. Hunter	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
S. King	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

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S. Lambert	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
E. Stotz	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>
R. Winkelman	Present <input type="checkbox"/>	Absent <input type="checkbox"/>

B. Determination of Quorum and Welcome

III. Annual Election of Officers

A. Recommendation: By mutual consent of the Board members, the superintendent could be appointed chairperson for this topic only and could conduct the election of the Board's officers by:

1. Accepting nominations. If agreeable, no seconds would be necessary. However, the minutes would record who nominated the candidate.
2. Closing nominations. A successful motion would be needed to close the nominations for each position. The motion to close the nominations would require four (4) votes.
3. Polling the members, who will indicate their preference for each office by voice vote.
4. A final resolution, indicating the appointment of an officer, may be necessary, or a resolution of acclamation may be passed.

B. Recommendation: The officers will be elected in this order:

Office	Nominees	Nominated by	Second (if necessary)	Motion to Close Nominations	Vote/Resolution (if necessary)
President					

Recommended Resolution: Appoint _____ as the President of the Ida Board of Education.

Motion to accept Recommended Resolution by _____ Seconded by _____

_____ to appoint _____ as President of the Ida Board of Education.
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Elected officer: _____

Roll Call Vote

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Office	Nominees	Nominated by	Second (if necessary)	Motion to Close Nominations	Vote/Resolution (if necessary)
Vice President					

Vote: Yes _____ No _____

Elected officer: _____

Office	Nominees	Nominated by	Second (if necessary)	Motion to Close Nominations	Vote/Resolution (if necessary)
Secretary					

Vote: Yes _____ No _____

Elected officer: _____

Office	Nominees	Nominated by	Second (if necessary)	Motion to Close Nominations	Vote/Resolution (if necessary)
Treasurer					

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Vote: Yes _____ No _____

Elected officer: _____

Recommended Resolution: Appoint the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Education as listed above.

Motion to accept Recommended Resolution by _____ Seconded by _____
_____ to appoint _____ as Vice-President, _____
as Secretary and _____ as Treasurer of the Ida Board of Education.

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

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IV. Standing Committees vs. Appointed/Designated Committees - Informational

- A. Some districts vote upon standing committees at their Organizational meeting; others vote upon Chairpersons and standing committees, with the chair(s) empowered to select one or two other members. Still other districts pass a resolution empowering the President to establish committees and appoint members based upon need. The committees might be: Finance; Curriculum; Building and Grounds; Negotiations; Policy, etc.
- B. In the late 80's and early 90's our committee endeavors were based upon a need arising in the course of the school year with, 1) a resolution being passed to form the committee, or 2) the President appointing a representative member(s) to a committee.
- C. REMINDER: Per state law, a committee's functions are limited to the processes of deliberation and recommendation, i.e., all decisions must be completed by the entire Board.

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D. A review of our current committees and our representatives from Fiscal Year 2026:

1. Ida Area Recreation Liaison – *Todd Albring*
2. Band Boosters Liaison – *Stan Arnold*
3. Curriculum Council/School District Collaborative-School Improvement (C-SIP) Committee – *Jamie Hunter*
4. Buildings & Grounds/Vehicle Selection – *Committee of the Whole*
5. MEA Negotiations – *Committee of the Whole*
6. Representative for I.S.D.’s Budget Hearing and Election – *Ryan Winkelmann*
7. Computer/Technology Liaison – *Sarah Lambert*
8. Executive Board for the Monroe County Association of Boards of Education (MCABOE) – *Edward Stotz*
9. District Health Studies Committee – *Sara King*
10. Policy Review Committee – *Todd Albring, Jamie Hunter, Sara King*
11. Finance/Human Resource Committee – *Sarah Lambert, Edward Stotz, Ryan Winkelmann*
12. Committee of the Whole – *Curriculum, Facilities, Strategic Planning and Deliberations for all Committee’s*
13. Veregy Project Committee – *Todd Albring, Sarah Lambert, Edward Stotz*

E. This evening we should consider what approach to follow in regards to committee appointments for the Fiscal Year 2027. We may also wish to discuss the purpose of each committee and, if appropriate, time-lines for the committees’ endeavors. Interim reports should also be considered as part of each committee’s function.

Recommended Resolution: To approve the updates and changes, if any, to committees for the Fiscal Year 2027 as noted during the board meeting.

A motion to accept Recommended Resolution by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the updates and changes, if any, to committees for the Fiscal Year 2027 as noted during the board meeting.

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

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Lambert Yes No Abstain Absent

Stotz Yes No Abstain Absent

Winkelman Yes No Abstain Absent

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REGULAR AGENDA

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I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 8, 2025 Board of Education meeting and the December 30, 2025 Special Board of Education meeting are presented for adoption.

Motion to Approve By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

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II. 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.

- A. Motion to approve: The check register as presented for Board acceptance and authorization for payment. The total of the computer listing of invoices is \$776,514.29.
- B. Motion to approve: The hiring of Rochelle Trudeau, ES Paraprofessional, per the recommendation of Mitchell Graves and Stacy Maynard.
- C. Motion to approve: The hiring of Susan Anderson, Part-time Dispatcher.
- D. Motion to approve: The hiring of Carla Diesing, Middle School Cashier.
- E. Motion to approve: The internal transfer of Katie Byrd, HS Cashier.
- F. Motion to approve: The hiring of Michael McAlpine, Night Custodian.

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- G. Motion to approve: The resignation of Brittany Johnston, Bus Driver and Food Service cashier.
- H. Motion to approve: The resignation of Jessica Stone, Food Service department.
- I. Motion to approve: The overnight stay of the Ida Varsity Competitive Cheer Team to compete at Grand Rapids West Catholic High School, per the request of Pat Riley.
- J. Motion to approve: The following individual as a coach pending background check:
Dave Merkel – 7th Grade Girls' Basketball
- K. Motion to approve: The following individuals as volunteer coaches for the winter athletic season pending background checks:
Todd Capling – Girls' Basketball
Reid Woelmer – MS Wrestling
Scott Applin – Boys' Basketball
Alex Martinex – Varsity Wrestling
Tony Alexander – Varsity Wrestling
- L. Motion to approve: The resignation of the following coaches:
Scarlet Adams – MS Track
Jim Gonyer – 7th Grade Girls Basketball
Max Kull – MS Track
Jessica Weikum – MS Track
Zac Shopshire – JV Football
- M. Motion to approve: The termination of a Custodian.
- N. Motion to approve: Leave request(s).

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Discussion

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Stotz Yes No Abstain Absent
Winkelman Yes No Abstain Absent

Discussion Topics

III. Curriculum Topics
A. Director's Report

B. Summer Program

Recommended Resolution: Authorize the administration to offer a summer program for students in grades K-8 that need additional support. The summer program will be in operation tentatively to begin June 2026 for approximately six weeks. Transportation may be provided. State of Michigan At-Risk funds may be available to be used to fund the program.

Motion to approve Recommended Resolution accepted by _____
seconded by _____ to authorize the administration to offer a summer program.

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

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IV. Business Operations/Recent Legislation

A. Financial Legislative Update
B. Budget Parameters for the 2027 Budget

V. Personnel

A. Vacancies/Postings

1. Bus Driver(s)
2. Elementary Music Teacher
3. Paraprofessional
4. JV Boys Golf Coach
5. 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
6. Middle School Track Coaches
7. Lunchroom Monitor

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8. MS Cashier
9. Night Custodian

VI. Technology

A. Recommended Resolution: Accept the quote from People Driven Technology/REMC Spot to purchase 40 Dell Pro 14 laptops and licenses for the HS dual enrollment and Middle College programs, per recommendation from Ryan Kisonas.

Motion to approve Recommended Resolution Accepted by _____
seconded by _____ to accept the quote from People Driven
Technology/REMC Spot to purchase 40 Dell Pro 14 laptops and licenses for the
HS dual enrollment and Middle College programs for a total of \$23,308 to be paid
out of the 2025-2026 Technology funds.

Discussion

Roll Call Vote

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VII. Athletics/Extra Curricular Activities

A. Director's report

VIII. Next Meeting Dates

A. Recommended Topics for the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026.

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget Presentation

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

1. Regular Business Meeting
2. Preliminary February 2026 Enrollment Report
3. Upcoming Summer Maintenance Projects
4. Mid-Year Budget Update (2026)

IX. Forthcoming Activities and Building/Department Updates

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A. Forthcoming Activities

Date	Activity	Comment
Mon, Jan 12	Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Mon, Jan 19	Professional Development	No Students
Wed, Jan 21	Exams Begin	
Thur, Jan 22	First Semester Exams	½ day
Fri, Jan 23	First Semester Exams	½ day
Mon, Jan 26	Second Semester Begins	
Mon, Feb 9	Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Mon, Feb 16	Professional Development	No Students
Wed, Feb 25	Committee of the Whole – Board Workshop	6:00 p.m. HS Media Center
Mon, Mar 9	Regular Board Meeting	6:00 p.m. HS Media Center

B. Building/Department Updates

X. 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

XI. Motion to Adjourn; Adjourn Time _____

Motion to Adjourn By: _____ Seconded By: _____

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