Lake Station Community Schools



Board of School Trustees Meeting Wednesday July 16, 2025

Minutes for the Public Meeting with the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Station Community Schools held at Edison Jr. Sr. High School, 3304 Parkside Ave. Lake Station, Indiana in the community room at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening, July 16, 2025.

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda item for Public Comments. The meeting will be available to watch livestreamed online.

Members Present: Mr. Wright, Mr. Tenorio, Mr. Poweska, Mr. Billups

Members Absent: Mr. Music

Others Present: Dr. Cripliver, Ms. Pepa, Mrs. Whisenant, Ms. Tauber

Mr. Wright led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments (3 Minute Limit) [Sign-In] Comment on agenda items Other comments for the Board.

Mr. Tenorio moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried.

AI I. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Executive Session – June 18, 2025

b. Regular Board Meeting – June 18, 2025

2. Financial - Fiscal

a. Approval of claims
June 19, 2025 – July 16, 2025

b. Approval of Payroll

i. June 20, 2025

ii. July 1, 2025

3. Workshops and Conferences:

Approve the Board and Administration to attend annual professional conferences and workshops for the 2025-2026 school year. Conferences, travel, and lodging is authorized for:

Board of Trustee members, Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent, Director of Finance, Deputy Treasurers, Director/Assistant Director of Food Service, Food Service personnel, School Safety and Security officers, Athletic Director, Director of Federal Title and State Grant Programs, Assessment and Curriculum, Director/Assistant Director of Buildings and Grounds, Principals, Assistant Principal, and School

Minutes

Claims: 6/19/25-7/16/25

Payrolls: 6/20/25 7/1/25

Workshops & Conferences



Payment award: T Whisenant

Attorney. Annual conferences and workshops include but is not limited to Indiana School Board Association, Indiana Association of Public-School Superintendents, Indiana Principals Association, New Administrators Leadership Institute, Superintendent's Study Council, School Nutrition Association conferences, food shows, Association of School Business Officials, School Safety Specialist training, Athletic Director conferences and meetings and coaches' workshops. The Board also directs claims associated with these conferences be paid as they occur and seek to approval at the next scheduled Board meeting.

II. Personnel

Mr. Billups moved to approve item 1 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Tenorio and unanimously carried.

		Tenorio and unanimously carried.	
AI	1.	 Accept the following resignations: a. Michelle Peretti- Guidance Secretary effective June 30, 2025 b. James Hoefflicker- Director Maintenance and Grounds effective July 25, 2025 c. Sherry Kennedy- Paraprofessional effective June 11, 2025 d. Alyssa Gonzales- 2nd Grade Teacher – Bailey- effective July 8, 2025 e. Loretta Edmaiston – Edison French Teacher – effective July 11, 2025. f. Janine Sheppard – 3rd grade teacher - Bailey – effective July 18, 2025 g. James Koteles – Edison Social Studies Teacher – effective July 16, 2025 	Resignations: M Peretti J Hoefflicker S Kennedy A Gonzales L Edmaiston J Sheppard J Koteles
		Mr. Tenorio moved to approve item 2 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.	
AI	2.	Approve to hire the following: a. Stephanie Lowry- Elementary Data and Testing Coordinator	Hires:
		 b. Vaishali Magesh- 4th Grade Teacher at Hamilton c. Rasheedah Muhammad- Edison Jr. Sr. High Math Teacher d. Alexander Sajkich- Edison Jr. Sr. High School Social Studies Teacher e. Lily Smrecansky- Elementary Art Teacher f. Angela Thomas- 4th Grade Teacher at Hamilton 	S Lowry V Magesh R Muhammad A Sajkich L Smrecansky A Thomas
		Mr. Poweska moved to approve item 3 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.	
AI	3.	Approve to hire the following non-certified staff: a. Susan Daniels- Health Assistant at Edison	Hires:
		b. Joe Wisnewski- Day Custodian at Hamilton Elementary	S Daniels J Wisnewski
		Mr. Billups moved to approve item 4 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried.	
AI	4.	Approve the recommendation to award Director of Finance Tammy Whisenant a	Supplemental

increase our credit rating from an A- to an A

supplemental payment of \$1,000.00 for her work with the SBOA audit showing

"no new findings of error", and working with Standard and Poor (S & P) to



Mr. Tenorio moved to approve item 5 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried.

ΑI 5. Approve the Non-Certified Staff Salary schedule for the 2025-2026 school year. Non-Certified **Salary Schedule** III. New Business Mr. Billups moved to approve item 1 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried. **Board Policy** ΑI 1. Approve the new and revised board policies Volume 37, No. 2. Vol. 37, No. 2 Mr. Tenorio moved to approve item 2 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Billups and unanimously carried. ΑI 2. Approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbook. Student Handbook Mr. Billups moved to approve item 3 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried. ΑI Approve Resolution 2025-2026-1 regarding an alternative services agreement 3. **Resolution:** with the Department of Education and private educational agencies. 2025-2026-1

IO IV. Other Business

ATTECT

1. The next regular school board meeting is Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at Edison Jr. Sr. High School at 7:00 pm.

View this meeting online via livestream at Lake Station Community Schools' Facebook page and/or Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/93942205649 | Meeting ID: 939 4220 5649.

The meeting site is accessible; any person requiring further accommodation(s) should contact Ms. Ellen Moss, at the Administration Center at least 48 hours in advance at 219-962-1159, ext. 103.

President, David Wright	Vice President, Greg Tenorio
Secretary, Kevin Music	Member, Jordan Billups