

**Lake Station Community Schools**  
**Board of School Trustees Meeting**  
**Wednesday September 17, 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, September 17, 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. Tenorio, Mr. Music, Mr. Poweska

Members Absent: Mr. Wright, Mr. Billups

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

Mr. Tenorio led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments (3 Minute Limit) [Sign-In]

Comment on agenda items

Other comments for the Board.

**There was a recommendation made by Dr. Cripliver to amend the agenda, removing item 2 under Personnel.**

**Kevin Music moved to approve the removal. Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried.**

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I. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Executive Session – August 20, 2025
- b. Regular Board Meeting – August 20, 2025

Minutes

2. Financial - Fiscal

- a. Approval of claims  
August 21, 2025 – September 17, 2025
- b. Approval of Payroll
  - i. August 29, 2025
  - ii. September 10, 2025

Claims:  
8/21/25-9/17/25

Payrolls:  
8-29-25  
9-10-25

3. Extra-Curricular (Hirings)

Extra-Curricular  
Hirings



II. Personnel

**Mr. Poweska moved to approve item 1 under Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Music and unanimously carried.**

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| AI | 1. | Accept the resignations from Olivia Garcia, paraprofessional at Hamilton School, effective September 8, 2025.       | <b>Resignation:<br/>O. Garcia</b> |
| AI | 2. | <del>Approve to hire Debra Climack as a paraprofessional at Bailey School starting the 2025-2026 school year.</del> | <b>Removed</b>                    |
| IO | 3. | Superintendent's update on the Teacher Evaluation Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.                               | <b>Teacher Evaluation Plan</b>    |

III. New Business

**Mr. Music moved to approve item 1 under New Business. Seconded by Mr. Poweska and unanimously carried.**

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| AI | 1. | Approve the Special July Bylaws and Policies. | <b>Special July Bylaws and Policies</b> |
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IO IV. Other Business

1. The school board meeting is Wednesday, October 1, 2025 to conduct the budget review and public hearing at 7:00 pm at Edison Jr. Sr. High School.
2. The next regular school board meeting is Wednesday, October 15, 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.



**Schedule 1**

**School Extracurricular Hirings**

| <b>Position</b>                                   | <b>Name</b>         | <b>Status</b> | <b>Through</b> |
|---|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Elementary Math Bowl Coach                        | Mary Lesko          | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |
| Elementary Spell Bowl Coach                       | Mary Lesko          | Teacher       | 12/31/2026     |
| Misc. Sponsor/Advisor/Coach (Art Club)            | Lily Smrecansky     | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |
| Elementary Science Bowl                           | Heather Kitchen     | Teacher       | 3/31/2026      |
| Misc. Sponsor/Advisor/Coach (Student Council)     | Lisa Richardson     | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |
| Misc. Sponsor/Advisor/Coach (Student Council)     | Krystal Sorensen    | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |
| Girls on the Run Sponsor                          | Krystal Sorensen    | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |
| Girls on the Run Sponsor                          | Athena Walker       | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |
| Elementary Publication                            | Jessica Garcia      | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |
| Cheerleading Sponsor – JV                         | Haleigh Deskins     | Lay           | 6/30/2026      |
| Cheerleading Sponsor – JH                         | Alexandria Espinoza | Lay           | 6/30/2026      |
| Misc. Sponsor/Advisor/Coach (Book Club)           | Jill Kapitan        | Library Clerk | 6/30/2026      |
| Misc. Sponsor/Advisor/Coach (Tech Free Game Club) | Kelli Kalin         | Teacher       | 6/30/2026      |

ATTEST:

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President, David Wright

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Vice President, Greg Tenorio

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Secretary, Kevin Music

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Member, Jordan Billups

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Member, Mike Poweska