

**Manchester Community Schools - Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**September 15, 2025**  
**In person at Jr/Sr High School- Media Center and via Zoom Live Stream**

**Unofficial Meeting Minutes**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by Sandra Wiitala at 6:00pm

Members present: Sandra Wiitala, Michael Tindall, Jennifer Caszatt, Colleen Schoenfeld, Christine Deacons, Rebecca Harvey

Absent: Brandon Woods

Agenda was amended to a BoE discussion on Superintendent Evaluation. Motion by Wiitala, support by Schoenfeld. Roll call vote: All yes (6-0)

The Agenda was approved by Tindall, support by Schoenfeld. Vote: All yes

Minutes of the Capital Improvement Committee Meeting on August 13, 2025 and  
Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on August 18, 2025  
were approved. Motion by Tindall, support by Schoenfeld. Vote: All yes (6-0) Discussion on CIC Meeting  
Minutes for August.

The Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion by Deacons, support by Schoenfeld. Vote: All yes (6-0)

**COMMUNICATION**

A. Public Questions/Comments - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Entrepreneurial STEM - Students and Mr. Walsh presented. They discussed their conventions and trips experiences. The CEO of Garmin was impressed. Students were the youngest presenters and asked to return next year.
- B. FFA Field Trip - After discussion with Mr. Smith and support for this trip, The Field Trip and Itinerary were approved by the Board. Motion by Harvey, support by Tindall. Vote: All yes (6-0)

**PERSONNEL**

Department	Position	Name	Entry Date	District	3rd Party
Special Education	Paraprofessional	KatrinaVlaz	8/26/2025	X	

The Board Approved the resignations as proposed. Motion by Deacons, support by Tindall. Vote: All yes (6-0)

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Department	Position	Name	Exit Date	District	3rd Party
Jr-Sr High	Teacher	Jill Lindeman	9/12/2025	X	
Buildings & Grounds	Interoffice Mail Delivery	Amy Klobucar	9/5/2024	X	
Riverside	Teacher	Allyson Kristensen	8/20/2025	X	
Klager	Teacher	Michelle Champagne	8/20/2025	X	
Jr-Sr High	Teacher	Kimberly Carey	8/20/2025	X	
Jr-Sr High	Teacher	Justin Ward	8/19/2025	X	

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## DISCUSSION ITEMS/REPORTS

- A. Klager / MECC - This year Klager held a Tears and Cheers event to connect our Young 5 and Kindergarten families with Klager staff and each other. Klager Elementary proudly celebrated the completion of its recent renovations with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Klager staff came together for a great kickoff to our staff development meetings. Thanks to the active recruitment and hard work of MECC staff, MECC has officially maximized enrollment in our GSRP Preschool program filling all 32 seats with more families seeking enrollment! This year MECC staff attended the WISD Early Childhood Conference where all
- B. Riverside - Every week we are celebrating a different staff member at Riverside. We are spot lighting our staff in the main office and including the communication in the Riverside times. Deidra LaPointe has moved to 3rd grade and we are excited about her being part of our team. Ashley Rickert filled a 4th grade position on short notice in a substitute capacity and we appreciate her willingness to accept the position. - Students are voting to name the new signature sauce. Food service has been creating new sauces as part of the lunch program and getting feedback from the kids!
- C. Jr-Sr High School - At Manchester, students are welcomed into one of four multi-grade-level Houses each managed by a faculty Dean and student House Captains. Students are assigned to Houses in a way that ensures there is a diverse cross-section of the student body in each House. The House placement has been given to each student and they will continue as a member of their House through graduation and beyond.
- D. Athletics - Fall sports seasons are started. Varsity Football team off to a great start with a 3-0 season. Work on the track was completed in time for the first home varsity football game last Friday. Track and bleachers look great, new ticket booth on the north end looks great. We are

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using the north ticket gate and the south ticket gate by the concession stand for entry into contest. Fans have been instructed to park in the high school parking lot or the Klager Drive and parking lot. Homecoming Football game is Oct. 3rd against Leslie. Alina Baran is our new sideline cheer coach, Amelia Woods and Jennifer Alexa are volunteer assistants. Will Bennett is our new Middle School football coach with Wes Gall and Jeff Guinn are volunteer assistants. We are still trying to find an athletic trainer and have been in contact with every provider in the area. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of athletic trainers but we will keep searching.

- E. Special Education - Six newly enrolled students added to department caseloads. Fall Pupil Count moved to October 1, 2025 by MDE. All new students must have IEPs completed by September 30, 2025 to be included in the fall count and reported as compliant. Staff are in the process of scheduling these IEPs. The CBI Classroom at MHS closed for the 2025-2026 school year due to low enrollment trends into this program. Secured a Cooperative Agreement with the Chelsea School District for the 2 impacted students. Offer of FAPE was provided to impacted parents.
- F. Technology - With a few bumps we had a great start to the year. Klager Technology is still being delivered and some additional work is being done in the evenings to get everything buttoned up but overall everything is going well.
- G. Business Office - The Auditors are on site conducting the audit September 9th -11th, 2025. At the time of this report (September 10, 2025), the State of Michigan has not finalized the FY 2026 budget. Because our financial plan depends on state appropriations negotiated by the House, Senate, and Governor, this delay introduces uncertainty. In the meantime, we are concentrating on what we can control: advancing cost-saving measures, maintaining student supports, and continuing curriculum alignment. Michigan's state fiscal year begins October 1, 2025; if a budget is not enacted by that date, a brief shutdown is possible. We will keep the Board informed as developments occur. Districts statewide are increasingly concerned about the situation
- H. Buildings & Grounds - Postives for this month are our staff. And working with Moore Trosper. Pending work orders are below 600.
- I. Food Service - As of writing this update on 09/09/2025, there has not been any communication or updates from the state regarding funding for free school meals. I will provide updates as soon as I have them. National School Lunch Week 10/13-10/17! A celebration of all things School Lunch. Exact plans are still being finalized but we're excited to bring a wide variety of activities, events and interactive opportunities all centered around the theme of "Taste the World: Your School Lunch Passport"
- J. School Nurse - Mobile Dentist is coming October 16, forms went home with every student 9/5. A welcome back email to parents/guardians and reminded them to submit all medical forms, including action plans if necessary.
- K. PTSA - None
- L. PTO - PTO Board Positions for '25-'26 School Year
  - President: Karen Bearce
  - Vice President: Amber Clark
  - Treasurer: Molly Branham
  - Secretary: Nicole Sadle

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M. Board - Superintendent Evaluation process is a little different this year.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Dr. Bezeau - Thank you to Heather Place for all of your support and help with the Bond work. The Athletic Complex and Luther c Klager Bond work is looking great as we add in the finishing touches. An indoor Farmers Market in the winter is possible. The state budget has not passed and lapses on October 1, 2025. Reach out to your State Reps. A CTE presentation will be offered on 9/23/25 at the JrSr Highschool. There is big demand for CTE in Washtenaw County currently.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- B. Chuz - Parent transportation concerns
- H. Place - CTE millage for trades needed
- R. Harvey - Ribbon cutting concerns

## UPCOMING DATES

- September 17, 2025- Jr/Sr High School Picture day
- September 19, 2025- Riverside and Klager Picture day
- September 26, 2025- 2024 Klager-Riverside PTO Fun Run
- October 3, 2025 - MCS Early Release Day
- October 24, 2025 - End of 1st Marking Period
- October 30, 2025 - ½ Day
- October 31, 2025 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

OTHER - None

## CLOSED SESSION EXECUTIVE REVIEW

Motion to go into closed session by Tindall, support Caszatt Vote: All yes (6-0) 7:30pm

Motion to return to open session by Tindall, support Deacons Vote: All yes (6-0) 8:17pm

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm. Motion by Tindall, support by Deacons. Vote: All yes (6-0)