



LINCOLN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS
Ypsilanti, Michigan
BOARD OF EDUCATION / STUDY SESSION
May 5, 2025
5:00 p.m.
District Boardroom-Lincoln High School

OFFICIAL MINUTES-STUDY SESSION

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Bentley, Vice President
Lauren Smith, Secretary
Jennifer Czachorski, Trustee
Alisa Soos, Trustee
JaVon Jason, Trustee

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Robert Jansen, Superintendent
Paula Robinette, Human Resources Director
Karensa Smith, Assistant Superintendent Curriculum & Instruction
Adam Snapp, Finance Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Jason Fredenburg, Keri Dinwieddie and Theodora Robinson-Jones

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Bentley called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Roll call showed all Board Members were present with the exception of LaBombarbe and Moore.

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established.

4.0 PLEDGE TO FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Board and audience members.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

- Keri Dinwieddie was concerned about the number of buses being canceled.
- Reginald Whitlow was also concerned about the daily bus cancelations and what is in the plan to decrease the amount.

Please fill out the attendance form including your email and phone number. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less. Comments with respect to the performance of specific district employees are not appropriate during public comment. A list of complete guidelines are listed on the agenda.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

- Congratulations to Sam Bentley on being chosen as a member of the MHSAA Student Advisory Council
- STEM Day at Brick was a HUGE success
- The District Art Show was an incredible display of the talent our students have.
- We are experiencing a transportation driver shortage. The Transportation Department is exploring other avenues currently to find short term solutions.

7.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.5 Middle School Traffic Flow-Phil Bongiorno and Sonya Williams

A committee met to find a solution to the drop-off and pick up issues. Currently the new plan will be rolled out the last two weeks of the 24-25 school year to allow issues to be address and fixed before the start of the 25-26 school year.

7.6 2025-2026 HBU Student Trip-Theodora Robinson-Jones-Documents included in packet.

The trip will be for 4 days and is coordinated by CE Tours. Students will visit 7 HBCU campuses along with 2 museums. They will fly there and back but travel by bus while we are down there. The price will fall between \$39,680 and \$41,219 depending on how many sign up, but it will be available for 15 students. We have applied for grants that will offset the majority of the cost for families, although we will require a deposit of \$100. We went in 2023 and it was a transformative experience for students; they were able to materialize what factors should play into their decision-making process for college.

This agenda item will move to the Regular meeting on May 19, 2025 for Board approval.

7.7 HS Varsity Basketball Trip-Fort Wayne, Indiana-Katie Moffett-Documents included in packet. Lincoln Varsity Boys Basketball – Purdue Fort Wayne Team Camp Trip Additional Information

- Fundraising was done at 2 gym rentals this spring where the program coaches, and players, worked concessions for the 4 days of rental.
- Coach Jesse Davis (LHS Staff Member), will use 1 Lincoln van to transport athletes who are not having parents travel to the camp. Transportation will be reserved via the Athletic Department.
- Each team member is required to submit a health appraisal form, insurance documentation, as well as a liability waiver directly to the Purdue University – Fort Wayne registration site. Players must complete both forms and submit, or they will not be permitted to travel or participate.

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7.8 HS Varsity Football Trip-Cedar Point-Katie Moffett- Documents included in packet. Lincoln Football – Cedar Point Day Trip Additional Information

- \$55 admission cost includes: all day pass to the park, transportation to and from the trip, and drink wristband (valid for all day refreshments at the park).
- Athletes and coaches will be asked to bring additional money for food that they want to purchase.
- Team bonding activities and “scavenger hunt” is planned for athletes while they are in the park to encourage them to ride/interact/take pictures with other position groups and grades!
- Students who contact Coach Dillon with financial hardships will be taken on a case-by-case basis. The football program will pay for the initial fee for that student, and they will be asked to participate in a fundraiser during the season to recoup the funds. MHSAA Amateur Status Rule prevents us from covering the cost of this trip entirely without fundraising efforts being made by the student-athlete.

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- 7.9 HS Varsity Football Trip-Hall of Fame-Katie Moffett- Documents included in packet.

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- 7.10 Senior Class Trip Cedar Point-Jodie Hotchkiss Class of 25-Documents included in packet.
This is a yearly senior trip that the graduating seniors can participate in at the end of the year.

This agenda item will move to the Regular meeting on May 19, 2025 for Board approval.

- 7.11 Brick Fossil Park Trip-Cassandra Coker-Documents included in packet.
This trips pairs with our study of the Devonian time period from 400 million years ago.
Students will excavate fossils from this time period and can take home what they discover.

This agenda item will move to the Regular meeting on May 19, 2025 for Board approval.

- 7.12 Designating WISD Biennial Election Resolution

The biennial election for the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD), to elect three board members for two six-year terms and one two-year term, will be held on June 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. By law, the body electing intermediate school district board members will be composed of one representative of the board from each constituent district who shall be designated by the constituent board.

The resolution enclosed one to adopt the appointment of the representative and designating the candidates for which the representative's vote is to be initially cast to be used at the second meeting.

The members elected to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education will begin their six-year term on July 1, 2025. Not more than two members of the Intermediate School District board shall be from the same local school district. The terms that are expiring this year are that of Diane Hockett (Ann Arbor) and Mary Jane Tramontin (Ann Arbor). A third seat with a term ending in 2027 is open due to resignation last year. It is currently occupied by Dorcas Musili (Ypsilanti). Members continuing on the Washtenaw Intermediate School District board include one member from Chelsea and one member from Lincoln. You will receive an official list of candidates that have filed with the Washtenaw County Clerk's office for the open positions, after the May 5, 2025 filing deadline.

This agenda item will move to the Regular meeting on May 19, 2025 for Boar approval.

- 7.13 WISD Technology Contract-Bob Jansen

Mr. Jansen will discuss options for renewal at the table. This is an ongoing discussion at this time.

This agenda item will move to the Regular Meeting agenda when appropriate. It is currently still in negotiations

8.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 8.1 Finance Report Update (D)-Adam Snapp

- 8.1.1 Chartwell 2025-2026 Contract Renewal

This will be year 4 of the contract (3rd renewal year) with Chartwell. 22/23 first year of contract, 23/24 1st renewal, 24/25 2nd renewal and 25/26 3rd renewal year. Yearly renewal of the current contract is a state requirement.

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- 8.1.2 WISD 2025-26 Budgets

Included in the Board packet are the 2025-2026 Budget/Election timeline, the General Education Original Budget, the Special Education Original Budget, the WISD Budget Resolution for board

adoption, and the PowerPoint presentation that was presented at the Washtenaw Association of School Boards Board of Directors Budget Review Meeting on April 24, 2025.

June 1, 2025 is the deadline for local district response to the WISD General Fund budget. The local district Boards of Education must consider a resolution of support for or disapproval of the proposed general fund budget by June 1 of each year and may indicate specific recommendations for changes by June 1, 2025.

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9.0 PERFORMANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

9.1 Human Resource Update & Personnel Transactions (D)-Paula Robinette

9.1.1 Tenure and Continuing Probation Recommendations

The building administrators have recommended the following probationary teachers (listed in Board packet) to be continued for the 2025-2026 school year. There are twenty-four teachers being recommended for tenure.

This agenda item will move to the Regular meeting on May 19, 2025 for Board approval.

9.2 Curriculum & Instruction Update (D)-Karensa Smith

9.2.1 Virtual Academy Recommendation (N)

Mr. Jansen and Karensa Smith will present an overview at the table for discussion.

This will be further discussed at May 12, 2025 Committee of the Whole. The Board asked for data to be cleaned up from the information provided at the Study Session. The recommendation currently is to keep the program with modifications.

10.0 BUILDING & SITE COMMITTEE

10.1 Facilities & Grounds Update (D)-Phil Bongiorno

Updates-Roofing Update (D), Energy Saving Bond (D), Sinking Fund Committee Update (D)

10.1.1 Request for Proposal-Asphalt Bid Process Update (N)-Ongoing awaiting RFP process

10.1.2 Concession Proposal Update (N)

Miller Johnson currently has the contract for overview. We should have their legal opinion on the contract by Monday.

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11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

- No Other Business

12.0 CLOSED SESSION

12.1 Negotiations

It was necessary to enter closed session to discuss Negotiations, to return to open session.

A roll call vote was necessary.

Pursuant to Sections 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, it was moved by Soos and seconded by Czachorski that we enter Closed Session to discuss Negotiations, to return to open session.

Ayes: 6 Czachorski, Bentley, Soos, Jason and Smith

Nays: 0

Motion carried 6-0

Entered Closed Session 7:18pm/Returned to Open Session 8:54pm

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Soos and seconded by Czachorski that we adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried 5-0

(N) New Item

(D) Discussion Item