

**MINUTES**  
**Mason Consolidated Schools**  
**Meeting of the Board of Education**

**Regular Meeting**

**Pending Approval – 05/05/26**  
**April 7, 2026**

On April 7, 2026, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a meeting in the Mason Senior High School Library. President Otting called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: England, Fortner, Fowler, Grodi, Nehrig, Otting

Board Members Absent: Waller

Also Present: Tuller, Rymanowicz, Wright, Russow

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by CES Student Reagan Henzler.

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

Request to add Erie Historians-Essay Winners as agenda item E. under Recognition.

- Motion by Grodi to approve revised agenda; supported by Nehrig.
- Motion carried, 6-0.

**Student Council Report(s)**

Mason Middle School representative shared news and updates about student council activities.

**Recognition**

Staff Member of the Month, sponsored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency

- Traci Fackelman, MS Special Education Educator, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency as the MCS Staff Member of the Month.

**EMEA Academic All-Stars**

- The Erie-Mason Education Association presented awards to three students for academic excellence. These students received the title of MEA/EMEA Academic All-Star for Mason Senior High School.
  - Bradley Weaver, 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Katherine Otting, 10<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Aubrey locoangeli, 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**Middle School Highlight**

- Ms. Hannah Sugg and Mrs. Susan Costello recognized the achievement of middle school students competing in the You Be the Solution STEM Competition held at the Monroe County ISD. This was the first time students competed in this contest, and they entered without knowing the challenges they would face. These students persevered and represented Mason extremely well by taking first and third place.

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High School Band/Quintet

- Mr. Justin Johnson presented 6 students who performed at the state competition and won a Division I “Superior” rating, which is the highest rating given. The students were given awards for their excellence, and they performed a piece for the room.

Erie Area Historians

- Diane Cousino from the Erie Area Historians presented two Mason Middle School students who won their essay contest about two local historic doctors.
  - Hudson Harman, 1<sup>st</sup> place
  - Mackenzie Lasinskas, 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Public Comment**

Public comment offered; no action taken.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Celebrations

A huge thank you and congratulations to Justin Johnson and all of our Solo and Ensemble students. They performed at an incredibly high level, representing our district with excellence and pride.

Operations

Our maintenance team just finished non-mandatory boiler operator and aquatics facility operator training.

Fresh off completing Saginaw Valley State University’s Advanced Grant Proposal Writing course, Eric Hoogendoorn has already put his skills to work. Today, we submitted the 12e State Facilities Grant application, a proposal specifically targeted at replacing the middle and high school roofs. This project was prioritized because roofing issues account for a significant 51% of the critical needs identified in our recent facility assessment.

Community Engagement

Our clerks have graciously agreed to hold a voter registration drive for students on April 16<sup>th</sup> here at Mason Senior High School.

Donations to the District

Diamond Club Boosters made a split from baseball and decided to donate revenue of \$2,990.39 to the baseball student activity account.

**Administrative Reports**

April Administrative Reports can be found on the District’s website under the ‘District’ tab, labeled ‘Reports’. <https://eriemason.k12.mi.us/reports>

**Monthly Items**

- Check Register: presented by President Otting; no questions.

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- Financial Reports: presented by President Otting; no questions.
- Tax Collection: presented by President Otting; no questions.
- The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Mason Senior High School Library.

**Consent Agenda**

- Approved the March 4, 2026 Board of Education Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the March 4, 2026 Board of Education closed session #1 meeting minutes.
- Approved the March 4, 2026 Board of Education closed session #2 meeting minutes.
- Approved the March 7, 2026 Board of Education Special Call meeting minutes.
- Approved the March 2026 Check Register.
- Approved the attendance of Keisha Bussell and Danielle Heck at the MPAA Annual Conference May 4-5, 2026 in Williamsburg, MI.
  - Motion by England, supported by Nehrig, to approve all items on the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried, 6-0.

**Discussion**

- MASB Legal Trust Fund

**Action**

- Recommendation to adopt the MASB Legal Trust Fund Resolution
  - Motion by England, supported by Grodi.
  - Motion carried, 6-0.

**Celebrations**

Rachel England shared information about the upcoming Technology Millage at the MCABOE meeting. She highlighted the importance of the millage and to vote on May 5th and commended Jason Burt for his outstanding presentation regarding how Mason utilizes the funds.

**Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education by Grodi, supported by Nehrig.
- Motion carried, 6-0.
- Time: 6:50pm

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*Rachel England, Secretary*