

MINUTES
Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Approved – 09/02/26
August 5, 2026

On August 5, 2026, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a meeting in the Mason Senior IVN Room. President Otting called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

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

Board Members Absent: Nehrig

Also Present: Tuller, Wright, Bates, Pollard, Hammond

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Agenda

Adjustment made to Action Item C; wage adjusted from \$16.40 to \$15.76 after confirmation of complete years worked.

- Motion by Waller to approve; supported by Grodi
- Motion carried, 6-0.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Presentation

2-Year Report: Sexual Education

Goals Report

- Brandon Bates, co-chair of the Reproductive Health/HIV Committee, shared the 2-year report and goals report for the program.

Superintendent's Report

The District's Summer Food Service Program audit was completed with no findings, reflecting the diligence and commitment of our staff in administering the program and ensuring full compliance with state and federal requirements. This was one of the very best operated programs they had observed thus far in their summer audits.

We are excited to announce that Mason Consolidated Schools has been awarded a new \$3.6 million Section 12e School Infrastructure Grant to address critical roofing needs throughout the district. This is a tremendous investment in our facilities and will allow us to complete much-needed improvements without placing additional financial burden on our local taxpayers. A sincere appreciation to our Operations Department, Finance Department, and Administrative Team for the countless hours, collaboration, and dedication they invested in preparing this highly competitive grant application. Their hard work made this significant award possible. An RFP will be out soon for this important work.

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The District has received over \$100,000 through the Section 35m Literacy Grant to purchase high-quality literacy instructional intervention materials that will strengthen reading instruction and support student achievement across our schools.

A grant application was recently submitted to Michigan Gas seeking funding to assist the District with the installation of a natural gas-powered emergency generator. If awarded, this project will enhance the reliability of our emergency power systems and further strengthen the safety and resilience of our facilities.

Personnel and Leadership

Accepted the resignation of Beth Bell, HS Math teacher. She indicated that after 21 years, she made the difficult decision to step away from her role at Mason. She shared her gratitude for the opportunity to have worked with so many wonderful students, families, and colleagues over the years. The experiences and relationships that she gained will always be meaningful to her. Beth's absence will be felt by many and her shoes will be tough to fill as she was a strong student advocate and stepped-up numerous times throughout her tenure at Mason to assist with clubs, class advising, staff mentor, Unit Leader, and chaperoning.

Administrative Reports

August 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.
- Financial Reports: presented by President Otting; no questions.
- The next regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Mason Senior High School IVN Room.

Consent Agenda

- Approve the June 17, 2026 Board of Education meeting minutes.
- Approve the July 8, 2026 Board of Education meeting minutes.
- Approve the July 2026 Check Register.
 - Motion by Fortner, supported by Waller, to approve all items on the consent agenda.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

Action

- A. Recommendation to approve Ryan Agnew at Step 2 BA for High School Physical Education pending receipt of required certification and favorable reference, criminal history, and background checks.
 - Motion by Grodi, supported by England.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

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- B. Recommendation to appoint Stefanie Albring as Transportation Supervisor.
 - Motion by England, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- C. Recommendation to hire Jessica Doom, CES IF Aide, at ~~\$16.40~~ \$15.76 per hour.
 - Motion by Grodi, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- D. Recommendation to approve 504 Coordinator contract.
 - Motion by Fortner, supported by Fowler.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- E. Recommendation to approve Operations Director contract.
 - Motion by England, supported by Grodi.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- F. Recommendation to approve Dean of Students contract.
 - Motion by England, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- G. Recommendation to approve Elementary/Middle School Assistant Principal contract.
 - Motion by Fortner, supported by Fowler.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- H. Recommendation to approve Maintenance 1 contract (1).
 - Motion by Fortner, supported by England.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- I. Recommendation to approve Maintenance 1 contract (2).
 - Motion by Waller, supported by Fowler.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- J. Recommendation to approve revisions to Policy Wireless Communication Devices (update summary, policy language, tracked changes, parent letter).
 - Motion by England, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- K. Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Central Elementary Student Handbook.
 - Motion by England, supported by Fowler.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- L. Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Mason Middle School Student Handbook.
 - Motion by Waller, supported by Fortner.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

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- M. Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Mason Senior High School/MAVA Student Handbook.
- Motion by Waller, supported by England.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- N. Recommendation to approve the Mason Educational Support Personnel/MCS Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- Motion by England, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- O. Recommendation to adopt the Restatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan Resolution.
- Motion by Grodi, supported by Fortner.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- P. Recommendation to approve purchase of CES literacy materials utilizing 35m Grant funding.
- Motion by Fortner, supported by Fowler.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- Q. Recommendation to approve High School Women's Golf co-op with Jefferson Schools.
- Motion by England, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

Celebrations

- Grodi shared news of an \$8.5 million Michigan Ready Site grant from MSF to extend Erie sewer lines. He shared the press release highlighting this news.
<https://www.michiganbusiness.org/press-releases/2026/07/msf/>
- Fortner congratulated Tuller and office staff for successful grant writing and funding.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the August 5, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education by Waller, supported by Grodi.
- Motion carried, 6-0.
- Time: 6:33pm

Rachel England, Secretary