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Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Approved – 11/04/26
October 7, 2026

On October 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, Otting, Waller
Board Members Absent:	Grodi, Nehrig
Also Present:	Tuller, Rymanowicz, Wright, Bates, Hammond

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Agenda

- Motion by Waller to approve; supported by Fortner.
- Motion carried, 5-0.

Recognition

- Student Council report: Zayla Brown shared a summary of Homecoming events.
- Staff Member of the Month: Abigail Kohler, French teacher.

Discussion

- School Safety update by School Resource Officer Bill Rollins; explained new secure protocols from Michigan State police.

Closed Session

Section 8(1)(h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

- Motion to enter closed session by England; supported by Waller.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Absent
England	☒	☐	☐
Fortner	☒	☐	☐
Fowler	☒	☐	☐
Grodi	☐	☐	☒
Nehrig	☐	☐	☒
Otting	☒	☐	☐
Waller	☒	☐	☐

- Motion carried, 5-0.
- Time into Closed Session: 6:09pm.
- Motion to exit Closed Session by Waller ; supported by England .
- Motion carried, 5-0.
- Time out and Open Session resumed at 6:47 p.m.

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Public Comment
Public comment offered; no action taken.

Superintendent's Report
Celebrations:

Congratulations to the following teachers for meeting requirements for earning tenure with Mason Consolidated Schools. Alison Drougel, Justin Johnson and Kari Petree. These three outstanding teachers have certainly been impactful to the overall climate, culture and student achievement here at MCS.

Congratulations to Allie Bowman for her "Illustrating America" art entry last year to the VFW Nationwide contest. Allie's entry was selected as the overall Michigan winner and she was very close to being selected as a nationwide winner. We are proud of this talented young artist and thank Mrs. Swartz for entering supporting our students in their participation of this.

We are super excited to be participating in the Michigan College Access Network MI College Match. This is "a new partnership that will bring direct admission opportunities to thousands of high school students through College Bound Michigan. Starting this fall, Michigan students will be able to use the Match platform to receive admission and scholarship offers from participating colleges and universities without having to complete a traditional college application" Dr. Albain has been working hard on this. Dr. Albain shared that 47/65 students completed a match profile and as of 10/7/26 have been offered 36.8 million in scholarships. Additional out-of-state notices will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

Operations: The district is currently continuing research regarding the best application for the second round of the school infrastructure grant. We are working with consultants and experts in the field to evaluate both ground source geothermal vs traditional HVAC at this time for an HVAC project application. The application has an anticipated opening in November with anticipated notice of awards in January.

Academics and Programs: We are pleased with the gains our students continue to make and are excited to share spring assessment outcomes next month.

Personnel and Leadership
The district continues to face substitute teacher shortages and has put a building sub in the high school and will be posting for an elementary sub as well. The middle school is able to cover many days internally with staff.

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After receipt of the appropriate documents and favorable background checks, the following coaches will start this year in our girls' program.

Girls Varsity Softball: Mr. Marshall Sirmans– Marshall was previously coaching at Notre Dame Academy and is excited to start here in Eagle Nation. The interview committee overwhelming felt Marshall was a good fit for our program.

Girls Varsity Basketball: Mr. Derrick Hayes- Derrick brings experience as a coach and college and professional basketball player. Derrick is currently our Dean of Students and we are happy to have him lead our program this year.

Donations to the District: Bob and Cheri Willis: $50 to support PBIS programs at Mason Middle School. Lambertville Community Church $50 Letters for the sign in front of Mason Middle School

Administrative Reports
October 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, November 4, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Mason Senior High School Library.

Consent Agenda
- Approve the September 2, 2026 Board of Education meeting minutes.
- Approve the September 2026 Check Register.
- Recommendation to approve District 2026-2027 Schedule B and extra duties staff.
- Recommendation to approve Thrun Law Firm recommended policy revisions 2406, 3108, 3115, 3115A, 3115C, 3115D, 3115E, 3115H, 3301A, 3306, 3402, 4101, 4104, 4602, and 5507.
    - Motion by Waller, supported by England, to approve all items on the consent agenda.
    - Motion carried, 5-0.

Action
A. Recommendation to approve the attendance of Nicole Blackburn, Dominck Chrysochoos, and Middle School Youth in Government students at the YIG Conference in Lansing, MI on November 22-24, 2026.
    - Motion by Fowler, supported by Fortner.
    - Motion carried, 5-0.

B. Recommendation to approve Central Elementary School Principal 2027-2029 Contract.
   - Motion by England, supported by Waller.
   - Motion carried, 4-1.

C. Recommendation to approve Mason Middle School Principal 2027-2029 Contract.
   - Motion by Waller, supported by England.
   - Motion carried, 4-1.

D. Recommendation to approve Mason Senior High School Principal 2027-2029 Contract.
   - Motion by Fortner, supported by England.
   - Motion carried, 4-1.

E. Recommendation to approve Superintendent's contract revisions.
   - Motion by Waller, supported by England.
   - Motion carried, 4-1.

F. Recommendation to approve revision(s) to Policy 2202 Authority to Enter into Contracts.
   - Motion by Fowler, supported by Waller.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

G. Recommendation to approve revision(s) to Policy 2501 Meetings.
   - Motion by England, supported by Fortner.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

H. Recommendation to approve revision(s) to Policy 3102 Smoking Tobacco Products and Alcohol. (Not adopting C-2)
   - Motion by Fowler, supported by Waller.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

I. Recommendation to approve revision(s) to Policy 3410 Opioid Antagonist.
   - Motion by Fortner, supported by England.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

J. Recommendation to approve revision(s) to Policy 4201 Employee Ethics and Standards.
   - Motion by Waller, supported by Fowler.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

K. Recommendation to approve revision(s) to Policy 4210 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Tobacco Product Restrictions. (Delete 4-A/Keep G)
   - Motion by England, supported by Waller.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

L. Recommendation to approve revision(s) to Policy 5710 Student Suicide Prevention. (Keep Option 1 & Add E)
   - Motion by Waller, supported by Fowler.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

M. Recommendation to approve adoption of Policy 5710A Student Identification Cards.
   - Motion by Fortner, supported by England.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

N. Recommendation to approve revision(s) of Policy 5714 Threat Assessment and Response.
   - Motion by England, supported by Waller.
   - Motion carried, 5-0.

Celebrations

- England: shared the Middle School student council winners.
- Otting: shared updates for the upcoming Trunk or Treat event on October 24th; shared that 30 students are attending the upcoming MMS YIG conference; shared the Homecoming parade floats this year were outstanding; shared accolades to Dr. Mahailey Albain for her work on the Match program.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the October 7, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education by England, supported by Waller.
- Motion carried, 5-0.
- Time: 7:35pm

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Rachel England, Secretary