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Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Regular Meeting **Pending Approval – 08/05/26**
July 8, 2026

On July 8, 2026, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a meeting in the Mason Senior High School IVN Room. President Otting called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:	England, Fortner, Fowler, Otting
Board Members Absent:	Grodi, Nehrig, Waller
Also Present:	Tuller, Rymanowicz, Wright

Pledge of Allegiance

Review/Approval of Agenda
President Otting indicated a change to Action to remove items B and C.

- Motion by Fortner to approve agenda; supported by Fowler.
- Motion carried, 4-0

Public Comment
No public comment.

Superintendent's Report
Celebrations/Community Engagement:
The food distribution continues to support more kiddos each week. Today, alone, we served 100 more kiddos than last week. I want to acknowledge and shout out to the hard-working ladies and volunteers who are working each week to prepare and distribute to support kids.

Public Comment Follow-up
A question was presented regarding the employment of an individual staff member. The District follows all applicable provisions of the Michigan Revised School Code, including Section 1236.

Comment about additional team-taught classes: The District's assignment of staff is based on student needs, available staffing, and employee certification and qualifications. Team-teaching and co-teaching and collaborative instructional models have been utilized in a variety of ways across the district for many years. At the high school, for example, Focus classes have at times included as many as three staff members working together to meet student needs. During the past school year, both Ms. Radant and Ms. Malik taught a Focus team-taught period. In the past, the HS ran a freshman academy where two teachers would have one class as well. These staffing decisions are made to provide appropriate instructional support while making the best use of available personnel and resources.

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The District will continue to evaluate staffing and instructional programming each year to ensure we are meeting the educational needs of our students while remaining in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Personnel and Leadership
Accepted the resignation of Lori Manley, CES teacher. Lori was a dedicated educator who had a passion for teaching and learning and impacted many generations of Eagle kiddos here. Her love and lessons have gone well beyond the classroom and she was regarded as friend and mentor to many Eagle staff.

Operations/Technology
There have been comments made that the District refuses to stream our Board of Education meetings. As a reminder and as mentioned at our May 5th meeting, the District will be streaming meetings in the fall, as we are equipping our library with the proper equipment in late summer.

Administrative Reports
July 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, August 5, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Mason Senior High School IVN Room.

Consent Agenda

- Recommendation to approve the June 17, 2026 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting #1 Minutes.
- Recommendation to approve the June 17, 2026 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting #2 Minutes.
- Recommendation to approve the June 30, 2026 Board of Education Special Call Meeting Minutes.
- Recommendation to approve the June 30, 2026 Board of Education Closed Session Meeting Minutes.
- Recommendation to approve the June 2026 Check Register.
    - Motion by Fortner, supported by Fowler.
    - Motion carried, 4-0.

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Action

A. Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 Tax Rate (No change from previous year).
   - Motion by England, supported by Fowler.
   - Motion carried, 4-0.

~~B. Recommendation to revoke previous approval of mechanical upgrades in the MS CTE Shop.~~

~~C. Recommendation to approve mechanical upgrades in the MS CTE Shop.~~

D. Recommendation to approve (Laibe Electric at $18,730) for electrical upgrades in the MS CTE Shop.
   - Motion by England, supported by Fortner.
   - Motion carried, 4-0.

E. Recommendation to approve Rafal Kaczowka at Step 4 BA for High School Mathematics pending receipt of required certification, and favorable reference, criminal history, and background checks.
   - Motion by Fowler, supported by Fortner.
   - Motion carried, 4-0.

F. Recommendation to approve HR Specialist Contract.
   - Motion by England, supported by Fowler.
   - Motion carried, 4-0.

G. Recommendation to approve Accounting Assistant Contract.
   - Motion by England, supported by Fowler.
   - Motion carried, 4-0.

Celebrations
None.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education by Fowler, supported by England.
- Motion carried, 4-0.
- Time: 6:12pm

Rachel England, Secretary

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