

MINUTES
Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Approved – 06/17/26
May 5, 2026

On May 5, 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: Fortner, Fowler, Grodi, Nehrig, Otting, Waller

Board Members Absent: England

Also Present: Tuller, Rymanowicz, Hammond

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by CES Students Logan DeSloover, Emily Rosenberger, Aubree Smith.

Review/Approval of Agenda

Changes or request to pull items off consent agenda

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

Student Council Report(s)

No members in attendance.

Recognition

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

- Penny Whipple, MCS Long-Term Sub Bus Driver, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency as the MCS Staff Member of the Month.

Central Elementary Spelling Bee Winners

- The 4th and 5th grade spelling bee winners were honored and given certificates.
 - Jayce Fink, 4th grade 1st place
 - Rayleigh Kilbourne, 4th grade 2nd place
 - Carson Ellerbrock, 5th grade 1st place
 - Rylie Anteau, 5th grade 2nd place

Public Comment

Public comment offered; no action taken.

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Superintendent's Report

Celebrations:

This week we celebrate all teachers. (An email was shared at the Board Meeting highlighting the influence of teachers and asking teachers to share their “why” for choosing this career path.)

Academics and Programs

Summer school opportunities will be available this year again from July 20-August 13 for our students to recover content or credits.

A Medical Career Club was just established to support kiddos considering this pathway. Ms. Stephanie Malik is leading this group looking to extend their knowledge beyond the classroom.

Personnel and Leadership

Accepted the resignation of Caden Foster who graciously shared his positive experience during his first year of teaching. Caden has decided to head a different career pathway. Accepted the resignation of Kirsten Keane who, too, shared her amazing experience at Mason. Kirstin has accepted an online teaching position that allows her more flexibility in her day.

Both of these outstanding teachers will be missed.

We will be moving one 5th grade teacher to 6th grade next year to accommodate this larger class size.

Community Engagement:

Erie Township Clerk Kim Cousino graciously held a voter registration drive for students on April 16th at Mason Senior High School where approximately 25 students registered or pre-registered to vote.

The district has heard folks inquiring about streaming Board meetings. Therefore, we have created a plan and are allocating resources for quality streaming to take place starting in the fall.

Donations to the District:

Suder Storage \$250 to the Baseball Program

Mason Music Boosters \$1500 to the Music Program for Stage Lights

Administrative Reports

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

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Monthly Items

- Check Register: presented by President Otting; no questions.
- Financial Reports: presented by President Otting; no questions.
- Tax Collection: presented by President Otting; no questions.
- The next scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00pm in the Mason Senior High School Library. This will be the Regular and Budget Hearing Meeting.

Consent Agenda

- Approved the April 7, 2026 Board of Education Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the April 2026 Check Register.
 - Motion by Nehrig, supported by Waller, to approve all items on the consent agenda.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

Action

- Recommendation to approve the hire of Elizabeth Overfield, Bus Driver, at \$19.25 per hour contingent upon receipt of all licensing, certification, background, and reference checks.
 - Motion by Grodi, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- Recommendation to approve the hire of Carley Chambers, CES/MS Special Education Teacher, at Step 11 BA, pending receipt of favorable criminal history, background, reference checks, and required certification.
 - Motion by Grodi, supported by Nehrig.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- Recommendation to approve the hire of Cody Spotts, HS PE/Health Teacher, at Step 1 BA, pending receipt of favorable criminal history, background, reference checks, and required certification.
 - Motion by Fowler, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 District Calendar.
 - Motion by Waller, supported by Fortner.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- Recommendation to approve the Professional Development Advisory Committee.
 - Motion by Fortner, supported by Grodi.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.
- Recommendation to approve Kuehnlein Concrete Services at \$18,144 for concrete work at the football stadium.

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- Motion by Waller, supported by Fowler.
- Motion carried, 6-0.

- Recommendation to approve Devos Excavating LLC at \$3800 for drainage work outside of the High School boiler room.
 - Motion by Waller, supported by Fowler.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

- Recommendation to approve the contract renewal of The Nutrition Group for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Motion by Fowler, supported by Grodi.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

- Recommendation to adopt the MCISD FY27 Proposed Budget Resolution.
 - Motion by Fowler, supported by Waller.
 - Motion carried, 6-0.

Celebrations

Grodi – praised the work done in downtown Erie, including sidewalks, lighting, and sewer. Also gave a shout-out to Mr. Hodge and the High School shop students, who worked hard and finished the Erie Police garage interior.

Otting – praised the Mason Invitational and mentioned that the Erie Milers had attended. Invited all board members to attend Central Elementary School’s upcoming annual Field Day on June 2nd.

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education by Waller, supported by Grodi.
- Motion carried, 6-0.
- Time: 6:39pm

Rachel England, Board Secretary