

**M I N U T E S**  
**Mason Consolidated Schools**  
**Meeting of the Board of Education**

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**Approved 4/7/26**

**March 4, 2026**

**Regular Meeting**

On March 4, 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 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Fortner, Fowler, Grodi, Nehrig, Otting, and Waller

Board Members Absent: England

Also Present: Burt, Rymanowicz, Hammond, Bates, Tuller, and Wright

**Pledge of Allegiance**

-Led by CES Student Council Members, Olivia Kluczynski and Everly Spencer

**Review/Approval of Agenda**

Action Item D revision: Recommendation to approve the purchase of District networking equipment from Sentinel at ~~\$186,926~~ \$51,505 with \$10,301 from the Technology Millage and \$41,204 to be filed through Form 471 (e-Rate) for any reimbursable funding.

Add Closed Session Section 8(1)(h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Prior to Closed Session already listed.

-Motion by Grodi to approve the revised agenda, supported by Waller  
Motion carried 6-0

**Old Business**

- Board Officers

**Nomination for PRESIDENT**

Nomination by Grodi to appoint Otting; Support by Nehrig

Roll call:

England: Absent

Fortner: Yes

Fowler: Yes

Grodi: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Otting: Yes

Waller: Yes

Motion carried: 6-0

**Nomination for VICE-PRESIDENT**

Nomination by Grodi to appoint Waller; Support by Nehrig

Roll call:

England: Absent

Fortner: Yes  
Fowler: Yes  
Grodi: Yes  
Nehrig: Yes  
Otting: Yes  
Waller: Yes  
Motion carried: 6-0

Nomination for **TREASURER**

Nomination by Grodi to appoint Fowler; Support by Waller

Roll call:

England: Absent

Fortner: Yes

Fowler: Yes

Grodi: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Otting: Yes

Waller: Yes

Motion carried: 6-0

Nomination for **SECRETARY**

Nomination by Waller to appoint England; Support by Fowler

Roll call:

England: Absent

Fortner: Yes

Fowler: Yes

Grodi: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Otting: Yes

Waller: Yes

Motion carried: 6-0

**Student Council Report**

**Special Presentation (s)**

Staff Members of the Month-Sponsored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency

-Tom Simmons, MS Math Educator, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency as the MCS, February Staff Member of the Month.

-Justin Johnson, MS/HS Choral/Instrumental Educator, was nominated by staff and honored by Leski Wittman Insurance Agency as the MCS, March Staff Member of the Month.

Monroe County Technology Millage Renewal- Dr. Don Spencer

Adopted the Resolution in Support of the Countywide Educational Technology Millage Renewal

Motion by Waller, Supported by Fowler; Motion carried 6-0

### Budget Amendment Resolution-Renee Rymanowicz

Adopted the resolution authorizing 2025 -2026 budget amendments as presented.

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

### **Public Comment**

Public comment offered; no action taken

### **Superintendent's Report**

Celebrations: Our students have been representing our district in several ways we wish to celebrate as outlined in the administrative reports. Recently though..

- Two 8th grade teams competed in the Be the Solution Challenge STEM competition placing 1st and 3rd overall. We are so proud of these kiddos for taking on a new challenge and showing their skills and school spirit. Students worked through rigorous science questions as a team.
- The HS YIG had several outstanding accomplishments last week as shared by Advisor, Terry Davison. He indicated that students were embedded in every facet of the democratic process. Students shined in everything they did and the team of Ava Belair, Grace Albright, Zayla Brown, Zhuoran Cai, and Genevieve Wilkinson were overall champions. Additionally, Ava Belair was named the conference's best defense attorney.
- At CES, our students recently participated in the Science Olympiad where they showcased their skills.
- Dean of Students, Derrick Hayes, was inducted into the University of Detroit Mercy Athletics Hall of Fame and also was awarded the John Conti Letterman of Distinction Award which honors a former Titan varsity athlete that goes above and beyond at work and in the community. After graduation, Derrick served his community as a police officer where he survived being shot 6 times during an armed robbery and is now serving through his work as Dean of Students at Mason Senior High School.

Academics and Programs: The High School CTE classes will be actively participating in the Erie Township police car garage project. This real-world experience will certainly be of great value to our students.

Community Engagement: Jason Burt is attending all three of our municipalities to highlight Technology Millage Facts and reminders to vote.

### Additional Notes:

School cancellations: We have had 8 cancellations and 3 fog delays this year. As a reminder, districts must have 180 days and 1098 hours of student instruction. The state provides 6 grace days. We are currently 2 days short and hours at both the MS and HS. I will be applying for a waiver as I have in the past, as our district continues to be greatly impacted by lake effect weather.

### Donations to the District:

- Courtney Beyers graciously donated \$1200 to the HS Class of 2028 for Prom
- Waterfowl USA Southeastern Lake Erie Chapter donated \$2000 and pizza to the CTE program for the students building 25 wood duck boxes

### **Administrative Reports**

March written administrative reports can be found on the District's website under the District Tab for the Board of Education.

### **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 regularly scheduled Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mason High School Library.

### **Consent Agenda.**

Approved the February 4, 2026, Board of Education Meeting Minutes.

Approved the February 4, 2026, Board of Education closed session #1 meeting minutes.

Approved the February 4, 2026, Board of Education closed session#2 meeting minutes.

Approved the February 2026 Check Register

Approved the attendance of Courtney Hammond at the MSBO Annual Conference April 20-23, 2026 in Grand Rapids, MI.

Approved the attendance of Hannah Sugg at the MACUL Conference March 18-20, 2026 in Grand Rapids, MI.

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Nehrig to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried 6-0

### **Action**

Recommendation to approve a one-time, off-schedule payment to employees through the Educator Compensation Funds known as 27I Funds. Full-time staff and staff working 30 hours or more per week will receive \$904, part-time or staff working less than 30 hours per week will receive \$678. Not inclusive of coaches, third-party staff, or substitutes that are not teachers of record.

-Motion by Waller, supported by Grodi; Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve revision to Policy 3209 Debit/Credit Cards

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

Recommendation to approve revision to Policy 5405 Title I Parent and Family Engagement

-Motion by Grodi, supported by Waller; Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve the purchase of District networking equipment from Sentinel at ~~\$186,926~~ \$51,505 with \$10,301 from the Technology Millage with \$106,117.51 \$41,204 to be filed through Form 471 (e-Rate) for any reimbursable funding.  
-Motion by Nehrig, supported by Waller; Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to approve the purchase of (200) Dell 3120 Chromebooks w/insurance from People Driven based on the Michigan REMC pricing for K-12 device purchases and (200) cases from Volume Cases at a total cost of \$60,355.10 using Technology Millage Funds.  
-Motion by Fowler, Supported by Grodi; Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to adopt Section 105 Opt-Out Resolution  
-Motion by Grodi, supported by Waller; Motion carried 6-0

Recommendation to adopt School of Choice 105C Opt-In Resolution  
-Motion by Fowler, supported by Waller; Motion carried 6-0

### **Celebrations**

Otting thanked Mr. Johnson for his help and support with the Variety Show.

### **Superintendent Goals**

Reminder of Superintendent Tuller's 2025-2026 approved goals was shared.

**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 Waller, Supported by Grodi

Roll call:

England: Absent

Fortner: Yes

Fowler: Yes

Grodi: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Otting: Yes

Waller: Yes

Motion Carried 6-0 Time Entered: 7:36 pm

Motion to exit Closed Session by Waller, Supported by Grodi

Motion Carried 6-0

Time Out and Open Session Resumed: 8:01 pm

**Closed Session:** *Superintendent Midyear Review Section: 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, (1) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed hearing.*

Motion to enter Closed Session by Nehrig, Supported by Fowler

Roll call:

England: Absent

Fortner: Yes

Fowler: Yes

Grodi: Yes

Nehrig: Yes

Otting: Yes

Waller: Yes

Motion Carried 6-0 Time Entered: 8:04 pm

Motion to exit Closed Session by Waller, Supported by Nehrig

Motion Carried 6-0 Time Out and Open Session Resumed: 9:07 pm

**Adjournment**

At 9:08 p.m., it was moved by Grodi, supported by Nehrig to adjourn the March 4, 2026, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

-Motion carried 6-0

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John Waller, Appointed Secretary