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REGULAR BOARD MEETING **Date:** October 14th, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER AT __6:03___P.M.

PRESENT: SLOAN, STAFFORD, DUNHAM, GLAZIER, OLDS, BRAZIER, BRADO

II. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: No changes or additions to the agenda

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE: The board stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and observed a moment of silence to remember that the decisions to be made are in the best interest of the students and staff of the school.

IV. FINANCE REPORT: No finance report as Trent with UHY is going to present audit findings

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Payment of Bills in the amount of $_255,280.17

B. Approval of September 9th, 2026 meeting minutes

MOTION by Dunham with SUPPORT by Brazier 7 Ayes / 0 Nayes MOTION CARRIED

VI. STAFF COMMENT

A. **Food service update**: Patty Babcock read aloud to the board the information that she mailed to the board regarding the food service program. She shared her concerns with not wanting to move forward with the Eat Real program as it requires upwards of 20 hours of overtime to be completed over a two month period and she is not willing to complete the hours and does not feel it would be a benefit to the district as she is not looking for changes to the food service program.

B. **Katie Tippet:** read aloud a pre-written statement to the board expressing how much the school and Wolverine means to her and how she chooses to come to work in the district as a result from the support she and her peers receive from the administration and board.

C. **Alison Cipriano:** spoke to the board regarding her appreciation for the district, the administration and the board.

VII. Public Comment (President reads PP statement)

A. **Anna Reitmeier:** Spoke to the board regarding bullying issues involving her grandchild. She emphasized that students should not be afraid to go to school and provided the board and administration with multiple valid solutions to explore.

B. **Jim DuBois:** Spoke regarding a staff member posting anonymously online bullying him and that Matthew claimed from 78ft away that he heard an entire conversation and asked an officer in the room who was a distance away if he could hear the entire conversation which he denied. Jim expressed his frustration with following the protocol outlined to be placed on the agenda and each attempt was met with push back. He feels that the policy allows for a dictatorship and applies to everyone except Matthew.

C. **Krista Long:** Shared that she feels that Jim is a bully, she went on to provide the definition of a bully and spoke about contacting law enforcement regarding Jim.

D. **Taya Long:** Spoke about bullying and the impacts of bullying and expressed her concern regarding the laws surrounding candidates being able to run for school board positions.

E. **Ashley Dotson:** Spoke to the board regarding bullying, feels that her child was neglected by the school and now that he is homeschooled, he is excelling.

F. **Zayla DuBois:** Shared about bullying and the impacts of bullying on people. She emphasized that school should be a safe place for students and wants a positive change in the district.

G. **Morgan Duman:** Shared about bullying and wants to see consistent policy enforcement across the board for all students and to reinforce good choices.

H. **Lizz Spencley:** Spoke about bullying and what she feels her children faced while attending Wolverine. She explained that now they are in Cheboygan Schools and are excelling where they struggled at Wolverine. She explained that she does have a child still attending Wolverine and discussed a “cut club”. She stated that when she was a coach for the district, she tried to bring up concerns and was silenced and subsequently fired as the coach.

I. **Melody Rhodes:** Spoke to the board regarding the parent pick up line and that it blocks her driveway. She explained that she has been in contact with the school, law enforcement, posted signs on her property and asked parents to move and despite her efforts, she still is facing the issue of her driveway being blocked.

J. **Bliss Jaruzel:** Shared her concerns about kids cutting and ease of access to blades. She stated that fellow classmates are having to make the choice to help others to stop cutting.

VIII. BOARD COMMENT

A. **Colin Olds** addressed the audience and thanked them for sharing their concerns with the board.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Audit Presentation (informational): Trent with UHY presented audit findings. Trent reported no issues of internal controls and wanted to give a shout out to Jen Gandee for doing a great job.

B. COP Special Education Millage (informational): Jamie Huber with COP discussed the Special Education Millage that is coming up on the November ballot. Jamie provided handouts with additional information and explained that without the millage, the district would still be responsible for funding the service and emphasized that the millage is not anything new, it has been around for 25 years. Jamie also discussed the PA146 Dyslexia Law and shared information on support from COP to help with district implementation. He also shared that the state and governor is considering opting in to a scholarship granting organization that uses tax offsets. Lastly, he talked about an upcoming professional development day where they are focusing on behaviour and support needs and having seminars done on age ranges instead of the same speaking talking to all staff at once.

C. Bids for snowplow/lawn care: The board reviewed bids submitted by Glazier Lawn/Snow Care and Todd's Services. The board entered the following motion:

Approve a 1 year contract with Glazier Lawn/Snow Care to revisit due to the current increase in fuel costs.

MOTION by Dunham with SUPPORT by Sloan, 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain (Glazier), 0 Nayes, MOTION CARRIED

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Support Staff Union Agreement Revision: Under the recommendation of Matthew, the board agreed to a revision of the Support Staff contract to include the off schedule payment of $500 to be paid for years 1, 2 and 3, instead of the originally agreed upon terms of years 2 and 3 only.

MOTION by Brado with SUPPORT by Sloan, 7 Ayes, 0 Nayes, MOTION CARRIED

B. Athletic Handbook Updates: Mark presented updates to the Athletic Handbook to the board. The updates pertain to the following sections: Participation Fee/Volunteer Model, Late Roster Additions, Dual-Sport Participation, Academic Eligibility Checks, Attendance and Punctuality, Parent Code and Communication, Health, Safety and Facilities and Athlete Recognition.

MOTION by Dunham with SUPPORT by Brazier, ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED

XI. MS/HS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mark shared with the board the Academic Excellence: Personal and Student growth roles done, tailored to teaching on a daily/weekly basis. October is focusing on Integrity, being trustworthy and dependable. For Community Connections, he shared that they hosted author Steven Weinberg with Festival of the Books. NHS hosted a blood drive, and kids were able to visit both Ferris and NCMC. Mark took students to a Student Leadership conference at Ferris where the students were teamed with other schools and learned how to strategically work together.

Sports: MS Volleyball season has ended. The school hosted 7 teams for the final tournament. Varsity Volleyball is hosting a pink out game on 10.15.2026. MS Basketball is gearing up and Mark is interviewing coaches to present to the board to hire. All coaches for JV/V boys and girls are returning for the upcoming Winter season.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Matthew shared that he went to IAI and met Mr. Kallman to work on more ways to get kids to IAI and Mr. Kallman is funding tuition for Wolverine students to go. Wolverine received a shout out for its LETRS work from Governor Gretchen Whitmer, she mentioned 11 schools and Wolverine was one of them. Matthew shared that during the Professional Development day on October 9th, Mrs. Olds talked to staff about common pitfalls to respond to students when they misbehave. Reminders that Kids Hope is starting back up, Picture Day is the 26th and the 30th is the Trunk or Treat at the school.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION: The board entered closed session at 8:16pm with a MOTION made by Dunham and SUPPORT from Glazier, ALL IN FAVOR

The board entered into open session at 9:25pm with a MOTION made by Dunham and SUPPORT by Glazier, ALL IN FAVOR.

XIV. MOTION AND SUPPORT TO ADJOURN AT __9:26__P.M.

MOTION by Glazier with SUPPORT from Olds, ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED