

**Watervliet Public Schools**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education**  
**November 10, 2025**  
**Watervliet High School Media Center**  
**450 East Red Arrow Highway**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Spaulding at 6:00 p.m.

**OPENING**

Mrs. Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: John Oliphant, Amanda Morlock Fisher, Carrie Wilder, Jim Tyler, Kimberly Adams (exited 8:03 p.m.), Bill Spaulding, and Gina Gear

Members Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Kevin Schooley, Joe Bergthold, Deah Muth, Dave Kindt, Lori Pline, Sherry Wheeler, Terry Adams, Christina Powers, Brandon Waggoner, Alecia Hickman, John Guillelan, Al Berget, Bill Tiefenbach, Lauren Irmen, Connie Schroeder, Amy Iliff, Chris Rice, and community members.

**APPROVAL (and/or) CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

Mr. Oliphant moved that the minutes of the October 13, 2025, Regular Meeting be approved as Presented. Supported by Mrs. Adams. 7-0 Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mrs. Gear moved for approval of the agenda for the November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting as Corrected, removing item D. Supported by Ms. Morlock-Fisher. 7-0 Motion carried.

**FINANCE**

**Budget Review**

**Examination and Payment of General Fund Bills**

Mr. Tyler moved that General Fund expenses for October 2025, in the amount of \$ 1,275,450.05 be approved. Noting \$ 576,727.20 is for payroll-related expenses. Supported by Mr. Oliphant. 7-0 Motion carried.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Adams shared that we received a generous check from Flemming Brothers Oil from the Giving Pump.

**BUSINESS**

**Approval Annual Audit for 2024-2025**

Mrs. Gear moved that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 annual audit as presented. Supported by Mrs. Wilder. 7-0 Motion carried.

**Senior Trip Proposal**

Mrs. Adams moved to approve the out-of-state senior trip under the supervision of senior class advisors. Supported by Mr. Tyler. 7-0 Motion carried.

**Field Trip Proposal**

Mrs. Wilder moved to approve the out-of-state field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry under the supervision of Ms. Irmen and the HS science department staff. Supported by Mrs. Gear. 7-0 Motion carried.

### **Board Policy (First Reading)**

Mrs. Adams moved to accept the identified policies in Volume 40.1 for first reading. Supported by Mr. Oliphant. 7-0 Motion carried.

### **Relinquish Funds**

Mr. Oliphant moved to relinquish federal Title IC migrant funds to the Van Buren Intermediate School District. Supported by Mrs. Adams. 7-0 Motion carried.

### **Superintendent Search**

Mr. Oliphant moved that Watervliet Public Schools contract with the West Michigan Educational Development and Research Foundation for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive superintendent search. Supported by Ms. Morlock-Fisher. 7-0 Motion carried.

### **Construction Update**

Superintendent Schooley shared that he met with the Capital Project Committee on Monday, November 3, 2025, and reviewed current options relative to the placement of the WAY Program building. Superintendent Schooley presented two options: detached vs. attached to the soon-to-be-new MS cafeteria.

### **Any Additional Business**

President Spaulding shared that the High School Robotics Club Meeting for the Public is next week. Mr. Kindt shared that MS Robotics placed 11th in their recent competition. Mrs. Terry Adams shared feedback about the Bond Construction.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A Community Member reached out and expressed concern about the School Resource Officer and getting one, and wanted the status of the hiring process.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

None

### **CLOSED SESSION - Attorney Correspondence- Funding**

Mr. Oliphant moved at 8:03 p.m. that the Board convene to closed session. Support by Mrs. Adams . 7-0 Motion carried.

Mr. Oliphant moved at 8:48 p.m. that the Board entered back into open session. Support by Mr. Tyler. 6-0 Motion carried.

No Action was taken

### **ADJOURN**

Mrs. Gear moved to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Supported by Mr. Tyler. 6-0 Motion carried.