

**Watervliet Public Schools
Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes
Watervliet High School Media Center
450 East Red Arrow Highway
Watervliet, MI 49098
December 8, 2025
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

OPENING

President Spaulding 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, Kimberly Adams, Bill Spaulding, and Gina Gear (entered 6:20).

Members Absent: Jim Tyler

Others in Attendance: Kevin Schooley, Joe Bergthold, Deah Muth, Dave Kindt, Lori Pline, Sherry Wheeler, Terry Adams, Christina Powers, Brandon Waggoner, Alecia Hickman, Heather Cram, Kerry Wilson, Kate Van Lente, Jimmie Paskel, Bill Tiefenbach, and community members.

APPROVAL (and/or) CORRECTION OF MINUTES

Mr. Oliphant moved that the minutes of the November 10, 2025, Regular and November 24, 2025, Special Meeting be approved as presented. Supported by Mrs. Adams. 5-0 Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Oliphant moved for approval of the agenda for the November 10, 2025, Regular Meeting as Presented. Supported by Ms. Morlock-Fisher. 5-0 Motion carried.

FINANCE

Budget Review

Examination and Payment of General Fund Bills

Mr. Oliphant moved that General Fund expenses for November 2025, in the amount of \$ 876,866.67 be approved. Noting \$ 419,962.57 is for payroll-related expenses. Supported by Mrs. Adams. 5-0 Motion carried.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

BUSINESS

Retirement

Superintendent Schooley congratulated Mr. Jimmie Paskel on his upcoming retirement from Watervliet Public Schools, effective January 1, 2026. Superintendent Schooley shared that Mr. Paskel has served the District for the past 25 years, overseeing technology upgrades, platform adjustments, leveraging E-rate funds, and

supporting end-users with day-to-day technology needs.

Class of 2026 Information

Ms. Christina Powers shared the seniors' accomplishments during College Application Month.

Winter Schools of Choice

Mr. Oliphant moved that the Board of Education approve the Winter Open Enrollment openings as presented. Supported by Mrs. Gear. 6-0 Motion carried.

Board Policy (*Second Reading*)

Mr. Oliphant moved to approve the identified policies in Volume 40.1 for second reading. Supported by Mrs. Wilder. 6-0 Motion carried.

Any Additional Business

President Spaulding shared that in January, the Board will have an Organizational meeting, and he encouraged the board to think of nominating a new President. President Spaulding shared he felt it was time for a change. Superintendent Schooley shared information about marketing and branding, and the Board shared feedback. Mrs. Wheeler shared that the playground equipment was delivered today.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A community member asked about the status of the Curtains in the Auditorium, which will be installed this week.

BOARD COMMENT

None

ADJOURN

Mr. Oliphant moved to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Supported by Mrs. Adams. 6-0. Motion carried.