

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026 7:00 PM Eastern

Boardroom at the Administration Office
245 W. M-55
Tawas City, MI 48763

Jennifer Bruning: Present
Michael Butzin: Present
Ami Edmonds: Present
Amy Jenkins: Present
Anthony Lesko: Present
Sheila Malewska: Present
Allan Miller: Present
Present: 7.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jenkins at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10, 2026.

I.A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Bruning led the pledge of allegiance.

I.B. Roll Call

I.C. Positive Highlight

Stephanie Lichota and Donna Hardies provided a brief presentation on the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Grant, highlighting the grant's impact on the local community and school district.

I.D. Public Comments (Agenda Items and Other Matters)

There were no public comments.

II. Action Items

I make a motion to amend the agenda and separate the 3 items in the consent agenda into 3 separate items to vote on individually. This motion, made by Sheila Malewska and seconded by Allan Miller, Failed.

Jennifer Bruning: Nay, Michael Butzin: Nay, Ami Edmonds: Nay, Amy Jenkins: Nay, Anthony Lesko: Nay, Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea

Yea: 2, Nay: 5

Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea

Mrs. Malewska asked if the consent agenda could be split into 3 separate items for voting purposes.

Mrs. Malewska stated that she did not feel the proposed minutes from the July 13, 2026 regular board meeting were an accurate representation of her comments at the meeting. Mrs. Malewska stated that the comments she made were not included in the minutes, and she would like to have the minutes changed to reflect what she said.

Mrs. Jenkins stated that, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, meeting minutes should document the actions taken during a meeting rather than provide a record of what was said.

Accordingly, she stated that the minutes would no longer include the "From the Board" discussion section, as they have in the past.

II.A. Consent Agenda

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Ami Edmonds and seconded by Michael Butzin, Carried.

Sheila Malewska: Nay, Allan Miller: Nay, Jennifer Bruning: Yea, Michael Butzin: Yea, Ami Edmonds: Yea, Amy Jenkins: Yea, Anthony Lesko: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 2

Sheila Malewska: Nay, Allan Miller: Nay

II.A.1. Approval of Minutes

II.A.2. Approval of Payment of Bills

II.A.3. Receipt of Written Communications

II.B. Routine Matters

II.B.1. Recommendations & Reports from the Administration

II.B.1.a. Hire Athletic Director

"I move to hire Mr. Shane Plank as the athletic director.". This motion, made by Amy Jenkins and seconded by Allan Miller, Carried.

Jennifer Bruning: Yea, Michael Butzin: Yea, Ami Edmonds: Yea, Amy Jenkins: Yea, Anthony Lesko: Yea, Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Mrs. Malewska addressed a potential conflict of interest regarding Mr. Plank's dual roles as Athletic Director and Varsity Baseball Coach. She expressed concern about avoiding any perception of favoritism in the hiring process and requested that the administration provide the Board with appropriate methods of oversight to ensure that established procedures and protocols are followed. She noted that the dual roles could also present potential conflicts in situations involving parents or student-athletes, such as when a parent needs to address a concern with the baseball coach, who also serves as the Athletic Director. She emphasized that these situations should be carefully considered and appropriately addressed.

Mrs. Danek stated that, should Mr. Plank decide to remain the Varsity Baseball Coach, procedures would be put in place to ensure appropriate oversight.

Mr. Lesko expressed concern regarding the time commitment associated with the Athletic Director position and whether it would be feasible to effectively fulfill both roles. Mr. Lesko also asked several questions regarding the hiring process, including the posting of the position, applicant screening, and the interview process.

Mrs. Danek provided additional insight into the hiring process and further discussed the applicants for the position, as well as the rationale behind the hiring decision.

II.B.1.b. Hire Custodian

"I move to hire Mr. Zachary Miller as a school term custodian.". This motion, made by Jennifer Bruning and seconded by Ami Edmonds, Carried.

Jennifer Bruning: Yea, Michael Butzin: Yea, Ami Edmonds: Yea, Amy Jenkins: Yea, Anthony Lesko: Yea, Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

II.B.1.c. Hire Coach

"I move to hire Mr. Scott Herbolsheimer as the 8th Grade Volleyball Coach.". This motion, made by Amy Jenkins and seconded by Michael Butzin, Carried.

Jennifer Bruning: Yea, Michael Butzin: Yea, Ami Edmonds: Yea, Amy Jenkins: Yea, Anthony Lesko: Yea, Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

II.C. Old Business

II.C.1. Committee Reports

II.C.1.a. Policy Committee - Thrun Law Annual Policy Update

"I move that the Board of Education adopt the proposed revisions to the Board bylaws and policies, as presented in Thrun's Annual Policy Update and recommended by the Policy Committee, effective as presented.". This motion, made by Ami Edmonds and seconded by Michael Butzin, Carried.

Jennifer Bruning: Yea, Michael Butzin: Yea, Ami Edmonds: Yea, Amy Jenkins: Yea, Anthony Lesko: Yea, Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Mrs. Jenkins reported that the recommended policy updates were minimal, with most of the changes involving revisions to the wording of the policy.

II.C.2. Legislative Report

No legislative report tonight.

II.D. New Business

II.D.1. Approve Cooperative Agreement with IRESA

"I move that the Board approve the cooperative agreement with IRESA for the continued provision of expanded educational opportunities through the Career & Technical Education Department.". This motion, made by Ami Edmonds and seconded by Amy Jenkins, Carried.

Jennifer Bruning: Yea, Michael Butzin: Yea, Ami Edmonds: Yea, Amy Jenkins: Yea, Anthony Lesko: Yea, Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

III. Information & Proposals

III.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Danek provided the Board with a brief update on recent activities, events, and developments within the District.

III.B. Student Representatives

There were no student representatives at the meeting.

III.C. Administration

Members of the administration provided the Board with updates regarding recent activities, events, and developments within their respective areas.

III.D. From the Board

Board members shared comments, feedback, and observations regarding agenda items and matters of interest to the District.

IV. Advanced Planning

Mrs. Danek wanted to schedule a board workshop on the Open Meetings Act with Mr. Brad Banasik. Board members decided to have Mr. Banasik do the presentation at a Special Board Meeting to be held on September 28, 2026 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Danek also wanted to meet with the Student Achievement Committee prior to staff returning to discuss their strategic plan going into the new school year. This meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 17th at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Butzin would attend the meeting in place of Mrs. Malewska, who will be out of the country.

V. Closed Session

The student and family were not in attendance at the meeting so the closed session was not necessary.

V.A. Student 2025-2026-#8 Request to Return to School

VI. Adjournment

I move to adjourn. This motion, made by Amy Jenkins and seconded by Jennifer Bruning, Carried.

Jennifer Bruning: Yea, Michael Butzin: Yea, Ami Edmonds: Yea, Amy Jenkins: Yea, Anthony Lesko: Yea, Sheila Malewska: Yea, Allan Miller: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.