

MSBO ISD Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2025 – 2:00 PM
In Person at Lakeside Resort Conference Center, Houghton Lake

Agenda-

2025-2026- Officers

Chairperson - Chris Lamar, Ottawa Area ISD
Vice Chairperson - Kerri Harrie, West Shore ESD
Secretary - Katrina Bontekoe, Wexford-Missaukee ISD
Officer of Special Projects- Candice Hallifax
Officer Elect- TBD
Past-Chairperson - Shay Anderson, Clare-Gladwin RESD

Called to order by Chris Lamer at 2:00 PM

Present

Pricilla Tietz, Tuscola ISD; Katrina Bontekoe, Wexford Missaukee ISD; Renee Rymanowicz Monroe ISD; Mark Laidlow, Calhoun ISD; Chris Lamar, Ottawa ISD; Jason Agel Copper Country ISD; Kevin Kolb, Gratiot Isabella RESD; Mark Orihel, Midland ESA; Kerrie Harrie, West Shore ESD; Heidi Gruno Midland County ESA; Brian Marcel, Washtenaw ISD; Shawn Biddle, Northwest Education Services; Lisa Krosnicki, Char Em ISD; Stephanie Weese Livingston ESA; Stacey Viers, Tuscola ISD; Tony Bertucci, Marquette-Alger RESA; Nicole LeRue, Ingham ISD; Shay Anderson; Clare Gladwin RESD; Julie Williams-Muz, Bay Arenac ISD; Candice Halifax, Huron ISD; Carrie Macko, COOR ISD; Amy Karsten, COP EAD; Justin Michalak, Macomb ISD; Chris Frank, Macomb ISD

Motion by Stephanie Weese, Second by Kevin Kolb to elect Stacey Viers as the officer elect; Motion passed unanimously.

Sean McLaughlin and John Andrejack from Michigan Department of Education did a presentation on allowable cost clarifications, correct use of function code 219 on the 4096; Equitable services and proportionate share; excess costs and MOE. The presentation is on the MSBO website.

Mr. Andrejack was honored by MSBO for his years of service to education.

Chris Frank brought it to the attention of the group that the “Michigan Blueprint for Special Education” has been developed and could be released soon. This is a legislative project that could change special education funding in Michigan. Under this proposal, funding would be based on the diagnoses of students rather than the number of students served. There is a question of where the funding would come from to support this initiative. This presentation is on the MSBO website.

Please email ideas for future meeting discussion topics to Jason Helsen or Chris Lamar.

Jason Helsen, MSBO gave a budget update; questions were being submitted to the state budget office for clarification;

David Ladd gave a legislative update; 32p was eliminated without a chance to let legislators know its importance in our communities; MPSERS hard to understand and causes confusion in the budget; Section 56 funding is not equal any more, it needs to change; expect a supplemental budget; revenue generation makes the future look uncertain; layoffs are being announced; unemployment rates are increasing; Perkins grant was moved to the Dept of Labor
SE Preschool grant could be at risk of cuts

Meeting adjourned at 4:00