

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RAVENNA BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

August 11, 2025

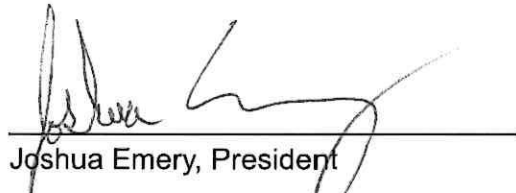
High School Bulldog Room 6:30 p.m.

1. Regular meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Joshua Emery. Present: Bob Becklin, Becki Deater, Joshua Emery, Mark Jacobs, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel. Absent Ryan Jawor
2. Motion by Pierson, Support by Becklin to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Bob Becklin, Becki Deater, Joshua Emery, Mark Jacobs, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel. Motion carried 6-0.
3. Motion by Rosel, Support by Deater to approve the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve the Board of Education Organizational and Regular Minutes from July 14, 2025
 - b. Approve the Hire of Tracy Lemkie, Middle School STEAM Teacher
 - c. Approve the Hire of Samantha Johnson, Middle School Sideline Cheer Coach
 - d. Approve the Hire of Tracy Lemkie, 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach
 - e. Approve the Hire of Brandon McFarren, Varsity Football 2nd Assistant Coach
 - f. Approve the Hire of Shannon Gallop, Food Service Worker
 - g. Approve the Retirement/Resignation of Catherine Clink, Full Time Instructional Paraprofessional
 - h. Accept the Resignation of Anna Fidge, Middle School Cross Country Coach
 - i. Accept the Resignation of Raven Millis, Middle School Sideline Cheer Coach
 - j. Approve Tenure Status for Dominic Morlan and Kaitlin WilsonAyes: Ayes: Bob Becklin, Becki Deater, Joshua Emery, Mark Jacobs, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel. Motion carried 6-0.
4. Correspondence
5. Reports
 - a. Motion by Rosel, Support by Pierson to Approve \$208,806.94 from the General Fund, \$39,475.81 from the Food Service Fund. Ayes: Bob Becklin, Becki Deater, Joshua Emery, Mark Jacobs, Mike Pierson and Fred Rosel. Motion carried 6-0.
 - b. Director of Business Sue Felicioni will submit both August and September's finances at the October Board meeting.
6. Superintendent Report
 - a. Superintendent Helmer reported on his takeaways from the MAISD Superintendent Retreat
 - i. Superintendent Helmer attended a session on AI by MI Virtual. AI will be the subject of upcoming strategic planning with the district's ILT.
 - ii. Superintendent Helmer, along with the Special Education Director and Curriculum Director, will be meeting on a strategic plan around student achievement.
 - iii. Superintendent Helmer has been asked to assume a leadership role with the Reading Now Network (RNN) for Kent, Muskegon and Ottawa counties. RNN is a collective effort of superintendents, school boards and school districts throughout West Michigan to improve early literacy and, ultimately, student achievement across all grade levels.
7. Old Business

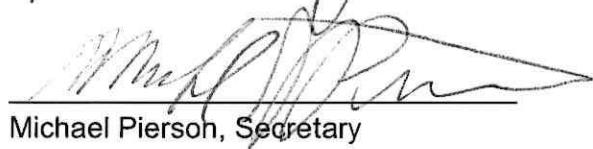
8. New Business

9. No public comment.

10. Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent. 7:02 p.m.



Joshua Emery, President



Michael Pierson, Secretary