



St. Joseph County ISD
Building Better Futures for Children and Communities
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Board of Education Regular Meeting

January 19, 2026

4:30 p.m.

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Office, 62445 Shimmel Road, Centreville, MI

AGENDA

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Visitors and Guests

Public Participation - *Per Board Policy #2504, this portion of the agenda is limited to 3 minutes per participant.*

Introduction of new staff.

Presentation - Special Education OT Guidelines Manual

Presented by Erin Stauffer, Occupational Therapist and Kirsten Schipper, Occupational Therapist

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH **January 2026**

"Great leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others. " ~ ~ John Maxwell

On behalf of St. Joseph County ISD, thank you to our amazing school board for their leadership, dedication and hearts for our kids and community. ~ ~ Teresa Belote

CONSENT AGENDA:

The administration recommends the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Financial Report as of December 31, 2025
3. Approval of Monthly Expenditures:
 - a. General Fund in the amount of \$6,662,085.78
 - b. Career-Technical Education in the amount of \$5,522,335.33
 - c. Information Services in the amount of \$938,020.83
 - d. Special Education in the amount of \$8,830,879.77
4. Approve the hire and contract with the following staff, contingent upon successful return of criminal records check, misconduct form, and recipient of credentials:
 - a. Mellody Buzalski, GSRP Program Manager, effective 1/5/26
 - b. Sara Smith, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, effective 2/16/26

NEW BUSINESS

St. Joseph County ISD does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or any other legally protected status in its employment decisions or the provision of services.

Action Items

1. Recommend approval of the following Early Head-Start Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) information:
 - a. Program Report
 - b. Average Daily Attendance
 - c. Purchase Card Statements
 - d. PC Personnel Report
- Information Only:*
 - e. December 8, 2025 Policy Council Minutes
2. Recommend approval of the 2025-26 January Budget Revisions for General Fund, Career & Technical Education, Information Services, and Special Education.
3. Recommend the transfer of \$700,000 from the Special Education Fund to the Special Education Committed Fund Balance for Garage/Transportation Facility.
(This would bring the Committed Fund Balance for Garage/Transportation Facility balance to \$3,050,000)
4. Superintendent requests Closed Session for the purpose of: (roll call vote required)
 - a. A mid year superintendent's evaluation review (required under new resources).

Informational & Communication Items

1. Welcome to our additional new employees, contingent upon successful return of criminal records check, misconduct form, and receipt of credentials:
 - a. Jayla Kompelien, GSRP Aide, effective 1/5/26
 - b. Taylor Wells, Assistant Teacher, effective 1/12/26
2. Other Personnel Updates (Attachment #1)
3. Superintendent's Report
4. Superintendent Search Update
5. Reminder: The next ISD Board Meeting is Wednesday, February 18, 2026.
(NOTE: Day of week change)

Other

Adjournment