



# St. Joseph County ISD

*Building Better Futures for Children and Communities*

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## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

September 15, 2025

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 - Early Head Start/GSRP/GSC Update**

Presented by Ginelle Boyle, Director of Early Childhood Services

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

1. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Financial Report as of August 31, 2025
3. Approval of Monthly Expenditures:
  - a. General Fund in the amount of \$867,475.27
  - b. Career-Technical Education in the amount of \$523,229.65
  - c. Information Services in the amount of \$143,831.87
  - d. Special Education in the amount of \$1,220,161.99
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. Yvonne Vanderziel, Administrative & Pupil Auditing Manager, effective 9/8/25
  - b. Helenia Robinson, Special Education Supervisor, effective 9/4/25
  - c. Corey Aukerman, School Social Worker, effective 9/5/25
  - d. Tara Fosdick, GSRP Lead Teacher, effective 9/15/25
5. Approve the resignation, termination and/or retirement of the following staff:
  - a. Christina Swearingner, GSRP Lead Teacher - Constantine, effective 8/25/25

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **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. August 11, 2025 Policy Council Minutes
2. Recommend approval of the first reading of Board Policy updates as recommended by Thrun Law Firm and the Board Policy Committee:
    - 4221 Employee Search
    - 5407 Instructional Program and Curriculum Development
  3. Recommend approval of the 1-year salary schedule increase, steps, longevity and stipend spreadsheet based on the ORS guidelines, and the salary outline for 3 or less employees in a group spreadsheet all based on the ORS guidelines.
  4. Recommend approval of one additional Early Childhood Special Education Program Assistant Teacher. (Attachment #1)
  5. Superintendent requests Closed Session for the purpose of: (roll call vote required)
    - ~~Application for Employment or Appointment for Public Office~~
    - ~~Attorney Client Privilege~~
    - ~~Collective Bargaining Strategy (negotiation strategies)~~
    - ~~Complaints and Disciplinary Action~~
    - ~~Pending Litigation~~
    - **Periodic Personnel Evaluation (Superintendent's Evaluation)**
    - ~~Purchase or Lease of Property~~
    - ~~Security Planning~~
    - ~~Student Discipline~~
    - ~~Teacher Tenure Proceedings~~
  6. Recommend adoption of 25-26 SJCISD District Strategic Goal as presented. (Attachment #1)

### **Informational & Communication Items**

1. Welcome to our new employees, contingent upon successful return of criminal records check, misconduct form, and receipt of credentials:
  - a. Jessica Pietrariu, Child Care Provider Assistant, effective 9/2/25
  - b. Lauren Carpenter, School-Based Therapy 31N Office Assistant - Part Time, effective 9/2/25
  - c. Elizabeth Rhodes, Virtual Learning Primary Support Person - Part Time, effective 9/9/25
  - d. Abby Caldwell, Floating Assistant Teacher, effective 9/8/25
  - e. Brian Brown, Special Education Assistant Teacher, effective 9/8/25
2. Other Personnel Updates (Attachment #2)
3. Superintendent's Report
4. Reminder of meeting time for next month: Monday, October 20, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

### **Other**

### **Adjournment**