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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

10:00 AM - Building Committee Meeting

Harper Creek Administration Building

7454 B Drive North, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:59 AM
Present: Beau Bess, Sara Wallace, Jaym Abraham, Jim Robinson, Jim Maynard, Ginger Obermyer, Becky Timberlake, Rob Atkins, Rob Ridgeway
- II. Comments from the Audience Related to Agenda Items: None
- III. Discussion
 - A. Facility Planning: Mr. Ridgeway asked for discussion regarding next steps for the district and also for factors involved in the bond not passing. Mr. Ridgeway stated that the current operating millage expires in 2028. The board discussed how to better educate the community on foundation spending. To ensure clarity and reach, members agreed that information should be specific, easy to understand, and shared through multiple channels. Additionally, the group identified a need for a dedicated responder to monitor and accurately share this information across social media platforms.
Marketing strategies were discussed.
 - Target undecided voters
 - Spread correct information
 - How is the district serving the population
 - Tell our story
 - Stay on track
 - Mobilize
 - Support key communicatorsMr. Ridgeway discussed the best time to go out to voters to support a bond proposal.
 - B. Long-term Needs: Mr. Robinson discussed the prioritized projects.
 - High School Roof – over auditorium, cafeteria, kitchen, and loading dock.
 - Space issues – new apartment complex and 150-house project planned in the area.
 - Playgrounds
 - Parking Lots and lighting
 - WIFI
 - Classroom AV
- IV. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

