

MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

President Bongard called a workshop meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:32 p.m. immediately followed by the regular meeting. The meetings were held on Monday, October 20, 2025, in the Media Center of the High School, 4700 Northland Dr., Morley, Michigan, 49336.

Workshop and regular meeting called to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Emily Bongard, President.

In Attendance:

Declaration of Quorum Yes *X* No ____

Bd. Member Emily Bongard	X	Bd. Member Greg Babbitt	X	Bd. Member Mary Engelsman	X
Bd. Member Michelle Frisbie	X	Bd. Member Randy LaPreze	X	Supt. R. Cole	X
Bd. Member Brent Beemer	X	Bd. Member Edward Frisbie	X	Rec. Sec. A. Brennick	X

Workshop Discussions:

Bond Invoice Review - One invoice was submitted from Christman and one from Mathison.

Detention Pond Invoice Review - Board asked for clarification on Tower Pinkster total.

A discussion was opened up by Mr. Cole about beginning the process to lease a new set of buses.

Board Members and Mr. Cole thanked our principals and gave a gift of appreciation to each.

Mr. Cole and Mr. Nelson shared pictures of the new signage and shared where each would be put to help direct traffic on campus.

Mr. Nelson gave an overview of the School Improvement process and how it's being implemented to help student growth.

NOTE: The public will be given an opportunity to comment in the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Please fill out the comment form available where you sign in and submit the Request to Address the Board of Education to the President before speaking. *Limitations for speaking time are; each person is allowed up to five minutes however the board president may reduce to 3 minutes if the number of speakers exceeds the time limit.*

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Approval of Agenda and Order of Priority

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Public Comment - A concerned parent brought up concerns about our dress code where it pertains to dances.

Administrator and Supervisor Reports - Supervisor/Administrator reports are submitted in advance to the Board. Reports can be viewed on the district's website.

Communications:

Member Bongard read a Thank You card from Catherine Armstrong. Mr. Cole read an email from a parent of a rival school complementing the sportsmanship of our school. Mrs. Marshall added in discussion - a visiting Judge commented - our students are the most respectful and engaged of all schools visited.

Consent Agenda: The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, the September 15, 2025 meeting minutes and the June 26, 2025 Special Meeting minutes.

October Considerations:

The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, the September 15, 2025 meeting minutes and financial reports presented.

The Board unanimously approved the motion to pay the 2020 bond Series III invoices totaling \$525,981.02.

The Board unanimously approved the motion to pay the Detention Pond Invoice totaling \$178,918.50.

The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Fred Baar - Bus Driver.

The Board unanimously approved the resignation of Tricia Blanz - High School Secretary.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Dennis Groendyke - Assistant Softball Coach

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Arleen Couch - Bus Driver.

The Board unanimously approved the hire of Toni Allers - High School Secretary.

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11. *Other possible discussions:*

The board briefly discussed the Public comment subject.

Mr. Cole asked Mrs. Marshall to bring up for discussion - Dance Dress Code at next Principal meeting. Mr. Cole mentioned there were enough donations to cover all costs plus, for the funeral.

Member Bongard commented/complimented leadership staff on support for the The Crisis Team when they are dispatched to MSCS.

12. *Reminders and informational items:*

- *Next Board Meeting, November 17, 2025*

13. *Adjourn at 7:42pm*

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Engelsman, Secretary
Morley Stanwood Community Schools