HAMTRAMCK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – November 18, 2026
Administration Building
3201 Roosevelt St.
Hamtramck, MI 48212

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
IV. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA
V. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
a. Joe Patterson Tennis Coach of the Year
VI. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS TO THE BOARD
a. Audit Presentation – Yeo & Yeo
b. Student Advisory Committee
c. Variety Food Service
d. District Configuration Presentation
e. Board Finance Committee Update
f. October Finance Report
g. Data Overview – Nate Talbot
h. HFT Climate & Culture Survey Results
VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Agenda items only)
VIII. ACTION ITEMS
a. Approval of Check Register
b. Approval of Community Center Bleachers
c. Non-renewal of Superintendent's Contract of Employment
d. Authorization to Establish a Line of Credit Approval
IX. CONSENT AGENDA
a. Approval of Minutes
b. Approval of Employment
c. Acceptance of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
XI. BOARD CALENDAR UPDATES
a. January Organizational Meeting Date
XII. ADJOURNMENT

"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."

Call to Order

Call to Order –
Meeting called to order by _____at _____

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Members

Abdulmalik Algahaim
Moortadha Obaid
Regan Watson
Victor Farris
Mohamed Algehaim
Linda Wolyniec
Tazia Miah

Acceptance of Agenda

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1– ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts and approves the Agenda with any additions or deletions.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

Acknowledgements

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Action Items

General Fund
Board Report
November 18, 2026

Attached hereto is a listing of invoices and checks now due for supplies, materials, equipment or services delivered or rendered to the School District. These invoices and checks represent purchases made or services ordered upon approved resolutions of the Board of Education for the current fiscal year. Where required or when possible, competitive prices have been obtained prior to placing orders, and where quality specifications permitted, purchases were made or services obtained at the lowest price quoted.

Invoices examined and recommended for approval by the Board of Education.

James Larson-Shidler
Interim Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2 - APPROVAL OF INVOICES AND CHECK REGISTER

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Check Register for the periods September 10, 2026 – October 7, 2026 and October 8, 2026 – November 18, 2026 as enclosed, be approved.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3 - AWARDING OF BID – COMMUNITY CENTER BLEACHERS

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby award the bid for the Community Center bleachers as follows:

Bleachers – Interkal Spectator Seating, $168,289.00
Allowances - $51,453.00

Total amount not to exceed $219,742.00. Funding for this project will be provided through Grant 12e.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 4 – NON-RENEWAL OF SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

WHEREAS, Superintendent Jaleelah Hassan Ahmed is presently employed by the Hamtramck Public School District pursuant to an individual employment contract that expires by its expressed terms on February 27, 2027, and

WHEREAS, section 1229 of the Michigan Revised School Code provides, in relevant part: "Employment of a superintendent shall be by written contract. The term of the superintendent's contract shall be fixed by the board, not to exceed 5 years. If written notice of nonrenewal of the contract of a superintendent is not given at least 90 days before the termination of the contract, the contract is renewed for an additional 1-year period." MCL 380.1229(1), and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires not to renew the employment contract of Superintendent Ahmed and to provide the requisite notice under section 1229(1) of the Revised School Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board of Education hereby determines that the administrative contract of Jaleelah Hassan Ahmed shall not be renewed beyond the present expiration date of February 27, 2027; and

2. The Board President, or designee, provide Superintendent Ahmed with written notice of contract non-renewal, including a copy of this Resolution, no later than ninety days before the expiration of Superintendent Ahmed's employment contract.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5 – AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF A LINE OF CREDIT FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

WHEREAS, under the terms of Section 1225(8) of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended (the "Act"), the School District is authorized to obtain a line of credit from a private financial institution to secure funds for school operations, pledging for the repayment of funds secured under the line of credit, monies to be received by it pursuant to the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended (the "State School Aid");

WHEREAS, it is necessary to obtain prior approval of the line of credit from the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan (the "Treasury");

WHEREAS, the School District has determined it is in its best interest to establish the line of credit with a private financial institution to secure funds for school operations in amount not to exceed 30% of the State School Aid apportioned to the School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 (the "2026/27 State Aid"); and

WHEREAS, the School District also deems it advisable to authorize an Authorized Officer (as defined below) to obtain a line of credit from a private financial institution and negotiate and approve all terms and documents in connection with the line of credit.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HAMTRAMCK, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN THAT:

1. Designation of Authorized Officer. The Superintendent (the "Authorized Officer"), is authorized and directed to take certain action on behalf of the School District as described below.

2. Borrowing Authorized. Pursuant to Section 1225(8) of the Act, the School District shall obtain a line of credit with a private financial institution to secure funds for school operations in amount not to exceed the lesser of $4,500,000 or 30% of the "2026/27 State Aid" (the "Line of Credit"). The Authorized Officer is further authorized on behalf of the School District to borrow from the Line of Credit during the 2026/27 school year amounts as needed to cover cash flow shortages in the School District's general fund, not to exceed the lesser of: (a) $4,500,000; (b) 30% of the School District's 2026/27 State Aid; or (c) the difference between the total 2026/27 State Aid and the portion of the 2026/27 State Aid already received.

3. Negotiated Terms and Conditions. The School District has determined that it is in its best interest to obtain the Line of Credit from a private financial institution pursuant to a negotiated placement, since the reduction in the costs of issuance makes a negotiated placement the most cost-effective method for obtaining the Line of Credit. The Authorized Officer is authorized to select the private financial institution and to negotiate the terms of the Line of Credit. The Authorized Officer is further authorized to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the establishment of the Line of Credit. The Line of Credit shall be completely repaid within 372 days from the date of the Line of Credit and the rate of interest on the Line of Credit shall not exceed the maximum rate allowed by Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

4. Pledge of State Aid. The School District hereby makes an irrevocable pledge of not more than 30% of its 2026/27 State Aid to repay the principal of and interest on the Line of Credit. In addition, the full faith and credit of the School District is hereby irrevocably pledged for payment of principal of and interest on the Line of Credit and in case of the insufficiency of the 2026/27 State Aid, the School District shall pay the Line of Credit from any funds legally available therefor, and, if necessary, levy sufficient taxes on all taxable property in the School District for the payment thereof, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations.

5. Tax Matters. The School District hereby covenants for the benefit of the private financial institution providing the Line of Credit to comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be satisfied subsequent to the establishment of the Line of Credit in order that the interest thereon be or continue to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, including, but not limited to, requirements relating to the rebate of arbitrage earnings, if applicable, and the expenditure and investment of the Line of Credit proceeds and moneys deemed to be Line of Credit proceeds. If applicable, the Authorized Officer shall designate the Line of Credit as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions under the Code.

6. Department of Treasury. The Authorized Officer or designee thereof is hereby authorized to make application to the Department of Treasury ("Treasury") for and on behalf of the School District for an order approving the issuance of the Line of Credit and to pay any applicable fee therefor, including filing for an exemption from the rating requirement, and is further authorized to take all other steps necessary and desirable for issuance and delivery of the Line of Credit. Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., acting as note counsel, is also authorized on behalf of the School District to make such filings with the Treasury for prior approval and necessary waivers to enable the sale, issuance and delivery of the Line of Credit as contemplated herein.

7. Retention of Note Counsel. The firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, Michigan, is hereby retained to act as counsel for the School District in connection with the Line of Credit. The representation of the School District by Note Counsel is hereby approved, notwithstanding Miller Canfield's periodic representation of PNC Bank, the potential purchaser, in matters not related to the issuance of the Note.

8. Conflicting Resolutions. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution and the same hereby are rescinded.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6 - APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion by Member _____ Seconded by Member _____

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following items under the Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes:
   1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2026.

b. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Ranya Musleh**, Floating Admin Assistant, $18.51 per hour at Step 2, effective October 19, 2026.

c. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Rachel Ward**, Floating Admin Assistant, $19.24 per hour at Step 3, effective October 19, 2026.

d. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Vincent Phillips Jr.**, Behavior Interventionist at Dickinson West, Step 7 Annual Salary of $77,185, effective October 26, 2026.

e. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Alexandra Varnes**, Pool Attendant at Recreation Center, $25.00 per hour max of 30 hours, effective October 29, 2026.

f. Approval of Employment – Employment of **Mondai Smiley**, Lifeguard at Community Center $16.00 per hour, effective November 2, 2026.

g. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **Mymoonnh Saleh**, Paraprofessional, effective October 31, 2026.

h. Acceptance of Resignation – Resignation of **LaBrina Johnson**, Admin Assistant, effective November 1, 2026.

i. Termination of Employment – Termination of **Juliana Weathersby**, SE Paraprofessional, effective November 6, 2026.

Votes: Aye _____ Nay _____

Abstain _____

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Board Calendar Updates

December 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
January 13, 2027 at 6:00 p.m. – Organizational Meeting
January 13, 2027 to immediately follow – Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting adjourned at (_____ p.m.)