

**ISOA Executive Board Meeting
May 1, 2024
Minutes**

Present

Haslett
Ingham ISD
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Lansing
Mason
Okemos
Waverly
Williamston
Amy Clark
Jason Mellema
John Wolenberg
Nino Rodriguez
Michael Kelly
Jayme Taylor
Alicia Guevara Warren
Sarah Belanger

Absent

East Lansing
Dansville
Holt
Leslie
Stockbridge
Gary Holbrook
Mike Kapp
Rob Halgren
Dominic Ambroggio
Keven Numinen

Ingham ISD General Fund Budget

Jason Mellema reviewed the Ingham ISD general fund budget. LEAs and board members have received the budget and the corresponding budget resolutions. Local boards are asked to pass the ISD budget resolution (for or against) by June 1, 2024.

Q & A

- **ESSER Funds and the ISD Budget** – The ISD didn’t receive the ESSER dollars that local districts received – the ISD received approximately 25K total. The budget issues the LEAs are facing with the ESSER funding coming to an end won’t impact the ISD budget the same way.
- **SE Finance and the LEA Budget** – For 2024-25 there is no change to the SE finance formula and revenues for districts. The change to the formula will take place in the 2025-26 school year. The ISD board will vote on the adjustments to Section C of the SE finance formula during their May meeting. The rest of the formula work (Sections A and B) will be done by December 2024.
- **ISD SE Fund Balance** – Ingham ISD is the eighth largest ISD in the state and has the smallest SE fund balance with a \$98 million budget and a fund balance of \$445,000 or .05%.
- **OPEB Funding** – Districts will realize reduced expenses if the Governor leaves OPEB as is.
 - Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)– will be overfunded at 140% this September. The Governor is looking at taking the overfunded amount and reallocating it in the budget.
 - This money is unfunded liability for health care that has been paid by the districts. The debt is held by each district, paid by districts, so any overage should go back to the districts.
 - If we do not protect this money now, this is one more place money will be taken to fill other holes.
 - The superintendents have been talking with legislators to keep the money where it is so it benefits districts. Contact [Jason](#) or your superintendent for more information.

Ingham School Officers Association

Superintendents' Round Table Update

Jason provided an update from the superintendents April Round Table meeting:

- School Safety Roundtable – The next school safety roundtable will be held on May 9 at Holt High School. The exercise, in partnership with local law enforcement, will focus on procedures during an external threat to the school district.
- Dr. Mark Largent, MSU Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies, met with the superintendents to discuss the change to the MSU teaching program from five years to four. The change will mean MSU will have student teachers from the five-year program and four-year program who will need placements. The districts within the Ingham ISD service area will be the prime locations for placements.
- SE Transportation Contract – Updated and revised for a five-year period.
- SE Funding Discussion – The formula and needed changes have been an ongoing discussion item with the Superintendents, SE Directors, and Business Officials. The formula hasn't been updated since the 90's and needed to change.

2024-2025 Suggested Meeting Topics

Due to time constraints, an email will go out to the ISOA Board requesting meeting topics for next year.

District Updates

Lansing – Mt Hope and Willow construction work continues. The Board established a Junior Board which consists of Lansing students from different schools who attend monthly meetings and provide an update to the Board. The LSD Board had their retreat with a focus on future plans for the district.

Ingham ISD – The Student Showcase will be on Thursday, May 9 at the Wilson Talent Center. This is a great opportunity to see the center and the work that students have been engaged in during the school year. The WTC will host a Car Show Drive-in on May 29 from 3:00-8:00pm.

Mason – A Safe Driving Campaign was started by students. One of their initiatives is a safe driving billboard in the 127/Cedar Street area. The district is working with MDHHS on Expanding, Enhancing, Emotional Health (E3) Program which is a program located in a school or on school grounds that provides on-site comprehensive mental health services.

Williamston – The annual end of year student activities has begun including NHS induction, Preschool-K-12 Fine Arts Festival, M-STEP and NWEA testing. The district will have a bond initiative this fall. A Williamston Teacher won regional Teacher of the Year and will move on to the state.

2024-25 Meetings

September 4, 2024

October 2, 2024 – Legislative Breakfast

November 6, 2024

December 4, 2024

January – No Meeting

February 5, 2025

March 5, 2025

April – No Meeting

May 7, 2025