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BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Monday, September 29, 2025

6:15 PM – Joint Board of Education Meeting

Harper Creek Administration Building

Harper Creek High School

12677 Beadle Lake Road, Battle Creek, MI 49014

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM.
 - A. Battle Creek Public Schools
 1. Present: Mr. Fulbright, Mrs. Perry, Mr. Grajek, Dr. Johnson, Mr. McClenney, and Mr. Hoaglin-Jackson. Absent: Mrs. Flores.
 - B. Lakeview School District
 1. Present: Mr. Greene, Mrs. Aisha Coulson-Walters, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Metzger, Mrs. Myers. Absent: Dr. Glass.
 - C. Pennfield Schools
 1. Present: Mrs. Forton, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Wood, Mr. Crandall, Mrs. Sheldon. Absent: Mr. Brown, Mr. Herbstreith.
 - D. Harper Creek Community Schools
 1. Present: Mr. Bess, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Allwardt, Mr. Halverson, Mrs. Waterson, Mrs. Risner.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Bess led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Welcome: Mr. Beau Bess, Harper Creek Board of Education President – Mr. Bess welcomed the Board of Education from Pennfield Schools, Lakeview School District, and Battle Creek Public School to Harper Creek for this evening of learning and collaboration. Mr. Bess thanked the team for preparing the space for the meeting.
- IV. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
- V. Introduction of Anna McCrumb, CISD Educational Technology/REMC 12E Regional Director: Mr. Rob Ridgeway, Harper Creek Community Schools Superintendent – Anna began her career as a classroom teacher. She spent summers teaching at the Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center. Anna received her undergraduate degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota and her Master's in Education Technology from Western Michigan University. Harper Creek Community Schools are proud to welcome Anna McCrumb to discuss Transforming Education with Artificial Intelligence.
- VI. Discussion
 - A. Anna McCrumb: Artificial Intelligence
 1. [Transforming Education with AI Sept 2025 - Google Slides](#)
 2. Mrs. McCrumb presented an overview of AI, the future of AI, AI in Education, Ethics, and how to move forward. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, allowing tasks that typically require human cognitive functions to be done with technology. Mrs. McCrumb discussed two types of AI – Generative AI and Agnetic AI. Generative AI includes ChatGPT, song generators, presentation makers, and more, while Agnetic AI includes technologies like facial recognition, smart

home functions, and AI phone Assistants, among others. Anna continued with a brief history of AI. She stated that AI has origins in 1943, referencing a published paper proposing the groundwork of neural networks. While the applications of AI in schools are new, the technology is not. Mrs. McCrumb discussed the innovations in Education using AI. Using the tools allows for efficiency, student differentiation, and enhancing student support, all while engaging students. AI helps teachers and administrators to streamline tasks and make accommodations. Mrs. McCrumb showed how AI can save teachers six hours a week on planning tasks and administration, and the importance of prompt engineering as a framework for success. Mrs. McCrumb discussed applications available to educators, including Diffit, Curipad, Google Edu, Magic School, and Canva AI. These platforms aid in developing lesson plans, rubrics, differentiation, student engagement, and accessibility. Anna spoke on the ethical considerations of using AI. Districts will need student guidelines for usage and clear policies. Districts will also need to consider data safety and privacy when allowing students to engage in AI platforms. Many free versions collect data that they use to train the models. Mrs. McCrumb reminded that it is never good practice to upload any identifiable information into AI. It is important to make sure that AI tools are FERPA safe, COPPA compliant, and that the user agreements are age-appropriate. Mrs. McCrumb discussed the rapidly changing workforce and predicted the ways that businesses will respond to AI. As educators, schools will need to plan for the future of AI at the district level, the school level, and the teacher-level guidance. Lastly, Mrs. McCrumb provided resources to help in the district's navigation of AI. Resources can be found embedded in the presentation.

- VII. Question and Answer (Board Members and Administration Only) Mrs. McCrumb answered questions from the Board members. Questions posed included the environmental impact of AI, copyright laws, how AI can help parents, professional learning, AI policy, data privacy, budgeting for AI, and fostering collaboration between the CISD and the Districts.
- VIII. Comments from the Audience: There were no public comments.
- IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.
 - A. Battle Creek Public Schools: 7:36 PM.
 - B. Lakeview School District: 7:37 PM
 - C. Pennfield Schools: 7:37 PM
 - D. Harper Creek Community Schools: 7:37 PM

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.