

Watersmeet Township School District
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2025
4:00pm

President M. Hazen called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and began with the pledge.

Present: M. Hazen, J. Fiorucci, L. Rogers, P. Smith, T. Williams,
A. Schrader
Absent: None

Motion by T. Williams, second by A. Schrader to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Visitors: None

LVD Representation: Karrie Biron

Student Council Representation: None

Union Representation: None

The Handbook was discussed and the Handbook Committee and Administration will get together soon for a meeting to talk about revisions.

Motion by J. Fiorucci, second by P. Smith to approve the minutes for the April 22, 2025 regular meeting. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Motion by J. Fiorucci, second by P. Smith to approve the minutes for the May 27, 2025 regular meeting. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

P. Ollila was in attendance to answer questions regarding the Accounts Payable and the Financial Report.

Motion by A. Schrader, second by J. Fiorucci to appoint Jeffery McGeshick as the new Board member to fill the remaining term which would be until November

2026. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Abstain, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Abstain, A. Schrader-Aye. 2-abstain, 4-Ayes—motion carried.

Mrs. Zelinski presented the end-of-the-year DIBELS testing data and answered questions.

Motion by T. Williams, second by P. Smith to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2025-2026. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Motion by A. Schrader, second by L. Rogers to approve the 2025 Tax Rate Request (L-4029). Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Motion by T. Williams, second by J. Fiorucci to hire Kaylee Johnston for the 2nd grade teaching position at Step O and benefits. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Motion by T. Williams, second by A. Schrader to hire Elise Besonen as the K-12 Music teacher at Step O with benefits. Also to hire Mr. Mykkanen as her mentor for the 1st semester at MS Step 14 (1/2 year). Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Motion by T. Williams, second by P. Smith to go into Closed Session at 4:30pm. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

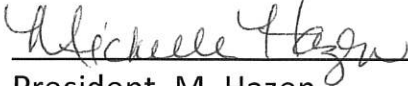
Motion by J. Fiorucci, second by P. Smith to go back into regular session at 5:32pm. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Motion by T. Williams, second by L. Rogers to have Mr. Peterson contact Thrun Law Office, MASB, and the GOISD regarding credentials and other items regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the LVDHC and move forward from there. Roll call vote: P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye,


T. Williams-Aye, A. Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.

Principal's report was presented by Mr. Peterson.

Motion by J. Fiorucci, second by T. Williams to adjourn at 5:37pm. Roll call vote:
P. Smith-Aye, M. Hazen-Aye, L. Rogers-Aye, J. Fiorucci-Aye, T. Williams-Aye, A.
Schrader-Aye. All ayes-motion carried.



President, M. Hazen



Secretary, P. Smith



2025-26

1661 Ramblewood Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 332-5046

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is a voluntary, nonprofit corporation comprised of public, private and parochial junior high/ middle and senior high schools whose Boards of Education/Governing Bodies have voluntarily applied for and received membership for and on behalf of their secondary schools. The association sponsors statewide tournaments and makes eligibility rules with respect to participation in such Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsored tournaments in the various sports. Each Board of Education/Governing Body that wishes to host or participate in such meets and tournaments must join the MHSAA and agree to abide by and enforce the MHSAA rules, regulations and qualifications concerning eligibility, game rules and tournament policies, procedures and schedules. It is a condition for participation in any MHSAA postseason tournaments that high schools adhere to at least the minimum standards of Regulation I and the maximum limitations of Regulation II in ALL MHSAA Tournament sports.

Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments are the collective property of the MHSAA and not of any individual member school. The MHSAA reserves the right to promote and advance the membership's interests with publication information; exclusive arrangements to create recognition and exposure for school-sponsored activities; restrictive policies prohibiting exploitation and commercialization of MHSAA-sponsored tournaments; appropriate proprietary interests, and the use of images or transmissions identifying contest officials, spectators and member schools' students, personnel and marks.

To obtain membership, it is necessary for the Board of Education/Governing Body to adopt the following resolution for its junior high/middle and senior high schools. This resolution must be formally ratified by your Board of Education/Governing Body and properly signed. Please return one signed copy for our files and retain one copy for your files. Resolutions that are modified in any way or are supplemented with letters placing additional conditions on MHSAA membership or tournament participation shall be rejected.

MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

For the year August 1, 2025 — through July 31, 2026

LIST ON BACK

_____ the School(s) which are under the direction of this Board of Education/Governing Body.

(Junior high/middle and senior high schools of your school system which are to be listed as MHSAA members and receive MHSAA mailings during 2025-26 must be listed on the back of this form)

Watersmeet _____ City/Township of Watersmeet _____

County of Gogebic _____, of State of Michigan, are hereby:

- (A) enrolled as members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., a nonprofit association, and
- (B) are further enrolled to participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by said association.

The Board of Education/Governing Body hereby delegates to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s) the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By-Laws of said association and adopts as its own the rules, regulations and interpretations (as minimum standards), as published in the current HANDBOOK as the governing code under which the said school(s) shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association's meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules.

This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2025 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2026, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

RECORD OF ADOPTION

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Education/Governing Body of the

Watersmeet _____ School(s), on the 27 day of May, 2025,
and is so recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the said Board/Governing Body.

Watersmeet Township School _____

(Governing Body Name)

N4720 Hwy 45 _____

(Address)

Watersmeet, MI 49969 _____

(City & Zip Code)

gpeterason3@watersmeet.k12.mi.us _____

(Contact E-mail)

Priscilla Smith

Board Secretary Signature
or Designee

☐ Check if Designee

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Schools Which Are To Be MHSAA Members During 2025-26

NOTE: Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution, all high schools, junior high/middle schools, or other schools of Michigan doing a grade of work corresponding to such schools, may become members of this organization provided (a) the school building has enrollment and onsite attendance of at least 15 students, whether for grades 6 through 8 or 9, grades 7 through 8 or 9, or grades 9 or 10 through 12; and (b) if a nonpublic school, the school qualifies for federal income tax exemption as a not-for-profit organization. To reach the 15-student minimum for middle school membership, schools may join the MHSAA at the 6th-grade level whether or not 6th-grade students participate in athletics.

- A. This Section does not require school districts to become member schools at the junior high/middle school level and does not require school districts to sponsor any interscholastic athletics for 6th-grade students.
- B. If a school district's MHSAA Membership Resolution lists a junior high/middle school as an MHSAA member school, and if the school sponsors a 6th-grade team in any sport or permits a 6th-grade student to participate with 7th- and/or 8th-grade students in any sport, then all of Regulations III and IV apply to all 6th-graders in all sports involving 6th-graders on teams sponsored by that school. If the school does not allow any 6th-graders to participate in a sport, MHSAA rules do not apply in that sport.

Name the Member High School(s)

List separately from JH/MS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. Watersmeet School
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

If necessary, list additional schools for either column on a separate sheet.

Name the Member Junior High /Middle School(s)

(member 6th, 7th and 8th-grade buildings)

List separately from HS even if all grades are housed in the same building.

1. Watersmeet School
 Name of Member School _____
 Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): K-12
 Provide anticipated 2025-26 7th and 8th-grade enrollment 15
 Provide anticipated 2025-26 6th-grade enrollment 9
 Grade levels for membership: ☒ 6 ☒ 7 ☒ 8
 1. ☒ Yes ☐ No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.
Watersmeet School
2. _____
 Name of Member School _____
 Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____
 Provide anticipated 2025-26 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____
 Provide anticipated 2025-26 6th-grade enrollment _____
 Grade levels for membership: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
 1. ☐ Yes ☐ No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.

3. _____
 Name of Member School _____
 Configuration of grades in building (e.g. K-6, 6-8, 7-8, 7-9): _____
 Provide anticipated 2025-26 7th and 8th-grade enrollment _____
 Provide anticipated 2025-26 6th-grade enrollment _____
 Grade levels for membership: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
 1. ☐ Yes ☐ No 6th-graders will be participating in at least one sport with 7th and 8th graders. If yes, and not housed in the same building, add the name of the building that houses 6th-graders on the line below.

Carefully read the instructions on page 2

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224,586,464

145,639,300

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2025 tax roll.

[illegible]

Prepared by George Peterson III	Telephone Number	Title of Preparer Superintendent	Date
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CERTIFICATION: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.121(1)(3).

<input type="checkbox"/>	Clerk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chairperson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	President

Signature	Print Name	Date
<i>Priscilla Smith</i>	Priscilla Smith	6/10/2025
Signature	Print Name	Date
<i>Michelle Hazen</i>	Michelle Hazen	6/10/2025

* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.246 the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

IMPORTANT: See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

<p>Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting mileage to be levied. See SJC Bulletin 2 of 2025 for instructions on completing this section.</p>	
<p>Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)</p>	<p>Rate</p>
<p>For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag., Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal</p>	
<p>For Commercial Personal</p>	
<p>For all Other</p>	

!!ATTENTION!!

THIS FORM IS NOW MANDATORY TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT. FAILURE TO RETURN THIS FORM COULD RESULT IN THE GOGEBIC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOT APPROVING YOUR MILLAGE RATES FOR TAX COLLECTION

GOGEBIC COUNTY

CHECK LIST FOR 2025 COUNTY APPORTIONMENT

** Form must be returned to the County Equalization Department signed and completed with L-4029 form*

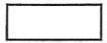
Our Tax Authority has completed the following steps as required by M.C.L. 211.24e ((Truth-in-Taxation)):



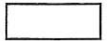
A Separate Truth-in-Taxation hearing is NOT necessary. Our Tax Authority complies with Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act.

Enter date your public hearing to adopt your budget was held

will be held June 23, 2025

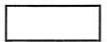


Our Tax Authority is exempt from M.C.L. 211.24e because we levied 1 mill or less in the concluding tax year for operating purposes



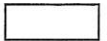
Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority has met and adopted a resolution proposing an additional operating millage rate and proposing a hearing date.

Enter date the said resolution was adopted



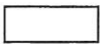
Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority has published a hearing notice containing the proposed additional millage rate and percentage increase in operating revenue which would be generated from permitted ad valorem tax levies at least 6 days before the hearing date.

Enter date hearing notice was published



Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority held a Truth in Taxation public hearing pursuant to the hearing notice.

Enter date of Truth in Taxation public hearing



Our Board of Commission or Council or Authority has adopted a resolution adopting additional operating millage which does not exceed that which appeared in the hearing notice published at least 10 days earlier.

Enter date the said resolution was adopted

Watersmeet Township (School District)

Taxing Jurisdiction (city, township, etc.)

Priscilla Smith

Clerk or Secretary

Michelle Hagen

Chairperson, President or Supervisor

Dated this

10th

day of

June

2025