



Board of Education - MEMO ON AGENDA

Regular Meeting: Sept 14, 2026

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. **Superintendent Evaluation:** Statement from The Board: *The Board had the opportunity to thoroughly review Superintendent Joel Stoner's performance for the 2025–2026 school year, and we are pleased to affirm an overall rating of **Effective**, the highest rating possible under Michigan law. Using the MASB evaluation tool, Joel earned a 2.97 representing 99% of the total scoring metric, reflecting strong leadership across governance, community engagement, staff relations, finance, instructional leadership, and student growth. We appreciate his visibility, communication, responsiveness, and the trust he has continued to build with our Board, staff, families, and community. Joel successfully navigated challenges, mentored new administrators, and continued to model collaboration, accountability, and humility. While we discussed areas for continued growth, particularly around balance and clarity of data, we are proud of his work and grateful for his dedication to Sparta Area Schools. We look forward to continuing this partnership and supporting his leadership in the years ahead.*
- B. **Academic Spotlight** - Student Assessment Data Review - Steve Johnson - Director of Academic Services
- C. **Building/Program Communications** - Updates from building principals and administrators on the latest happenings in the district.
- D. **Audience Comments** - Members/guests of the community may address the Board of Education at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **MASB 2026 Delegate Assembly Nominees** - The Board is asked to nominate a delegate and an alternate for the MASB Delegate Assembly on October 15, 2026.
- B. **Summer Tax Resolution - 2027** - This resolution is routine annual business to allow our district to collect 50% of our 2027 school taxes during the summer months. Without passing this resolution we would have to collect all our local funds during the winter tax cycle.

CONSENT AGENDA/ACTIONS:

- A. **Minutes from previous meeting** - Approval of minutes from the August 10, 2026 Board Meeting.
- B. **Personnel Report** - Information on any new hires, resignations, job transfers, or leave requests.
- C. **District Donations** - The Board of Education is asked to accept the donations submitted to the district this month.
- D. **Finance Report** - Information on expenditures for the month, investments, and a register of all invoices paid.

ACTION ITEM - None to Present

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

- A. **Thrun School Law Notes** - August 2026
- B. **Board Workshop** - September 28, 2026 - Facility Study Update
- C. **Roundtable Discussion** - Discussion of topics as presented by members of the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT: