Intergenerational Schools

September School Board Meeting 2025

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Date and Time

Thursday September 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM EDT

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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Board Resolutions**			**6:00 PM**
	A. Board Resolutions for Schools			
II.	**Friends of Intergenerational School and School Boards Combined Meeting.**			
III.	**Opening Items**			**6:00 PM**
	A. Record Attendance			
	B. Call the Meeting to Order			
	C. Mission Moment--Embarking on our 25th Year!		Principals	5 m
IV.	**Revised 25-26 Budget and Long Term Forecasting**			**6:05 PM**

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A.	Understanding the Drivers Resulting in Budget Revisions	FYI	Celeste Farmer	7 m

- Enrollment (see Dashboard), state and local funding, staffing, health insurance, etc.

B.	Revised FY 25-26 Budget	Vote	Brooke King	1 m

TIS-East and Near West

- Approval of the Revised FY 25-26 Annual Budget for Submission to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

C.	5-Year Forecast Slides & Discussion --coming soon	FYI	Celeste Farmer & Mangen Team	18 m
D.	Official 3.5 Year Forecast for Submission to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce	Vote	Celeste Farmer	1 m

V. Development Update — 6:32 PM

A.	Discuss	FYI	Melina Higbee	15 m

- Development Plan and Fundraising Goal for 2025-2026
- 25th Anniversary Event and steps to reach fundraising goal
- Progressive Event Update

VI. FIGS Board Adjourns, School Board Meeting continues

VII. Public Comment — 6:47 PM

A.	Public Comment	FYI		5 m

Any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda shall register their intent with the Executive
Director/CEO (or designee-Chief Operating Officer) no later than five (5) days prior to the meeting and
include:
A. name and address of the participant;
B. group affiliation, if and when appropriate;

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	C. topic to be addressed			
VIII.	**Sponsor Reports**			**6:52 PM**
A.	CMSD/ESCLEW Sponsor Report	FYI		10 m

- CMSD-Matt Rado
- ESCLEW-Joyce Lewis

IX.	**Consent Agenda (Please read Board Resolutions)**			**7:02 PM**
A.	Approval of August 6, 2025 Minutes	Vote		3 m
B.	Contracts	Vote		

TIS-East ONLY

- **Approval of Educational Service Center of Lake Erie West (ESCLEW) Sponsor Contract Modification 1**
  - The Intergenerational School (TIS) will no longer be required to submit a Comprehensive Plan outlining Educational Philosophy, financial policies, governing structure, and building leadership
  - TIS will be required to incorporate training on sexual abuse into in-service training.
  - TIS is required to update its Attendance and Truancy Policy to reflect recent legislation.
  - The contract now states that ESCLEW will exclude the Quality Community School Support grant funds, transportation funds, Student Wellness and Success grant funds, and facilities funds from its collected Sponsorship fee

Near West Only

- **Reinstatement of Lease Agreement**, as of August 1, 2025, between the Board of Education of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District the Near West Intergenerational School for the property known as the Kentucky School for an initial term of one year and to be automictically renewed for an additional one year at an annual rent of $150,000, inclusive of custodian and utility costs. In addition, custodian and utility costs due under the prior lease for 2024-2025 have been waived in exchange for NWIS completing the building improvements specified in the agreement.

- **RENEWAL-IgniteEd (Danielle Eisenberg),** to provide coaching to the Principal on specific professional goals related to instructional leadership for the 25-26 school year, not to exceed $10,000. This is a budgeted expense, reviewed by the Education Advisory Council (EAC), to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.
- **ADDENDUM-Philadelphia Insurance**, Addendum to existing policy adding additional coverage, increasing the limit for claims for property damage arising out of or in connection with occupancy of the school premises from $300,000 to $1,000,000 to comply with the terms of the new lease between CMSD and NWIS. The cost of this unbudgeted additional coverage for the 25-26 school year is $829.00.

TIS-East and Near West Split Contracts

- **RENEWAL-LV Consultants (Lisa Vehey),** to provide educational assistance to the Executive Director and Responsive Classroom training for teachers as outlined in Goal 1 in our Strategic Plan. Not to exceed $8,000, split between the schools (TIS=$4,000 and Near West=$4,000). Budgeted expense, reviewed by the EAC, to be paid from general funds or other monies obtained.
- **RENEWAL-The Education Policy and Practice Group (Kate Foley),** to provide executive coaching on implementing and monitoring progress of the strategic plan and each school's improvement plan (especially with regard to instructional coaching and Teacher Based Teams, for the CEO and Principals. Not to exceed $45,000, split between schools ($22,500=TIS and $22,500=Near West). Budgeted expense, reviewed by the EAC, to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.
- **RENEWAL-KFunk Consulting (Kristal Funk),** to provide the planning, execution, and facilitation of the September 12, 2025 Annual All Staff Professional Development Day, including leading two sessions on mastery-based grading, securing and paying keynote speaker, securing and paying math presenter, and all follow up including collecting and compiling exit tickets and surveys. Not to exceed $7,500,split between schools (TIS=$3,750 and Near West=$3,750). Budgeted expense, reviewed by the EAC, to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.
- **NEW-Equity in Instruction (Blake Gilliam),** to provide training sessions on equity-facing leadership and Transformative Learning Theory at the All Staff PD day in alignment with Goal 1 of Strategic Plan. Not to exceed $2,000, split between schools (TIS=$1,000 and NWIS=$1,000). Budgeted expense, reviewed by the EAC, to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.
- **NEW -Building Blocks of Brilliance (Andratesha Fritzgerald),** to provide the Keynote address and learning session at All Staff PD Day as well as virtual in-service sessions, focusing on differentiated instruction and Universal Design for

Learning (UDL), and safe practice coaching days throughout the school year (as outlined in Goals 1 & 2 of Strategic Plan). Not to exceed $21,000, split between the schools ($10,500=TIS and $10,500=Near West). Budgeted expense, reviewed by the EAC, to be paid out of general funds.

- **RENEWAL- Anthem Insurance--**To provide medical, dental, vision, group life, short-term, and long-term disability insurance for eligible employees effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026. The increased cost of the medical and dental plans will be shared between the employer and employee so that the percentage of the total cost attributable to each remains the same as during the prior year. Results in an average increase of 36.3% in monthly premium cost for the medical plans and a 5% increase in the cost of the dental plans to both the employer and employee, depending on the plan selected. The vision plans, group life, short-term, and long-term disability coverage will continue at the same rates as currently in effect.
- **RENEWAL BrandPivot** for continued execution, management, and coordination of the 2025-2026 Communications Plan through June 30, 2026. Not to exceed $55,000, split three ways (TIS=$18,333.33, Near West= $18,333.33, IGCIe=$18,333.34). Budgeted marketing expense to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.
- **NEW-BrandPivot** for website migration and redesign and to optimize content and the user experience, as well as reduce the ongoing hosting and content management fees, and to enable the team to manage information more easily with greater consistency. Not exceed $9600, to be split between the schools ($4800=TIS and $4800=Near West). Budgeted marketing expense to be paid out of general funds.

C. Additional Payments to Legal Contracts Vote

Near West ONLY

- PAYMENT OUTSIDE OF REGULAR SERVICES: **Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper** --To provide legal advice in the evaluation of employee matters and renewal of the lease with CMSD. This is an unbudgeted expense not to exceed $8895 and to be paid out of FY 25 general funds or other monies obtained.

TIS ONLY

- PAYMENT OUTSIDE OF REGULAR SERVICES: **Nicola, Gudbranson & Cooper** --To provide legal advice in the evaluation of student matters, review of the sponsor agreement with ESCLEW and independent contractor agreements.

This is an unbudgeted expense not to exceed $4448.50 and to be paid out of FY 25 general funds or other monies obtained.

D. MOU's Vote

TIS-East and Near West Memorandum of Understanding

- **NEW-Education Service Center of Northeast Ohio (ESC of NEO) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) Federal Grant MOU T**his is a Federal Grant that our schools have been invited to participate in. It is a partnership between The Cleveland Clinic, ESC of NEO, Neighborhood Family Practice, The Centers for Families and Children and other mental health providers. The program bridges the gap between school and clinical services for students and their families. Our schools will be provided with a licensed Health Navigator (shared with other schools) who will connect referred families to supports and health resources, and connect school personnel to their clinicians, sharing information in support of student success in and out of school. Our schools will also receive free professional development on trauma informed instruction, crisis prevention, threat assessments and more, and will also receive in-kind student mental health supplies (fidgets, calming toys, flexible seating, weighted vests, headphones, etc.).

Near West Only Memorandum of Understanding

- **RENEWAL-iSee MOU,** to provide free vision screenings and glasses to qualifying students.

E. Personnel Actions Vote

Listed in each school's Board Resolution

F. Policy Approval Vote

- RENEWAL-Academic Prevention and Intervention
- RENEWAL-Enrollment and Attendance Policy with Residency Verification
- RENEWAL-Cell Phone Policy
- REVISED Harassment Policy

G. Approval of July and August Financial Reports Vote

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
H.	Priorities for Advisory Councils	Vote		3 m
X.	**Education Advisory Group**			**7:08 PM**
A.	State Report Cards	FYI	Principals	13 m
XI.	**Governance**			**7:21 PM**
A.	School Board Pledge Form		Melina Higbee	2 m
B.	Virtual Sunshine Law Training	FYI	Amy Cascio	1 m

Open Meetings and Public Records Training through ESCLEW
Saturday, September 27, on Zoom from 9:00 am-12:00 pm

C.	Business Volunteers Unlimited (BVU) Training Requirements	Vote	Bob Nicolay	2 m

Business Volunteers Unlimited, to authorize Bob Nicolay to enter into a contract with BVU to conduct board training for school board members. This is an unbudgeted expense of $1700 to be split three ways (TIS=$566.66, NWIS=$566.66, IGCIe= $566.67) to be paid out of general funds or other monies obtained.

D.	Long-Term (Non-Emergency) Executive Succession Plan	Vote		2 m
XII.	**Closing Items**			**7:28 PM**
A.	Next Meeting Preview for October 29, 2025 at 6 pm at Near West	FYI	Brooke King	2 m

NWEA nationally normed Beginning of Year (BOY) scores and educational targets for 25-26
School merger decision to pursue to not to pursue

B.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote		

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