

Hillsdale Community Schools Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING September 18, 2023

I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. which was held in the Davis Middle School band room.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Christine Kratzer, Willis & Juresek presented the annual audit report to the board.

Members Present

Nicole Hoffman
Kathy Petersen
Eric Moore
Leslie Bennett- Granata
Rebecca Portteus
Pat Flannery

Members Absent

Dan LaRue

Administration Present

Shawn Vondra, Superintendent
Becky LaFollette, Gier Principal
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Director
Sid Halley, Transportation Director
Josh Perrin, HHS Principal
Marsha Webster, DMS Principal
Laura Call, Food Service Director
Amy Goldsmith, Interim Bailey Early Childhood Director
Patty Knapp, Business Manager

Guests

Nick Bauerly	Christine Kratzer	Clinton Teller
Andrew Eisenga	James Edward Thomas	Quinn Cornell

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - August 7, 2023 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for August 2023 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 341,603.25
Building & Site	\$ 63,982.14
Food Service	\$ 1,349.25
Activity	\$ 83,959.70

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for August 2023 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 2,089,056.17
Building & Site	\$ 127,197.22
Food Service	\$ 34,801.95
Activity	\$ 55,008.74

Moved by Petersen, supported by Bennett-Granata to approve the consent agenda as presented

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B3. Bills Under Separate Action

General Fund

ck#107803	Arrowswift Printing - \$242.51
ck#107835	Arrowswift Printing - \$204.90

V. Communications

- A. Written: email correspondence distributed to board members
- B. Public: NA

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports

Building & Site 9/13

B. Superintendent's Report

- Karen Luce - maternity leave of absence (unpaid) for the 2023/24 school year
- Tabatha Balcom - Gier EA - 8/3-approx 6 weeks of FMLA
- Cognia - awarded accreditation by the North Central Assoc. Commission
Plaques were awarded to the building administrators at this time
- Donna Roden-English - advance retirement notice - end of 23/24 school year
- Amanda Cole - Gier EA - resignation 9/7
- Linda McDowell - Admin Asst. - Finance - resignation 9/15
- SET SEG Net Asset Return Check \$6,386.00
- VAPE Litigation - Atria Settlement Proposal: upcoming webinar
- Bank activity dates

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

1. Quinn Cornell - GSRP Teacher Assistant

Moved by Bennett - Granata supported by Petersen to hire Quinn Cornell as a GSRP Teacher Assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Cassandra Willoughby - HHS School Success Worker

Moved by Petersen supported by Moore to hire Cassandra Willoughby as a school success worker.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Suzanne Shepherd - DMS School Success Worker

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Suzanne Shepherd as a school success worker.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Nick Bauerly - Bus Driver

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Nick Bauerly as a bus driver.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. Eva Sowle - Transportation Aide

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Eva Sowle as as transportation aide.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. Vanessa Collison - DMS Educational Assistant

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Vanessa Collison as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. Audrey Phillips - DMS Educational Assistant

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to hire Audrey Phillips as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

8. Victoria Kepplinger - GSRP Teacher

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to hire Victoria Kepplinger as a GSRP teacher.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

9. Cynthia Laeder - GSRP Teacher

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Cynthia Laeder as a GSRP teacher.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

10. Melissa Zaharias - Food Service - 5 hour

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to hire Melissa Zaharias as a five hour cook.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

11. Will Heffner - Middle School Football Coach

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Will Heffner as a middle school football coach.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

12. Braden Sturm - Middle School Football Coach

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Braden Sturm as a middle school football coach.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

13. Greta Wrobbel - Gier Educational Assistant

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to hire Greta Wrobbel as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

14. Clinton Teller - HHS Mathematics Teacher

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to hire Clinton Teller as a teacher.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. MASB Delegate Assembly

Tabled until next meeting

2. MI Arts & Culture Council Donation

Moved by Petersen supported by Moore to accept \$1,353.00 from Michigan Arts & Culture Council for art outlets and sketch kits.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. HHS Athletic Booster Club - Competitive Cheer Donation

Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Petersen to accept \$3,775.00 from the HHS Athletic Booster Club for competitive cheer mats.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. HCCF - YOUTH Capacity Grant

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to accept \$3,000.00 from HCCF - Youth Capacity Grant for band, theater and hygiene supplies.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. HCCF - Instrument Fund Donation

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to accept \$2,482.66 from HCCF - Band Instrument fund.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. School Board Strategic Plan

Moved by Petersen supported by Moore to accept the revised school board strategic plan as presented.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. Readmittance Committee

Moved by Petersen supported by Moore to appoint N. Hoffman and R. Portteus to be on the readmittance committee for an application review.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

VIII. Addenda

A. Public Comment:


- a. Mr. Thomas commended the district for positive changes
- b. DMS Principal Webster spoke to the board regarding her new PBIS program that has been initiated at the middle school level.

B. Board of Education Comments: n/a

Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Petersen to enter closed session at 7:00 p.m. for Attorney-Client Privilege - section 8(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

Return to Open Session - 8:30 p.m.

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.



Leslie Bennett-Granata, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
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