

Hillsdale Community Schools Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

January 15, 2024

I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. which was held in the Hillsdale High School library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Members Present

Nicole Hoffman
Kathy Petersen
Rebecca Portteus
Pat Flannery
Dan LaRue
Leslie Bennett-Granata

Members Absent

Eric Moore

Administration Present

Shawn Vondra, Superintendent
Becky LaFollette, Gier Principal
Marsha Webster, Davis Principal
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Supervisor
Patty Knapp, Business Manager
Sid Halley, Transportation Supervisor – arrived at 6:21 p.m.

Guests

Jean Michael

IV. Board Organization

A. Election of Temporary Chair

Moved by Petersen, supported by LaRue to elect Nicole Hoffman to the position of temporary chair on the Hillsdale Community Schools' Board of Education for 2024.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Election of Officers

1. President/Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer

Moved by LaRue, supported by Portteus to elect Nicole Hoffman to the position of Board President, Kathy Petersen to the position of Board Vice President, Leslie Bennett-Granata to the position of Board Secretary and Rebecca Portteus to the position of Board Treasurer on the Hillsdale Community Schools' Board of Education for 2024.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to transfer funds, including electronic transfers, from savings to checking accounts, checking to savings and checking to checking for the following funds:
 - General Fund
 - Food Service Fund
 - Building & Site Fund
 - Payroll Account
 - Activity Account

4. The Superintendent or designee shall be authorized to make investments of available monies from the funds in the District in compliance with Policy 6144. This includes the authorization of the Business Manager as the Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO).

5. The following may be used as school depositories for investments for 2024:
 - County National Bank
 - Fifth Third Bank
 - Southern Michigan Bank & Trust
 - Flagstar Bank
 - Huntington National Bank
 - MILAF Investments
 - Premier Bank
 - American 1 Federal Credit Union
 - Community Choice Credit Union

5 Ayes 0 Nays Abstain: Flannery Motion passed

V. Consent Agenda

Moved by Petersen, supported by Portteus to approve the consent agenda as presented

A. Approval of Minutes - December 11, 2023 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for December 2023 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,477,348.10
Building & Site	\$ 101,483.26
Food Service	\$ 144,219.45
Activity	\$ 42,412.40

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for December 2023 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,530,316.60
Building & Site	\$ 100,889.44
Food Service	\$ 107,367.69
Activity	\$ 33,968.28

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

A5. Emily Robinson – DMS EA

Moved by Portteus, supported by LaRue to hire Emily Robinson as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

A6. Tera Suydam – DMS EA

Moved by LaRue, supported by Portteus to hire Tera Suydam as an educational assistant.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

A7. Jackie Barrett – DMS Special Education Teacher

Moved by Petersen, supported by Portteus to hire Jackie Barrett as a teacher.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

B. Board Affairs

B1. HCCF Donation

Moved by LaRue, supported by Petersen to accept \$2,932.00 from HCCF.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

B2. Ruth Barber Davidson Donation

Moved by Petersen, supported by Portteus to accept \$500.00 from Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

B3. John & Kenette Spratt Donation – Platinum Partner – HHS Robotics

Moved by LaRue, supported by Portteus to accept \$3,670.00 from John & Kenette Spratt for HHS Robotics.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

B4. Hillsdale Area Young Life – Bronze Partner – HHS Robotics

Moved by Bennett-Granata, supported by Portteus to accept \$100.00 from Hillsdale Area Young Life for HHS Robotics.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

B5. R&D Controls, LLC – Platinum Partner – HHS Robotics

Moved by Petersen, supported by Portteus to accept \$5,000.00 from R&D Controls, LLC for HHS Robotics.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

B6. Nationwide Infrastructure LLC Donation

Moved by Porttues, supported by Bennett-Granata to accept \$500.00 from Nationwide Infrastructure LLC for 2023-24 wrestling weight class sponsorship.

B16. HHS Cafeteria Servery – Change Order

Moved by Bennett-Granata, supported by Petersen to approve the change order for \$50,096.00 with Foulke Construction for the HHS cafeteria servery project.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

IX. Addenda

A. Public Comment – NA

B. Board Member Comment- Hoffman thanked the district for the lovely cutting board for Board Appreciation Month.

Vondra thanked the Board for their service, complemented them on being a highly functioning board.

Bennett-Granata is humbled by all the donations from the community – they appreciate it!

Flannery commented on how sporting events build character development as seen in some of our matches. He is impressed with our athletes.

X. Adjournment

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Supt. Search Meeting with MASB convened at 6:54 p.m.

B17. Board Meeting Dates for Supt. Search

Moved by Petersen, supported by Bennett-Granta to approve the following meeting dates:

2/12/24 5 pm

3/19/24 6pm

4/01/24 6pm

4/02/24 6pm

4/08/24 6pm HHS library

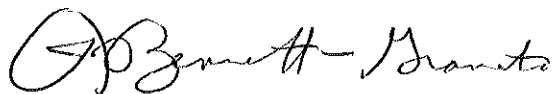
6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

B18. Cancel Board Workshop - January 29

Moved by Petersen, supported by Bennett-Granta to cancel the January 29, 2024 board workshop meeting.

6 Ayes 0 Nays Motion Passed

Adjourned 8:20 pm



Leslie Bennett-Granata, Secretary

Hillsdale Board of Education

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HILLSDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SCHEDULE OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS
2024

January 15, 2024	Hillsdale High School – library 30 S. Norwood Ave.	6:00 P.M.
*February 12, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	6:00 P.M.
March 18, 2024	Bailey Early Childhood Center gym - 59 S. Manning St.	6:00 P.M.
April 15, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	6:00 P.M.
May 20, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	6:00 P.M.
*June 24, 2024	Annual Budget Hearing Hillsdale High School - library	5:30 P.M.
*June 24, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	6:00 P.M.
July 15, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	6:00 P.M.
*August 5, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	6:00 P.M.
September 16, 2024	Davis Middle School – band room 30 N. West. St.	6:00 P.M.
October 21, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	6:00 P.M.
November 18, 2024	Gier Elementary School - gym 175 Spring St.	6:00 P.M.
December 16, 2024	Hillsdale High School - library	5:15 P.M.

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