

# Hillsdale Community Schools Board of Education

## REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING February 12, 2024

### I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:02 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  
Dan LaRue  
Leslie Bennett-Granata  
Rebecca Portteus  
Eric Moore

#### Members Absent

Pat Flannery

#### Administration Present

Shawn Vondra, Superintendent  
Becky LaFollette, Gier Principal  
Marsha Webster, DMS Principal  
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Supervisor  
Emily Hale, Food Service Supervisor  
David Pratt, Athletic/Activities Director - HHS  
Allison Wirick, Bailey Early Childhood Director  
Josh Perrin, HHS Principal

#### Guests

Jean Michael                                      Andrew Eisenga                                      Matt Gordon                                      Kay Waffle

### IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - January 15, 2024 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for January 2024 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,956,200.80
Building & Site	\$ 269,433.89
Food Service	\$ 93,363.84
Activity	\$ 18,209.64

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for January 2024 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,578,473.11
Building & Site	\$ 494,946.65
Food Service	\$ 239,804.49
Activity	\$ 16,935.59

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

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

## **V. Communications**

- A. Written - none
- B. Public - Jeremy LaFollette wanted to let the Board know he was impressed with Howell Mechanical - Gier boiler project

## **VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff**

### **A. Committee Reports**

Building & Site 2/8

### **B. Superintendent's Report**

- Tera Suydam - DMS EA - declined Jan. hire
- Emily Robinson - DMS EA - Jan. hire - subbing - needs to pass test
- Susan Volk - DMS/HHS Art teacher - resignation/retirement 6/30/24
- Jerry Curby - HHS teacher - resignation/retirement 6/30/24
- Madisen Sours - maternity FMLA 3/21-5/3
- Janet Kies - FMLA 1/11-3/7
- Stephanie Steiner - maternity FMLA/unpaid leave 3/14- end of school yr.
- Brittney Townsend - FMLA 2/1-2/18

## **VII. Old/New Business**

### **A. Personnel**

#### **1. Amanda Dunton - 4.5 hr. DMS Food Service**

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Amanda Dunton as a 4.5 hour cook.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

#### **2. Kay Waffle (Morton) - District School Nurse**

Moved by LaRue supported by Bennett-Granta to hire Kay Morton as the district nurse.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

#### **3. Laura LaFountain - Adult Education Educational Assistant**

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to hire Laura LaFountain as an adult education educational assistant.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

#### **4. Spring Coaching Hires**

Moved by Petersen supported by Bennett-Granata to hire the slate of coaches as presented.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. MASB 2024 Board of Directors Ballot

Moved by Petersen supported by LaRue to cast the board vote for Dale Wingard for the MASB Board of Directors for 2024.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

2. Nov. 23 Special Update - Policies:

0122/1420/3131/3142/3220/3120/3139/3130/3132/3140 - 2nd reading

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to adopt the Nov. 23 Special Update Policies as presented.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

3. ESSER III Fund Utilization - no action

4. Roofing Bid for DMS

Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by LaRue to approve the DMS roofing bid to Excel Roofing, LLC in the amount of \$690,000.00.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

5. 2024 Category 2 Erate- Award

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the 2024 Category 2 Erate to People Driven Technology in the amount of \$99,090.01.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

6. Overnight Trip - HHS Wrestling

Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Portteus to approve the MHSAA state wrestling finals overnight trip as presented.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

7. Overnight Trip - HHS Track

Moved by Portteus supported by Bennett-Granata to approve the Clare track meet overnight trip as presented.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

8. Hi-Lex HHS Robotics Platinum Partner Donation

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to accept \$1,000.00 from Hi-Lex for the HHS Robotics program.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

9. Olmstead, LLC HHS Track Donation

Moved by LaRue supported by Portteus to accept \$760.41 from Olmstead, LLC from the Cottage Inn fundraiser for the high school track program.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

Public Comment - none

Board Member Comment - none

IX. Motion to go into closed session

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to go into closed session for periodic personnel evaluation.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

CLOSED SESSION at 6:35 p.m. - **REQUIRES A ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Motion - roll call NH-Y KP-Y LBG-Y RP-Y DLR-Y EM-Y**

OPEN SESSION

10. Superintendent's Annual Evaluation

Moved by Portteus supported by Petersen to approve the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation as presented.

6 Ayes      0 Nays      Motion passed

**IX. Adjournment**

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Leslie Bennett-Granata, Secretary

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