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Hockinson School District Board of Directors  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Monday, October 28, 2024  
6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: HSD Community Center & Zoom  
[HSD Calendar](#) has a link to join the Zoom meeting

## MINUTES

### I. Board Meeting/Call To Order

*Board Chair, Teresa VanNatta called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

#### A. Establish Quorum

*Quorum established and Anne-Elissa Carter will be joining the meeting shortly.*

#### B. Land Acknowledgement

*Gordon Smith read: It is vital to honor those who came before us and acknowledge the long history of what is now southwest Washington State. This area has been home to ancestors of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe for thousands of years. The land, with its rich resources, enabled the Cowlitz People to flourish, and they stewarded the land with their traditional culture. Today we must appreciate the persistence of the Cowlitz People and the important role they play in our region as together we steward the land for all our descendants.*

#### C. Pledge of Allegiance

### II. Approval Of The Agenda

*Superintendent Marshall had one Walk-In item on the Consent Agenda, section F. Item 4. A contract for Land Management Services. Board Chair, Teresa VanNatta asked for a motion to approve the Agenda with the Walk-In item. Kat Stupka made a motion to approve the Agenda with the Walk-In and was seconded by Gordon Smith. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.*

### III. Communications

#### A. Welcome Community Members

*Teresa V. welcomed all those attending.*

#### B. Excuse Any Absent Board Members

*Patrick Carter is out of the country. Board Chair, Teresa VanNatta asked for a motion to approve Patrick's absence. Gordon Smith made a motion to approve Patrick's absence and was seconded by Kat Stupka. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.*

*Superintendent Marshall asked if the students could speak first and he'll do the HSD Recognitions with his report.*

### C. HSD Recognition

#### 1. Maile Krumpschmidt, MD

*Maile Krumpschmidt, MD, who is also one of our track coaches, for providing sideline medical assistance at our home football games.*

#### 2. HSD Facility Planning Committee

*HSD Facility Planning Committee, including: School Board Chair Teresa VanNatta and community members Heather Swanson, Natalie Hessle, Brian Hebert, Simon Soot, Lisa Heath, Courtney Tomlinson and two members who have given so much of their time to this committee James Walter and Megan McChesney. McChesney and Soot served on what was in 2022-23 called the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee. This entire committee has shown remarkable dedication to researching facility options and collecting input from, and communicating with, Hockinson families. Forgot to mention Greg Gospe, also on the committee.*

#### 3. Ben Holmes & Chris Bryden

*Ben Holmes & Chris Bryden, from Alderbrook Park Event Center, generously donated their time and talent, as well as sound equipment, to this year's HHS Homecoming Dance.*

#### 4. Anonymous Community Donor 1

*Anonymous Community Donor 1 noticed that the HMS Cross Country lacked a team tent, so he purchased one for them - in HMS colors and with the HMS logo.*

#### 5. Anonymous Community Donor 2

*Anonymous Community Donor 2 has donated over \$6,000 to the HSD since Jan. 2022 to support district events and unpaid lunch accounts.*

### D. Reports

#### 1. Board Share Out

*Kat - enjoyed the tour of the schools, great to get positive feedback too.*

*Teresa - Upcoming FunRun on Saturday at Hockinson Meadows*

*Gordon - wanted to acknowledge during the tour at the middle school; how great it is to see how the student voice is used to make things better.*

*Kat & Teresa attended the Open-House.*

#### 2. Student Reps

##### a) HHES: Oliver Evans (did not attend)

*Audrey Kadow: Student leadership team. Leadership Goal: restart/refresh. Working on respect. Harvesting from the school garden, hoping to make a wagon with the high school workshop. Spirit month was kindness. Veteran's Day Assembly coming up. Thanked the Board for bringing back the milk machines. Teresa V. asked more about the wagons. and thanked Audrey for her report.*

##### b) HMS: Jack Andreev & Dani Williams

*Dani: 7th grade, Jack: 7th grade. Home-base pumpkin decoration contest; a great way to bring the HMS students together. School dance coming up. Wrestling and Boys Basketball is going on. Veteran's Day Assembly coming up. 8th grade students are going to go see The Giver play at the high school. Bathroom expectations are being worked on for the 8th grade students. Vandalism going on; students should know better as they are now in middle school. Mr. Loper's class won the pumpkin contest.*

##### c) HHS Students -

*Jack Robinson 10th Grade and Carter Meyer 10th Grade. 400 students attended the Homecoming dance, everybody loved the DJ. Unity Day - handed out candy and stickers and had a guest speaker. Career and College event, a very cool experience. Fundraiser for the Pink Lemonade Project. Band mattress fundraiser happened. . AWSL Conference for ASB, both Jack & Carter attended up in Lacey, WA. 30 schools participated. The Giver play at*

*the high school is coming up. Veteran's Day Assembly on Nov. 7th. Canned food drive 11/18 - 12/6. The Booster auction event is taking place. Fall recognition assembly is also coming up.*

### **3. Superintendent, Steve Marshall**

#### **Pumpkin-themed Learning & Fun at HHES**

*There were three pumpkin-related stories in the latest News RoundUp, but this one directly connects to PSL (that's Pumpkin-Spiced Learning), designing pumpkin characters, painting the gourds, and completing a pumpkin-themed math project. They recently read Sophie's Squash and are writing a sequel to the story. In music class, third graders are creating, responding to, and performing "Pass the Pumpkin" on xylophone and voice. Students also created a chart to share what they know, wonder, and would like to learn more about pumpkins.*

#### **HSD Arts & Music Programs are made Possible by Levy Support**

*The 2022-26 Educational Programs and Operations Levy funds TK - 12 Arts and music programs, including high school theater and band (Grades 5-12), in Hockinson's schools.*

#### **HHS Fall Play "The Giver" Opens Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 pm**

*About fifty HHS students are involved in the HHS Theatre production The Giver. Ten Stagecraft students helped build and paint the set and forty students make up the play's cast and crew. Theater teacher Stephanie Evans shared that this show is unique because, due its small cast size, she double-casted the show to involve more students.*

*You are invited to support our theater students by watching The Giver at the Hockinson High School's MPR at 7 pm on Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9. Matinee shows are on Nov. 2 at 2 pm and Nov. 8 at 1 pm. Purchase tickets [here](#), and continue reading [here](#) to learn more about this production and how the theater program prepares students for lifelong success.*

#### **HHS Musicians Perform in Honor Band and Prepare for Fall Concert, Oct. 29 7:30 pm**

*Congratulations to the HHS Band students at the Lower Columbia River Music Educators Association! This year, Hockinson student musicians in grades 9-12 performed at the association's Honor Band Concert held earlier this month. You can view their amazing performance [here](#)!*

*We couldn't be more proud of our dedicated student-musicians. You can listen to our award-winning band at its Oct. 29 HHS Band Fall Concert at 7:30 pm.*

#### **HMS and HHS Bands Unite for Spectacular Halftime Show**

*In Hockinson, it's possible... HMS plays with HHS band at football game*

*In Hockinson, it's possible for students to connect across schools and form bonds that extend beyond the classroom. A recent case-in-point: You may have seen (and heard) HMS Band at the Oct. 18 home football game! HMS 8th grade band members joined the HHS Band on the field to perform the halftime show and in the stands at the game's conclusion. In addition to preparing for their Fall Concert, the 8th Grade Band has been learning music for this performance since early September. "The performance and overall experience is a*

band memory they will have for the rest of their lives," said Jennifer Ritenburgh, who is the HMS band director. In addition to this performance, there are a multitude of other combined ensembles to facilitate inter-school performances such as the end-of-the-year District Band Festival.

### **Raising Food and Community Spirit: Journey Tribute Band Stone in Love Concert at HHS 12/5!**

Families and community members of all ages are invited to join us for a fun and nostalgic community concert featuring Stone in Love! This Journey tribute band delivers faithful renditions of classic hits from one of the most beloved rock groups of all time. Expect a high-energy performance that captures the essence of Journey with soaring lead vocals, lush four-part harmonies, signature guitar licks, powerful keyboards, and driving rhythms—bringing legendary hits to life once again. Admission is two canned food items

This community concert is sponsored by iQ Credit Union, Hockinson Main Street Team, AAA Boosters, PWT, Hockinson Community Education, and Hockinson Chevron. Concessions will be available thanks to AAA Boosters. Big thanks to HHS Leadership students for their help with organizing this event.

### **Levy Spotlight: Kat Young, HHES Nurse**

Did you know that our state only provides the HSD with funding for 1/3 of a nurse for all three of its schools? This is where levy funding comes in, making it possible for the HSD to have the equivalent of three full-time nurses at its three schools. But even at that staffing level, it's still a big job. For instance, Nurse Kat Young serves over 900 elementary students every day! With almost two years at HHES, Young also utilizes her prior nursing experiences in school and hospital settings.

Kat is described as a dynamic presence in the HHES Health Room and HHES campus. "She jumped right in, created fun opportunities for the students, arranged programs that are above and beyond, worked to improve the safety procedures and so much more, all while managing a large and extremely busy health room", said Molly Scott, who is the ESD 112 nurse coordinator and oversees our Nurse Corps team. "She is reliable, kind, intelligent, creative, funny, and such an asset to the HSD." HHES families are indeed fortunate to have Nurse Kat in this important role.

### **The Great ShakeOut Day Drills for Earthquake Preparedness**

On October 17, our school participated in The Great ShakeOut Day, a statewide earthquake drill aimed at helping students and staff practice essential safety procedures. During the drill, students and staff practiced how to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" in the event of an earthquake. Thank you to everyone for making this drill a success and for your continued support in keeping our schools safe!

### **HHES Harvest Festival a Real Treat for Students**

Over 600 students attended this year's Halloween Carnival and Trick or Treating at Hockinson Heights Elementary School this past Saturday, October 26. Thank you to PWT (Parents Working Together) and everyone who donated candy and their time to make activities like this possible for our students.

### **Summary of FPC Survey #4**

Thank you to the 307 families who responded to the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) Survey #4. You can read the full survey summary [here](#). Here's a summary of top takeaways:

- Building a second elementary school and enhancing district-wide safety are the top priorities for respondents, followed by adding a Career & Technical Education building at the high school.
- The track and field project at Hockinson High School is not among the top three facility priorities. To address this, the Facilities Planning Committee is considering reducing costs by removing lighting replacement and reallocating savings to the second elementary school, safety upgrades, and the CTE building.
- Families expressed interest in securing outside funding, such as grants and state support. The Facilities Planning Committee is pursuing various funding options, including a Department of Commerce energy grant, OSPI Small Schools Modernization Grants, and leveraging about \$2 million in impact fees and property sale proceeds, along with \$8.7 million in state matching dollars and in-kind donations.

### **Fall Community Tour Expands Focus**

This fall's community tour on Oct. 18 was a little different than years past. Instead of falling on a Wednesday, this year's tour was held on a Friday. Also, whereas the tour's focus is usually solely on student learning, Friday's tour looked at all three areas of the HSD Strategic Plan: Learning, school culture, and facilities. If you were unable to join us on the 18th, we hope you will be able to participate in our spring community tour next March.

October 18 Community Tour Presentations:

Meredith Gannon and Michael Olson shared points of progress in the school's Library that was improved and repainted by volunteers in 2020. View the full presentation here: [Hockinson Heights Elementary School Presentation Slides](#)

Bess Colpron and Sid Slom demonstrated the school's lockdown system, which automatically secures both exterior and interior doors. View the full presentation here: [Hockinson Middle School Presentation Slides](#)

Tim Fox and Kathy Pacheco stopped by the school's weight room, which has recently been updated by Kasey Powers to enhance injury prevention for student-athletes. View the full presentation here: [Hockinson High School Presentation Slides](#)

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

We are looking forward to connecting with you during the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences for all Hockinson schools!

- Hockinson Heights Elementary School will have conferences on 10/28-11/1, with evening conferences on 10/29.
- Hockinson Middle School and Hockinson High School will have conferences on 10/30-11/1, with evening conferences on 10/30.

Don't forget! All three schools will be released 3 hours early next week!

### **Smarter Balanced Assessment Scores Now Available in Skyward**

Individual student SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) scores from this spring are now available. To view your student's scores, please log into your Skyward account and click on the "Test Scores" tab. This news comes with a post-script: Only the scale score appears in Skyward. For an explanation of the scores, click [here](#). We will share print copies of individualized score reports with students as soon as we receive them from the state, which we believe will be in the next few weeks.

### **Student Spotlight, Unity Day Edition: Catelyn Russell**

This month's News Round Up profiled HHS senior Catelyn Russell who participates in Leadership and played an active role in coordinating Unity Day activities. Here is more from Catelyn on her involvement with Unity Day:

*How did you help coordinate Unity Day this year?*

*I helped coordinate Unity Day by planning and executing the read-aloud stories that were played during class for the elementary school. I also helped to coordinate the morning greetings at the HHES and HMS.*

*Why is it important to share Unity Day messages with our younger students?*

*It is important to share Unity Day with younger students because learning how we can all work together and be kind to each other from a young age is so important so that it becomes such a simple and easy lifestyle when we're older.*

*What does Unity Day mean to you?*

*Unity Day to me is a reminder that we really are all so similar and all deserve to be loved and accepted.*

*Can you share a memorable moment from Unity Day-related activities that made you feel proud to be part of HHS?*

*A memorable moment from our Unity Day activities would have to be the greeting at the elementary school, it was a rainy and cold morning, but seeing all the tired kiddos walk off the bus and just get so excited to see Buzz and get a sticker affirmed in me that we can really make anyone's day. That experience really just made me proud to be a part of it.*

*What is one message you hope Hockinson students take away from Unity Day?*

*I hope Hockinson students are able to take away how easy it is to make a change and take the extra step to say something kind or make sure everyone is included.*

Way to go, Catelyn and HHS Leadership! Special thanks to Leadership teacher Leslie Pershall for her work in planning and organizing Unity Day festivities with our younger students.

### **AAA Booster Online Auction is Now Live**

The AAA Boosters' Hawk-o-ween Online Auction started on Saturday, Oct. 26. This year's auction features over 200 items! Don't miss the chance to register, bid, and win Reserved 2025 Graduation or Football home game seating and parking, Hawk gear, gift cards, Seahawk and other game tickets, lavish vacations, and your choice of amazing gift baskets! There are also opportunities to donate to your favorite teams and groups or our Make a Difference item, "Launch Experiences." This project will benefit all of the school's students and enter you into a drawing to win additional fun prizes!

We welcome all HSD families, Hockinson community members, and friends of Hockinson, both near and far, to participate in this year's auction to help elevate HHS Athletics, Academics, and Activities! Here's the Auction [LINK!](#) The auction ends Nov. 2.

Nov 2 Dia de los Muertos Booster 5K Fun Run/Walk: Everyone is invited to participate in the Saturday, Nov. 2 Dia de los Muertos Fun Run organized by the AAA Boosters. This is a fun (and healthy) event that brings our community together and raises funds for HHS sports and activities. Sign up [here](#).

### **Hockinson Community Invited to the Nov. 5 Silver Social**

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Holland Christie, Branch Manager of the Battle Ground Community Library, will deliver a presentation on Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries Lending and Programs.

Did you know that you don't need to drive to be able to borrow a library book? Have you heard that our local libraries not only lend books physically and digitally, but also videos and music? While at your local library you can use common spaces to meet friends, look at art from local artists, or attend a variety of social, informational, or maker gatherings and classes. Join us at 11 am to learn more about programs, locations, and lending options through our local Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries.

### **Athletics Updates**

State Three-peat for HHS Golfer Wall: Congratulations to HHS Senior Ethan Wall who qualified for his third State Golf Championships by finishing 8th at the 2A District Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Fellow senior Treyton Fraki also represented HHS at the tournament.

HHS Girls XC Win League Championship: Led by Lyla Taylor and Scarlett Sanders, the HHS Girls XC team claimed the league title by finishing atop the leaderboard of the GSHL 2A League Meet at Lewisville Park last Tuesday. Graysen Aldridge finished in the Top 10 and great performances were posted by Claire Tapio and Kaydie Boettcher. Congratulations to Tanner Hood who battled for a 5th place finish at the boys league meet. Both girls and boys teams will compete at the District XC Meet next Thurs. Oct. 31 at Lewis River Golf Course.

*Boys Tennis Concludes Historic Season: The doubles team of Jahlen Miller and Aidan Willis advanced to the District Tennis Tournament, but lost their consolation match and will not be moving on to Regionals. Congratulations to both athletes on a successful and trailblazing season. Now established, the HHS Boys Tennis Team looks forward to its 2nd season next fall.*

**4. Legislative Update**

*Superintendent Marshall individually met with Paul Harris and Kevin Waters, aware that Transitional kindergarten needs funding and HSD is pursuing some facility projects.*

**E. Community Input On Agenda Or Comments**

Public comment is welcome. So that the planned business of the Board may proceed in a timely manner, a total of 30 minutes maximum is allocated to public comment, with each speaker expected to limit their remarks to 2 minutes. Zoom software will be used to receive public comment. Please review Policy 1400 Meeting Conduct, Order of Business & Quorum. The Board also reminds participants to treat each other with courtesy, honesty and respect. Listen willingly to each other, even when opinions differ. Share accurate information. Honor the District’s policies to promote consistency and safety. respect each other’s time by adhering to the time limit. Thank you.

*Noone signed up to speak.*

**IV. Approval Of The Consent Agenda**

*Board Chair Teresa V. asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Anne-Elissa Carter made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Kat Stupka. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Superintendent Marshall reminded the board this also included the added Walk-in item.*

**A. October 2024 Vouchers**

1. General Fund Accrual Checks	101893-101900	\$12, 432.21
2. General Fund Checks	101901-101925	\$52,878.12
3. Capital Projects Accrual Checks	5097-5097	\$693.75
4. ASB Checks	11917-11920	\$1,155.69
5. Private Purpose Trust Check	35-35	\$1,000.00
6. General Fund ACH Accrual Checks	242500094-242500095	\$88.21
7. General Fund ACH Checks	242500096-242500119	\$33,203.92
8. ASB ACH Checks	242500120-242500122	\$3,381.15
9. Capital Projects Checks	5098-5100	\$92323.64



10. General Fund Checks	102000-102005	\$7,873.65
11. General Fund Checks	101926-101999	\$224,479.56
12. ASB Checks	11921-11930	\$16,778.45
13. ASB Cash Account Checks	242500139-242500141	\$415.79
14. General Fund ACH Checks	242500123-242500138	\$93,323.05
15. General Fund ACH Checks	242500147-242500147	\$1,736.19
16. Capital Projects ACH Checks	242500146-242500146	\$3,520.00
17. General Fund ACH Checks	242500142-242500143	\$2,429.46
18. ASB ACH Checks	242500144-242500145	\$610.16
19. CPM Tax Wire Transfer	202400004-202400005	\$1,963.40
Corrected September Payroll	\$2,388,652.81	
Estimated October Payroll	\$2,180,000.00	

**B. Budget**

1. September 2024 Budget Status Report
2. October 2024 Enrollment Report

**C. Approval of Previous Months Board Minutes**

1. September 30, 2024
2. October 14, 2024

**D. Boundary and Home School Reports**

**E. Personnel**

1. Classified New Hires
  - a) Trey Hymas, Eff. 10/18/24, Special Programs Para-Sped, 6hpd, ES
  - b) Oleg Shevelev, Eff. 10/24/24, Custodian, FT, ES
2. Retirement/Resignation/Transfer/Termination
  - a) John Samson, Eff. 10/02/24, Custodian, Ft, ES
3. New Extracurricular Assignments
  - a) Mac Klodt, Eff. 10/24/24, MS Basketball, Boys
  - b) Eric Shira, Eff. 10/24/24, MS Basketball, Boys
  - c) Janell Morley, Eff. 10/24/24, MS Basketball Boys
4. Extracurricular Resignations/Non-Renewal
  - a) July Barboza, Jr., Eff. Immediately, HS Soccer, Boys JV
  - b) Cole Foley, Eff. Immediately, HS Baseball JV

**F. Contract Approvals**

1. 24-25 Agreement for Placement of Student Out of District between La Center School District/Special Education and HSD.

HSD will provide services for a LCSD student in the 18-21 Program.

2. 24-25 Coop Agreement between Evergreen School District and HSD. Hollingsworth Academy services will provide therapeutic academic services.
3. 24-25 ESD112/Florens Academy Specialized Education Services to provide academic services and behavioral support in a therapeutic environment.
4. *Land Management Services*

**G. Citizen Advisory Committee Application Approvals/Resignations**

1. Corey McEnry - Approval
2. Crecia Page - Approval
3. Brittney Herkenhoff - Approval
4. Cary Delbridge - Resignation
5. Ashla Greene - Resignation
6. Courtney Tomlinson - Resignation
7. Sarah Barber - Resignation

**H. Out of District Travel**

1. HHS Cross Country, State Meet, Pasco WA, 11/8/24 - 11/9/24, Coach: Melissa Peterson
2. HHS Girls Swim, State Meet, Federal Way WA, 11/14/24-11/16/24, Coach: Michelle Jacobs-Brown
3. HHS Boys & Girls Varsity/JV Wrestling, Mall of America visit, Dual vs Prague, Rumble on the Red Tournament and NDSU visit, 12/28/24 - 1/5/24, Coach: Brandon Redeau

**V. Discussion Items**

**A. Budget Status Update**

*Aaron Villanueva gave the Board the budget and enrollment report.*

**B. Enrollment Report with Choice Transfer Data**

**C. WSSDA Policy - 1st Reading**

1. Policy 3241 Student Discipline - Essential [Policy Alert from WSSDA](#)

**D. Calendar at a Glance**

*The Board reviewed the calendar.*

*SBA summary: Writing is an area focus at HHES. HMS did really well. Josh is currently looking at a math curriculum adoption.*

**E. 24-25 Activities & Clubs Report -**

*Kathy Pacheco submitted a report*

**F. Press release for WSSDA Conference**

*Notice will be sent to The Columbian, The Reflector and Clark County Today*

**VI. Action Items**

**A. WSSDA Policy Updates - 2nd Reading**

1. Policy 3432 - Emergencies - Essential - WSSDA has revised this policy based on [RCW 28A.320.125\(2\)\(j\)](#)
2. Policy 6690 - Contracting for Transportation Services - Discretionary - WSSDA has revised this policy based on [RCW 28A.160.250](#)

