

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY

7:00 PM

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — January 14, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. The Hillsdale Local Board of Education Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Vella King at 7:00 P.M. in the Hillsdale Board Office Entryway. Roll call was taken by Treasurer Lesa Deter with the following Board members present: Jon Burkholder, Vella King, Steve Smith, Melinda Turk and Keith Yeater.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mrs. King recognized the visitors: Lindsay Bowen, Maci Atterholt, Carston Stephens, Mariah Thomas

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Recognition of Fabulous Falcons and Students of the Month
2. Student Achievement Update - Melinda Turk discussed curriculum report and student chose for a visual arts award
3. Report - Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center - Steve Smith reported not much work outside due to weather, work inside is coming along. Career Center is rebranding and will have a new name, this will be approved Thursday
4. Student Representative - Zoe Ritchie was absent due to weather
5. FFA Information as reported by Macy Atterholt and Carston Stephens
 - 12/21/24: We had about 15 members volunteer to help pack food boxes for the food fellowship ministry in Wooster
 - 1/8/25: The food science team competed in the district competition and placed 5th
 - 1/10/25: We did first grade reading and some members read books about maple syrup production and we would like to thank the McFadden family for donating the maple syrup for that
 - We have 8 members that are working on their state degrees, we have 3 members applying for their American degree, and there's 3 FFA officers that are working on their books for evaluation
6. Any Additional Public Participation related to agenda items. No one participated.

ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lesa Deter - reviewed financial data for the month and went over the chart of accounts
- B. Catherine Trevathan - recognized each Board Member for their service for Board Member Appreciation Month and gave each of them a certificate from OSBA. Ms. Bowen will be going to Paris to learn about leading a group on out of the country experience when she takes students to Ireland in June 2025. Ms Bowen explained the trip and how many student are planning on the Ireland trip which currently stands at 18. There was no expense to the district for Ms. Bowen to attend the designated training.
Jennifer Seman and I have been discussing rebranding and have worked with Jostens this week.

#25-9 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Smith, seconded by Yeater to approve the consent agenda and Additions/Deletions for the Regular December 17, 2024 Board of Education Meeting.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-10 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve the Treasurer Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of the January 9, 2025 Board Work-Session Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the December 2024 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approve the following donations:
\$150.00 from William & Patricia LaRue for Purple Star Program
\$500.00 from American Legion Auxiliary Unit #749 for Purple Star Program
\$200.00 from Allison Kozak & Howard Yellen for Music Dept. - Fund 300.940
- D. Approve the following items be removed from inventory for disposal/sale:
1 - Computer Laptop Cart

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-11 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Smith, to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda

- A. Approval to place the following on the negotiated master salary schedule second semester - 2024-25 school year due to advanced training:
Brooke Rush - Masters
Kyle Wissel - Masters + 20
- B. Accept the resignation of Cameron Robinson as hourly custodian effective January 7, 2025.

- C. Accept the resignation of Trevor Cline as MS Site Manager effective January 10, 2025
- D. Approve Matthew Brownell to a one (1) year contract as hourly custodian effective January 13, 2025, Experience 0.
- E. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2024-25 School Year/Season:
 - Bethany Heiby - Assistant Softball - Classification E; Experience 0
- F. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2025-26 School Year/Season:
 - Trevor Cline - Head Football Coach - Classification B; Experience 10
 - Mike Mack -Co Assistant Football Coach -Classification D; Experience 22
 - Tom Williams - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 20
 - Davis Baker - 7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 19
- G. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2025-26 School Year/Season:
 - Josh Barr - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 9
 - Mark Jump - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 11
 - Eric Pickering-Co Assistant Football Coach-Classification D; Experience 1
 - Ed Yetzer - Assistant Football Coach - Classification D; Experience 16
 - Tom Strine - 7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 10
 - Jeff Goodwin - 7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G ; Experience 12
 - Ethan Goodwin -Co-7 & 8 Football Coach - Classification G; Experience 2
 - Garrett Goodwin-Co 7 & 8 Football Coach -Classification G; Experience 1
 - Jamie Best - Weight Trainer Fall - Classification E; Experience 7
 - Lyra Lawson - JV & Varsity Football & Camp Cheerleader Advisor - Classification F; Experience 2
 - Kristin Weidrick - 7 & 8 Football Cheerleader Advisor - Classification H; Experience 1
- H. Approve the following volunteer coaches - 2025-26 School Year/Season:
 - Chad Buzzard - Volunteer Football Coach
 - Mike Garn - Volunteer Football Coach
 - Trey Williams - Volunteer Football Coach
 - Mike Wolf - Volunteer Football Coach
 - Jake Hoverstock - Volunteer 7 & 8 Football Coach
- I. Approve Barbara (DeAnn) Strahler to the 2024-25 Classified Substitute List.
- J. Second Reading and approval of the Hillsdale 2026-27 School Calendar.
- K. Approve Resolutions designating March as *Music in our Schools Month* and *Youth Art Month*

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Treasurer's New Business

#25-12 BUS PURCHASE

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve the purchase of a 77-78 passenger Gas School Bus from Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc at an estimated cost of \$138,361.00.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-13 RESOLUTION

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF A
RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

Superintendent's New Business

#25-14 FIRST READING OF THE BDC BOARD POLICY

Moved by Smith, seconded by Yeater to approve the first reading of the following Board Policy:

BDC - Executive Sessions

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-15 APPROVAL OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Turk to approve the use of the Ohio Department of Education & Workforce Special Education Model Policy and Procedures.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-16 APPROVAL OF COURSE DESCRIPTION GUIDE FOR 2025-2026

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve the Grade 9-12 Course Description Guide for 2025-26 School Year.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-17 APPROVAL OF BOARD GOALS

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Turk to re-adopt the Hillsdale Board of Education Goals

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-18 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to go into Executive Session at 7:38 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, federal rules or state statutes.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-19 REGULAR SESSION

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Smith, to resume regular session at 8:43 P.M.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.

#25-20 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Smith to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:43 P.M.

Burkholder, Aye; King, aye; Smith, aye; Turk, aye; Yeater, aye. Motion passes 5-0.



BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER

