

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY

7:00 PM

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — December 17, 2024 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, Emma Linder, Bell Linder and Jennifer Seman

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Recognition of Fabulous Falcons and Students of the Month
2. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk discussed information from the curriculum report. The curriculum team is continuing to work with consultants for the Middle and High School through the Educational Service Center. Currently we are in the second year of elementary math that came through a mass implementation, and it's the first year of the Algebra and Geometry implementation. There's a significant increase in student growth.

The fall English and Language Arts Ohio test results came in earlier this month.

We currently have 54% of our third grade students already proficient in reading, which is an increase from last year. Students and Administration are checking to make sure any students who are not proficient, have the support needed to ensure growth throughout the rest of the school year.

3. Report - Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center - Mr. Smith shared that the Five-Year Forecast was approved. The Career Center Superintendent said that enrollment for next year is on track.
Building project update: started to put steel in some of the new addition areas
New Paint Booth was installed in the Auto Body Lab
4. Student Representative - Zoe Ritchie was absent
5. FFA Information as reported by Emma and Bell Linder
 - The Parli-pro team placed: 2nd in sub districts, 1st in Districts, 1st in Prelims at State to move on to the Finals at State, which the team placed 4th.

- 12/2/24-12/6/24 Santa Workshop Students volunteered during their Ag Class to help the PTO and wrap gifts for the elementary students.
 - 12/4/24 Ashland Leadership Night, 6 students went and played interactive games
 - 12/12/24 Fruit came in, still have extra fruit available
 - 12/14/14 Collected \$1185 to give to Hillsdale Cares and 23 pairs of Pj's from Santa's Breakfast
 - 12/17/24 The food science team took their online test
6. Ben Leaver presented to the Board a clock from the elementary school that he repaired and refurbished to add to an area in the school as a piece of history.
- Ben also spoke on the picnic tables over by the memorial garden walking path. The Cub Scouts and I helped to build four octagon picnic tables. Each of the tables can hold up to 8 people. Generous donations from the Jeromesville Lions Club, Mrs. King and Ben's grandpa made this project possible.
7. Any Additional Public Participation related to agenda items. No one participated.

ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lesa Deter commented on the monthly trend of financials.
- B. Catherine Trevathan : Spoke on the Bathroom Bill - as it currently reads The State of Ohio is saying that you have to use the bathroom based on your assigned gender at birth. The Federal law is completely different and says you have to allow people to use the bathroom that they identify with. Currently our Board Policy covers us.

#24-152 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder 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.

#24-153 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the November 2024 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approve the following donations:

Andy McClure - 2 year magazine subscription to Fur, Fish, Game Magazine to the Hillsdale Library - valued at \$36.95.

Ashland University Cheer and Dance - Personal Care items valued at approximately \$150.00.

Ashland-Wayne Dairy Service Unit - \$550.00 to be deposited in FFA Fund 200.933A for student help during Twilight Tours.

Sandra Sasser - Hot Wheels and K'nex - approximate value \$140.00 - donated to STEAM Department.

Nicole Wilbert - Marble Run, Lincoln Logs and Hot Wheels - approximate value \$205.00 - donated to STEAM Department.

Scarlett Raines - Used Bench Scroll Saw, LEGO compatible materials and prizes - approximate value \$95.00 - donated to STEAM Department.

Painting of Hillsdale Barn - Framed Original Artwork - from Marcia Long, retired Hillsdale teacher.

Picnic Tables at the Memorial Gardens - from Ben Leaver (Eagle Scout Project).

Rebuilt Wooden Wall Clock (from Hayesville Building) from Ben Leaver, Hillsdale History Club Member. Glass donated by Wooster Glass.

D. Approval of the following adjustments to Appropriations for FY25.

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| Fund 499 | SAFETY GRANT | \$ 17,997.23 |
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E. Approval of an amended certificate update for FY25.

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

#24-154 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Approve Cameron Robinson to a one (1) year contract as hourly custodian effective December 9, 2024; experience 0.

B. Approve Sandra Grassman to a one (1) year contract as Full-Time Relief School Bus Driver/Van Driver effective December 16, 2024; Experience 5 .

C. Approve the following STEAM Course for 2025-26 School Year:

Steam Department Course: TBA - STEAM Capstone

Semester Course ½ Credit - per semester.

Available for more than one semester - Elective

Grades 9-12 Course Fee: determined per use of materials

Prerequisite: None

Teacher approved, self determined projects in advanced printmaking, including but not limited to the use of vinyl banners, laser etching prints, CNC routers, 3D printers, and/or silkscreen prints.

- D. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2025-26 school year/season:

Amber Swisher -Board Approved Club Advisor (Co-Ski Club) -Classification I; Experience 11
Kyle Wissel - Board Approved Club Advisor (Co-Ski Club) - Classification I; Experience 0

- E. Amend the Supplemental Contract of Kyle Wissel to reflect Head Boys' Track effective 2024-25 school year and

Amend the Supplemental Contract of Brittany Poling to reflect Head Girls' Track effective 2024-25 school year.

- F. Approve the following volunteer coaches:

Jett Heldenbrand - Volunteer High School Wrestling Coach
Jake Visintine - Volunteer High School Wrestling Coach
Debbie Knapie - Volunteer Gymnastics Coach
Jay Luikart - Volunteer Baseball

- G. Approve Katy Baumgartner as the Austin Smiley Wrestling Invite Tournament Manager - December 7, 2024 at a rate of \$200.00 plus benefits. All wages and benefits to be paid from Athletic Department Managed Activity Fund 300.950A.

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

#24-155 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Yeater to go into Executive Session at 7:29 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.

#24-156 REGULAR SESSION

Moved by Turk, seconded by Yeater, to resume regular session at 8:34 P.M.

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

Treasurer's New Business

#24-157 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE 5 AED'S

Moved by Yeather, Seconded by Turk to approve the purchase of five (5) Lifepak AED's at a total cost of \$10,637.00 to be paid from Permanent Improvement (PI) Fund 003.

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

#24-158 APPROVE RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

Moved by Smith, Seconded by Yeater to approve a Resolution of Necessity to Levy a Renewal Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation.

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

#24-159 APPROVE OSBA DUES AND POLICY UPDATE

Moved by Yeater, Seconded by Smith to approve
(January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)

- Dues - Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$5,101.00
- Ohio Policy Services - Board Policy update final billing \$3729.65
- School Management News at a cost of \$150.00
- Legal Assistance Fund at an approximate cost of \$250.00

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

Superintendent's New Business

#24-160 APPROVE 1ST READING OF 2026/2027 CALENDAR

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Turk to approve the first reading of the 2026-27 Hillsdale Local Schools Calendar.

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

#24-161 APPROVE ADMIN JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Smith to approve the Administrative Job Descriptions

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

#24-162 APPROVE RESOLUTION

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve the following Resolution:
Social Media Litigation: RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ATTORNEY-CLIENT FEE
CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE LITIGATION.

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

#24-163 APPROVE SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVISORY NETWORK

Moved by Turk, seconded by Smith to approve participation in the Small School District
Advisory Network for the calendar year ending December 31, 2025.

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

#24-164 APPROVE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Turk to approve to nominate and appoint Vella King
to serve as President Pro Tempore and preside over the January 2025 Organizational
Meeting until a new President is elected for 2025.

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

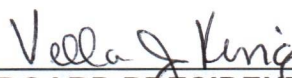
Discussion/Information Items

- A. Legislative Update - House Bill 68 : Save Women's Sports Act which bans transgender specific males in women's sports. Mr Yeater also updated the Board on HB 47 which require the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in each public and chartered nonpublic school and each public recreational facility
- B. Items from the Board. - None to report
- C. Any other Public Participation. No one participated


#24-165 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Smith to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:49 P.M.

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



BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, OHIO**

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Hillsdale Local School District, Ashland and Wayne Counties, Ohio (the "School District"), met in regular session on December 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Board Office Entryway, 479 T.R. 1902, Jeromesville, Ohio 44840, with the following members present:

Mr. Steven Smith introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN
EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION**

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03, 5705.21 and 5705.25)

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 20.10 mill, five-year levy for the purpose of current expenses (the "Existing Levy"), which Existing Levy was approved by the voters of the School District on November 5, 2019, and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2020 for collection in years 2021 through 2025; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a renewal tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Ashland County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") in order to permit the Board to consider the levy of such a renewal tax, and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the School District, the estimated property tax revenue, rounded to the nearest \$1,000, that will be produced by such renewal tax based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the renewal tax (based on the renewal tax's "estimated effective rate" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(Q)), as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(2)(c)(i) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest \$1, for each \$100,000 of the "county auditor's appraised value" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P));

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hillsdale Local School District, Ashland and Wayne Counties, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary for the School District to renew all of the Existing Levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose of current expenses.

Section 2. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.21, the question of such renewal tax levy (the "Renewal Levy") shall be submitted to all of the electors of the School District at the election to be held on May 6, 2025. All of the territory of the School District is located in Ashland and Wayne Counties, Ohio.

Section 3. The Renewal Levy shall be at a rate not exceeding 20.10 mills for each \$1 of taxable value upon the entire territory of the School District, for the following period of time: continuing.

Section 4. The Renewal Levy shall include a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the 2025 tax year (commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 5. The Treasurer of the Board is directed to promptly certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with instructions for the County Auditor to certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the School District, the estimated property tax revenue, rounded to the nearest \$1,000, that will be produced by the Renewal Levy based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the Renewal Levy (based on its estimated effective rate) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest \$1, for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Mr. Keith Yeater, seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

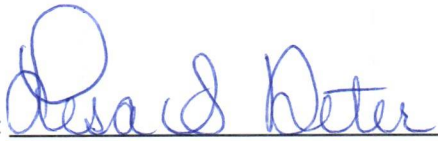
Ayes: Mr. Burkholder, Mrs. King, Mr. Smith, Ms. Turk, and Mr. Yeater

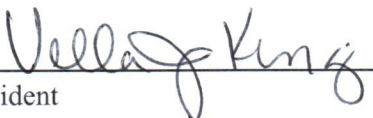
Nays: none

The Resolution 24-158 passed.

Passed: December 17, 2024

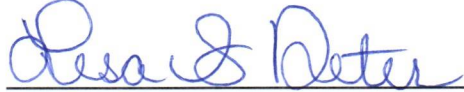
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, OHIO

Attest: 
Treasurer

By: 
President

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Hillsdale Local School District, Ashland and Wayne Counties, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Board of Education of said School District on December 17, 2024, and that a true copy thereof was certified to the County Auditor of Ashland County, Ohio.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lisa J. Deter", is written over a horizontal line.

Treasurer, Board of Education
Hillsdale Local School District
Ashland and Wayne Counties, Ohio