

HILLSDALE SCHOOLS  
479 TR 1902, Jeromesville, Ohio 44840

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 17, 2025  
7:00 PM  
Hillsdale Board Office Entryway

Tentative Agenda

I. Call to Order

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith

II. Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

III. Public Participation for Agenda Items

At this time, the Board wishes to recognize and thank our visitors for attending this meeting. You may do so now if anyone wishes to address the Board concerning agenda items. After the new business has concluded, public participation on non-agenda items will be heard. If you wish to address the Board on an agenda item, please state your name and the agenda item you want to address, and please limit your comments to a maximum of five minutes per person, with a total of 30 minutes of public participation on agenda items. Please understand that the Board may be unable to address your comments or concerns until the matter has been researched.

A. Falcon Spotlight

1. Recognition of Fabulous Falcons and Students of the Month
2. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
3. Report - Ashland County-West Holmes Career Center - Mr. Smith
4. FFA
5. Public Awareness: Federal Grants FY2026 - The Board will receive public input for spending of IDEA-B and Title 1 Federal Grant Dollars at the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.

6. Any Additional Public Participation related to agenda items.

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Lesa Deter

- 1) Hayesville Property - Closed
- 2) Board Packets

B. Catherine Trevathan

- V. Recommend approval of the consent agenda and additions/deletions for the regular Board of Education meeting.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

VI. Treasurer's Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the February 10, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented.
- B. Approval of the January 2025 Financial Reports as presented.
- C. Approve the following donations:

Charles River Labs - 24 Mettler Toledo Scales for Science Department at an approximate value of \$200.00 each - Total \$4,800.00  
(Contact person: Jason Sermulis).

Harvest Moon Venue, LLC - \$2,591.96 for Training supplies for Hillsdale Athletic Department.

Hayesville Amvets Post 1969 - \$2,025.18 for student lunch accounts.

Class Gift - Class of 2025 - 2 Picnic Tables approximate value of \$420.00 each.

- D. Approval to remove from inventory by sale at the FFA Consignment Auction - RES:

2007 White - Chrysler Town & Country  
2010 Blue - Dodge Caravan  
2012 Light Blue - Chrysler Town & Country  
Air Compressor- Ingersoll Rand, 60 gallon (from old high school)  
John Deere Mower - F935 with 4 foot brush  
Cub Cadet Riding Mower - Model 141  
George Ackerman Water Reel

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

VII. Superintendent's Consent Agenda

- A. Accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Douglas Shonk as teacher, and from all supplemental contracts effective May 31, 2025.
- B. Approval to place the following on the negotiated master salary schedule for second semester - 2024-25 school year due to advanced training:
- Alicia Metzger - Masters  
Carly Black - Masters + 30  
Matt Sloan - Masters + 30
- C. Approve continued participation in the statewide Open Enrollment Program for the 2025-26 school year.
- D. Approve continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for 2025-26 school year.
- E. Amend the Ski Club supplemental contracts of Kyle Wissel and Amber Swisher to reflect 2024-25 School Year/Season.

- F. Approval to amend the resignation date of Trevor Cline as MS Site Manager to reflect the end of 2024/25 school year/season.
- G. Approval to amend the Pupil Activity Contract of Doug Baker to Assistant Boys' Track - Classification E; Experience 2 - effective 2024-25
- H. Approve the following to Pupil Activity Contracts effective 2024-25 School Year/Season:

Angela Elliott - 7 & 8 Boys' Track - Classification G; Experience 0  
Heather Kuepfer -Assistant Softball Coach -Classification E; Experience 0

- I. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2025-26 School Year/Season:

Todd Miller - MS Site Manager - Classification F; Experience 11  
Doug Shonk - Assistant Golf Coach - Classification F; Experience 3

- J. Approve the following volunteers:

Adam Coleman

- K. Approve the following to the Hillsdale Classified Substitute List for 2024-25 school year:

Jocelyn Dickerson

- L. Second Reading and approval of the following Board Policy:  
BDC - Executive Sessions

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.



VIII. Treasurer's New Business

- A. Approval of Vella King to attend the 2025 NPE/NPE Action National Conference in Columbus, Ohio - April 5, 2025 - April 6, 2025. All costs to be paid from Board Service Fund.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- B. Approve membership in the Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI) for 2025 at a cost of \$500.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- C. Approval of the following Resolution:

Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Ashland County Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2026.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- D.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

IX. Superintendent's New Business

- A. May I have a motion for the First Reading of the following 2025-26 Hillsdale Handbooks:

- 1) Little Falcons Preschool Handbook
- 2) Hillsdale K-6 Student Handbook
- 3) Hillsdale 7-12 Student/Parent Handbook
- 3) Faculty Handbook
- 4) Food Service Handbook
- 5) Transportation Handbook
- 6) Custodial/Maintenance Handbook

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

- B. May I have a motion to approve preschool fees to be \$140.00 per month for a yearly total of \$1,260.00 per year for the 2025-26 School Year.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

C. May I have a motion to approve the following Resolution:

**LOVE THE BUS MONTH 2025**

WHEREAS the yellow school bus is among the most recognized icons of American schools and society, and,

WHEREAS school buses make up the largest mass transit system in the United States, and,

WHEREAS research demonstrates that the yellow school bus is the safest mode of transportation for some 26 million American school children each day, and,

WHEREAS yellow school buses are built to exacting federal and state safety specifications and school bus drivers are provided rigorous training, preparation and testing to ensure the safety of our children, and,

WHEREAS the yellow school bus provides access to education and learning for children who live in rural, suburban, and urban areas, including children who present with special needs, and,

WHEREAS the yellow school bus enhances the educational experience by providing access to extra-curricular activities, such as field trips and sporting events, and,

WHEREAS the yellow school bus contributes to improving our environment by reducing the number of vehicles that must be on the road to get our children to school each day, and,

WHEREAS the women and men who manage and operate local school transportation systems are dedicated to the safety of all children and to ensuring efficiency and accountability in the delivery of school transportation services,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education** recognizes the vital role that the yellow school bus plays in our education enterprise and in the life of our district, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Hillsdale Local Schools Board of Education** declares the month of **February 2025 to be LOVE THE BUS MONTH** in the **Hillsdale Local School District** and we call upon our students, our families, our faculty and staff, and our community to recognize the work of our school transportation team and all they contribute to the well-being of our students.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.

D. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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XI. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Legislative Update
- B. Items from the Board.
- C. Any other Public Participation.

XII. Adjournment

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to adjourn the Board  
meeting at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Burkholder, \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. King, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Turk, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Yeater.