

MINUTES OF HILLSDALE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

HILLSDALE BOARD OFFICE ENTRYWAY

7:00 PM

HILLSDALE LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION — February 17, 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, Delaney Painter, Brian Martin, Kelly Martin, Wyatt Hynek, Dally Meek, Jennifer Seman, Ian Trevathan.

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
Next school year the Career Center will be changing their name to The Heartland Technical Education Center.
4. FFA
January 15th - FFA monthly meeting - played kickball & board games
Ag Diagnostics to 3rd at Districts
Nursery and Landscaping took 3rd at Districts
Creed Speaking - 2nd at Sub Districts, 8th at Districts
Extemporaneous - 1st and 3rd at Sub Districts, 5th at Districts
FFA Week started - plans are spirit week, going to elementary classes, and Having the AG appreciation luncheon
5. Delaney Painter - student body representative, reported that on January 25th the Winter Dance took place and was put on by the National Honor Society. 115 Tickets were sold with all proceeds going to charity.
Junior class officers have begun planning prom.
National Honor Society had a successful blood drive which receive scholarships for holding the event.
6. 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.
7. Any Additional Public Participation. No one participated

ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Lesa Deter -
- 1) Hayesville Property had a closing settlement of \$26,166.00 of Which 5750.00 were legal fees, therefore \$20,472.00 is sitting in the general fund (001) for right now.
 - 2) Board Packets were discussed as to if Board Members wanted paper copies made up in packets prior to the Board Meeting or if having the documents out on Google Drive was sufficient.
 - 3) Financial update for January - revenue is trending unfavorable currently, this could be a timing issue and will be made up as we close up the next few months. Expenses are trending favorable to what was forecasted. Supply spending has decreased over last Year, and our purchase service expenses will increase over the next couple of months due to the grants being exhausted.

B. Catherine Trevathan

- 1) updated the Board on the sound system all over the school but especially in the gym. An upgrade to the system could get costly. It will be a work in progress. On another note our paging system works on the JAVA which was outdated prior to even being installed. Kody and I have been talking about upgrading over the summer.
- 2) Ashland County is running out of salt. Township is very low on cinders. Currently it is not looking good if we have more bad Weather.
- 3) Vella received the STAR Award. It is the accumulation of the number of hours and training over the last three years. Cathy Thanked Vella for all of hard work and time she dedicates.
- 4) Kody Manders updated the Board on the IT department and what is in the plans for next year. He spoke on the safety of cyber security along with safety enhancements that have been put in place to prevent attacks.

#25-24 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Turk 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.

#25-25 TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Smith, seconded by Burkholder to approve the Treasurer 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

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

#25-26 SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder, to approve the 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

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

Treasurer's New Business

#25-27 NPE/NPE ACTION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve 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.

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

#25-28 OEPI MEMBERSHIP

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Smith to approve membership in the Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI) for 2025 at a cost of \$500.

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

#25-29 RESOLUTION

Moved by Burkholder, seconded by Yeater to approve the 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.

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

Superintendent's New Business

#25-30 FIRST READING OF HILLSDALE HANDBOOKS

Moved by Yeater, seconded by Burkholder to approve 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
- 7) Athletic Handbook

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

#25-31 7TH AND 8TH COURSE DESCRIPTION

Moved by Smith, seconded by Turk to approve the 7 & 8 Course Description Guide for 2025-26 School Year.

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

#25-32 PRESCHOOL FEES

Approved by Yeater, seconded by Smith 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.

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

#25-33 APPROVAL OF BOARD GOALS

Moved by Turk, seconded by Yeater 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.

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

Public Participation for Non-Agenda Items No one participated

Discussion/Information Items

- A. Legislative Update : Keith discussed HB96 which could cut the Foundation Guarantee by 5% guarantee each year for the next two years.
- B. Items from the Board. No one part
- C. Any other Public Participation; no one participated

#25-34 ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Smith, seconded by Burkholder to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:58 P.M.

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



BOARD PRESIDENT



TREASURER