Hillsdale Community Schools
Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
April 21, 2025

I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. which was held in the Hillsdale High School Library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Audrey Foust from Jackson College introduced Aiden Monroe, a HCEMC student, who shared a presentation with the board members on his experience as an Early Middle College student. Aiden shared his experiences and offered his appreciation for being given this opportunity.

Members Present

Nicole Hoffman
Kathy Petersen
Chris Sumnar
Rebecca Portteus
Dan LaRue
Patrick Flannery
Matt Gordon

Members Absent

none

Administration Present

Ted Davis, Superintendent
Becky LaFollette, Gier Principal
Josh Perrin, HHS Principal
Josh Sepanik, Dean of Students/Athletic Director
Katie Stebelton, DMS Principal
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Supervisor
Emily Hale, Food Service Supervisor
Patty Knapp, Business Manager

Guests

Melissa Tesch	Jonathan Jackson	Audrey Foust	Amy Zoll
Andrew Eisenga	B. S. Billman	Maggi Monroe	Jeramy Monroe
Aiden Monroe	McKenzie Johnson	Lauren Cornett	Randy Cornett
Andrew Dixon	Jackie Hodge	John Spratt	Ron Monroe
Kenette Spratt	Rick Myers	Penny Myers	Mary Monroe
Amaree Monroe			

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2025 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B-1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for March 2025 are as follows:

General Fund	$	1,416,574.26
Building & Site	$	46,901.02
Food Service	$	134,255.75
Activity	$	23,115.23

B-2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for March 2025 are as follows:

General Fund	$	1,483,836.40
Building & Site	$	42,265.00
Food Service	$	65,626.08
Activity	$	30,691.73

Moved by Petersen, supported by Portteus to approve the consent agenda as presented
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V. Communications

Written Communication: Finish Line Property Solutions
Public Comment: None

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports
-Building & Site - 4/2
-Instruction & Assessment - 4/7
-Community Relations - 4/9
-Policy - 4/14

B. Superintendent's Report
-Facility Study
-Hanover & Associates
-Munetrix
-Transportation Handbook
-Discipline Matrix PK-12
-Calendar Committee
-Mythology and Folklore Class
-Neola Policies vs. Thrun Policies
-Chelsea Crall - DMS Summer School Coordinator
-Patty Knapp - Business Mng. - retirement 8/29
-KDG Round-Up
-Finish Line Property Solutions
-Lawn Mowing

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

B. Board Affairs
1. HCCF Donation

Moved by Sumnar supported by LaRue to accept $2,510.33 from Hillsdale County Community Foundation.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. General Fund 24-25 Budget Revisions
   Moved by Sumnar supported by LaRue to adopt the 24-25 General Fund budget revisions as presented.

   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Policy Technical Changes
   Moved by LaRue supported by Petersen to replace David Pratt with Josh Perrin and Laurie VanOrman with Allison Wirick regarding compliance officers in policies. Replace David Pratt-AD with Joshua Sepanik. Replace Foote Hospital with Hillsdale Hospital. Replace Osbourne March & Condon with Willis & Jurasek. CIL amounts to following the contract. Budget - remove Athletic and Adult Education, add Special Revenue.

   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Get To Donation
   Moved by Petersen supported by Sumnar to accept $3,600.00 grant from Get To.

   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

5. BPA National Leadership Conference Overnight Trip
   Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the BPA National Leadership Conference Overnight Trip as presented.

   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. Food Service Management Company Renewal
   Moved by Petersen supported by Sumnar to approve the Food Service Management Company Renewal as presented.

   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. New Class - Folklore and Mythology
   Moved by Petersen supported by LaRue to approve the Folklore and Mythology class as presented.

   7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V111. Addenda

A. Public Comment –
   a. M. Tesch - asked the board if they have had any discussion regarding the bus driver shortage.

b. J. Perrin - shared his appreciation for the work done by P. Knapp over the past several years at HCS.

B. Board Member Comment –

D. LaRue - thanked P. Knapp for her service to the district.

C. CLOSED SESSION - Student Discipline Evaluation

Moved by Sumnar supported by Petersen to go into closed session at 6:44 p.m. due to a student discipline evaluation.

A roll call vote as taken:
NH: Y KP: Y PF: Y RP: Y DLR: Y MG: Y CS: Y
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

The Board returned to open session at 7:20 p.m.

Moved by Flannery supported by LaRue to uphold the discipline committee recommendation.

A roll call vote as taken:
NH: Y KP: Y PF: Y RP: Y DLR: Y MG: Y CS: Y
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

D. CLOSED SESSION - Anti-Harassment Appeal

Moved by Sumnar support by Portteus to go into closed session at 7:30 p.m. due to an anti-harassment appeal.

A roll call vote as taken:
NH: Y KP: Y PF: Y RP: Y DLR: Y MG: Y CS: Y
7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

The Board returned to open session at 8:55 p.m.

IX.Adjournment

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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