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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 21, 2025

Call to Order

Mr. Dyes called the regular meeting of the Heritage Southwest Intermediate School District Board of Education to order at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #1 of the Administrative Services Center on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Roll Call

Members present: Mr. Garber, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Members absent: None
Administrators Present: Mr. Hubbard, Ms. Butchbaker, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Vaughn, Ms. Wimberley, Ms. Whitmire, Mr. Sheffey

Declaration of a Quorum

Mr. Dyes declared a quorum of the Board.

Pledge to the Flag

Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Communications to the Board

Captains of the Month for Motivating
Brookside: Elijah Dudley, Brandi Meiser, teacher; and Brooklyn Stockwell, Kristen Holt, teacher. Each received an award.

Captains of the Month for Trustworthy

Brookside: John Bachmann, Ann Pinard, teacher; and Asher Reed, Ashley Foster, teacher. Each received an award.

NPC: Sophia Mannor, Grace Williams, teacher; and Lilly Phillips, Karen Olotu, teacher. Each received an award.

Communication from the Audience

None

Presentations

Special Education Update
Staff member, Tina Wimberley, presented handout and highlighted some topics.
Early Childhood Education Update
Staff member, Chris Whitmire, went over handouts on department updates.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Cripe, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2025 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Ross, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Mr. Dyes, that the Board of Education hereby approves payment of bills which includes General Fund totaling $107,369.17 and Special Ed Fund totaling $689,676.60.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Cripe, Mr. Garber, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Human Growth and Development Curriculum

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education approve the Human Growth and Development Curriculum for two years (2025-26 and 2026-27).
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Mr. Garber, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

West Michigan Health Insurance Pool Resolution

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Garber, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Authorizing Public Entity Membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool ("WMHIP") for a minimum three-year period.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Dodd, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Ross, Mr. Garber, Ms. Cripe
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Inform Architecture Bid

Moved by Mr. Garber, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education accept the bid as presented from Inform Architecture for a CTE Center Concept Design.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Ms. Cripe, Mr. Dyes, Ms. Dodd, Mr. Ross, Mr. Garber
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

2nd Reading/ Adoption of Policies

Moved by Mr. Ross, supported by Ms. Dodd, that the Board of Education approve the 2nd Reading/Adoption of Volume 39 Number 2 Policies dated February 2025.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Garber, Ms. Dodd, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Ross, Mr. Dyes
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Rescind Policy

Moved by Ms. Dodd, supported by Mr. Ross, that the Board of Education rescind Policy 2264 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Dyes, Ms. Cripe, Mr. Garber, Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Hiring

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Mr. Garber, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Leah Fricke upon appropriate unprofessional conduct review and criminal background check as recommended by the administration.
Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mr. Ross, Ms. Dodd, Mr. Dyes, Mr. Garber, Ms. Cripe
Nays: None
All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Cripe, supported by Ms. Dodd, to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra Cripe
Secretary

These minutes are subject to board approval.