

HOLLIDAYSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES

The Hollidaysburg Area School Board met **Wednesday, June 18, 2025** for a **Committee of the Whole/Voting Meeting (Budget Adoption)** in the Senior High Library, 1510 N. Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg. Ms. Costanza called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Roll call was taken by Mrs. Fiscus with seven members present. Present were Ms. Costanza, Vice-President, Dr. Sommer, Ms. Sullivan, Dr. Li, and Ms. Luther. Mr. Bilek and Dr. Wells participated virtually. Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Snyder were absent.

Also attending were Mr. Whitesel, Superintendent, Dr. Boone, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Prosser, Director of Special Education, Mrs. Fiscus, Business Manager/Board Secretary, Mr. Nihart, Director of Physical Plant, Mr. Arthur, Director of Technology, Ms. Faith, Foundation Director/Grant Administrator, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Cerully, Mr. Keagy, Mr. Madden, Attorney Dambeck, Solicitor, and an Altoona Mirror Representative. Mrs. Bell, Director of Accounting Operations, participated virtually.

GACTC Recognitions

*Outstanding Senior Awards

~Outstanding Senior in Baking & Pastry Arts

Presented to: Leanne Leonard

~Outstanding Senior in Computer & Networking Technology

Presented to: Cayden Brubaker

~Outstanding Senior in Cosmetology

Presented to: Madeline Bukosky

*SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

~Falon Marie Morris Scholarship

Presented to: Malayia Luke

~Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association Award & Tiberio Attilio Scarfone Memorial Award in Masonry

Both presented to: Carter Weitzel

~SKILLS USA Recognition Award in Health & Medical Services

Presented to: Bailey McIntyre

Educator of the Year Recognitions

Educator-of-the-Year and Impact Award winners:

HASD Foundation Educator-of-the-Year, Secondary - Stephanie Everett, SH

HASD Foundation Educator-of-the-Year, Elementary- Maria Mikolajczyk, Frankstown

HASD Foundation Impact Award Recipient, Elementary - Larry Daugherty, Foot of Ten

Committee Report

Ms. Luther gave a report on the May 14, 2025 Policy Committee meeting.

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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Business Office Report / Mrs. Fiscus

Announcements: The board met Monday, May 19, 2025 at 10:00am to receive information on charter schools, and met in executive session Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 6:00p.m. for personnel and review of the school security report.

Meetings for July, 2025:

Policy Committee
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
Senior High Library
1510 N. Montgomery Street
Hollidaysburg PA 16648
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole/Voting
Wednesday, July 16, 2025
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1510 N. Montgomery Street
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Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Ms. Sullivan initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Li, Per Board Policy 006-Meetings, to approve the following minutes:

April 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole/Voting
May 7, 2025 Physical Plant Committee
May 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole - Budget Discussion
May 14, 2025 Policy Committee
May 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole/Voting

The motion carried on a voice vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

Dr. Sommer initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Wells, to approve Financial Reports 1 through 8. The reports included the Treasurer's Report, List of Payments, Investment Portfolio, YTD Expenditures/Revenues, Budget Transfers, Food Service for May, 2025 and Senior High Student Store for May, 2025. The motion carried on a roll call vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes, noting that the invoice for the books had been paid. **Exhibit 1**

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Per Board Policy 604-Budget Adoption, Dr. Wells initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve Option 6 (Full Act One Increase/With Additional Debt) of the 2025-2026 Consolidated Budget: \$56,739,282 Total Revenue and \$60,534,982 Total Expenditures. The motion carried on a roll call vote with five yes votes and two no. Dr. Sommer and Dr. Li cast the dissenting votes. Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Snyder were absent. **Exhibit 2**

Dr. Sommer initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, Per Board Policy 650-Tax Levy to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Hollidaysburg Area School District, that taxes are levied for school purpose for the school year beginning July 1, 2025, subject to the provisions of the Local Tax Collection Law and the Local Tax Enabling Act 511, as follows:

Real Estate Tax.

Real Estate tax of 10.5193 mills (or \$.0183 per \$1,000 of assessment)
(Including Real Estate at .0183 mill for Public Library)

Section 679 Per Capita Tax

\$5.00 per individual over the age of 18 who is a resident

Act 511 Per Capita Tax

\$5.00 for Allegheny Township, Blair Township, Newry Borough, Hollidaysburg Borough and Duncansville Borough

\$10.00 for Juniata and Frankstown Townships

Earned Income/Net Profits Tax

1.0% (HASD receives .5% & Municipalities receives .5%)

Flat Rate Occupation Tax

\$10.00

Real Estate Transfer Tax

1.0% (HASD receives .5% & Municipalities receives .5%).

The motion carried on a roll call vote with six yes votes and one no vote. Dr. Li cast the dissenting vote.

Ms. Sullivan initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Luther, Per Board Policy 605-Tax Levy to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of the Hollidaysburg Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2025 of \$14,615 under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006).\

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The motion carried on a roll call vote with six yes votes and one no vote. Dr. Li cast the dissenting vote.
Exhibit 3

Ms. Bilek initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Li, Per Board Policy 006 Meetings, to approve the following contracts/agreements:

1. Contract for Services with Gaggle.Net, Inc. effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for Gaggle Safety Management for Google Student Email and Drive and Hangouts Cost: \$12,800 (Budgeted) **Exhibit 4**
2. Contract with Edpuzzle effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for yearly renewal for unlimited access to Edpuzzle districtwide Cost: \$9,329 (Budgeted) **Exhibit 5**
3. Letter of Agreement with Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. (BDAP) effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for drug and alcohol prevention and Student Assistance Liaison Services. No Cost **Exhibit 6**
4. Membership Fee Agreement with Appalachia IU08 STEM Lending Center effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide access for teachers to use equipment in the IU08 STEM Lending Center Cost: \$350 Budgeted **Exhibit 7**
5. Contract with Get More Math for JH software licensing effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 Cost: \$9,383.80 Budgeted **Exhibit 8**
6. Software Support/Services for IBusBoss effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 Cost: \$370/yr. (Budgeted) **Exhibit 9**
7. Professional Services Agreement with C&S Contract Speech Language Pathology Services, d/b/a Blair Therapies effective June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide services to students while regular teacher is on maternity leave Cost: \$75/hr Budgeted **Exhibit 10**
8. Agreement with Adelphoi Education, Inc. effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for residential education services for students Cost: \$72.38/day (regular ed, \$174.66/day, special ed) Budgeted **Exhibit 11**
9. Memorandum of Understanding with Child Advocates of Blair County effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for classroom rental. Cost: \$378.24/month per classroom for 10 months Budgeted-Increase **Exhibit 12**
10. Encore Service Agreement with Spitz, Inc. effective August 1, 2025 through July 30, 2026 for planetarium maintenance services for computer hardware, software, projector and lighting sold or provided by Spitz Cost: \$4,600 Budgeted-Decrease of \$6,195 due to change in maintenance/service costs **Exhibit 13**

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11. Agreement with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for rental of one classroom at the Senior High for a multi-district MDS classroom Cost: \$395.43/month/classroom for 10 months Budgeted-Increase **Exhibit 14**
12. Letter of Agreement with Cambria Heights School District effective August 21, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for the education of a Cambria Heights School District student. Revenue: HASD Daily Tuition Rate as published by PDE and the cost of a paraprofessional. **Exhibit 15**
13. Contract with Andrew M. Klein, Special Education Consultant effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for special education consulting services Cost: \$300/hr (consulting); \$600 (expert witness) Budgeted **Exhibit 16**
14. Contract with Parchment effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for delivery services of credentials from the credential holding institution (HASD) for present-former student transcripts Cost: \$2,801.40 Budgeted **Exhibit 17**
15. Contract with Navigate 360 effective July 6, 2025 through July 5, 2028 for an emergency management suite platform subscription Cost: \$2,838.95 Budgeted **Exhibit 18**
16. Contract with Music Theatre International effective May 19, 2025 through March 1, 2026 for the elementary production of Madagascar Cost: \$1,657 Budgeted **Exhibit 19**
17. Education Affiliation Agreement with Geneva College effective June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2028 for student teaching classroom experience No Cost **Exhibit 20**
18. Agreement with Soar for Life effective October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for 5 hours/month of individual student behavioral health services No Cost **Exhibit 21**
19. Agreement with Merakey effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for educational services to children with autism and/or emotional disturbance Cost: Per Exhibit A -Budgeted Increase **Exhibit 22**
20. Contract with Securly effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for cloud-based software to monitor online activity Cost: \$16,416 Budgeted **Exhibit 23**
21. Contract with Mystery Science effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for digital science resources for elementary students Cost: \$5,085 Budgeted-Increase **Exhibit 24**
22. Contract with Smart Futures effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for a K-12 career planning and portfolio platform to help schools easily implement the Academic Standards for Career Education and Work within any classroom virtually Cost: \$9,300 Budgeted-Increase **Exhibit 25**

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23. Cooperative Agreement with Mount Aloysius College effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for the College in the High School Program No Cost **Exhibit 26**
24. Services Agreement with Cartwheel Health Services, P.C. effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for mental health services for students Cost: \$13,750 Paid by PCCD School Mental Health Grant **Exhibit 27**
25. Student Assistance Program and Juvenile Probation Office Agreement with Blair County on behalf of Blair County Juvenile Probation effective August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 No Cost **Exhibit 28**
26. Referral, Communications and Transfer Agreement with Alternative Community Resource (ACRP) effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for mental health services including case management and mental treatment programs to children, adolescents and adults No Cost **Exhibit 29**
27. Letter of Agreement with UPMC Western Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to work collaboratively for behavioral health service referrals, including mental health, drug and alcohol treatment or rehabilitation services No Cost **Exhibit 30**
28. Statement of Agreement with Allegany College of Maryland effective May 29, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for clinical training experience for students in healthcare programs No Cost **Exhibit 31**
29. Master Service Agreement with Language Line effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for qualified, trained interpreters to facilitate communication with limited English individuals Cost: \$1.50/minute + fees (per Statement of Work) Budgeted **Exhibit 32**
30. Statement of Work with Language Line effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for qualified, trained interpreters to facilitate communication with limited English individuals Cost: \$1,000 Budgeted **Exhibit 33**
31. Contract with Custom Computer Specialists, LLC. effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for Infinite Campus annual software agreement Cost: \$51,553.80 Budgeted Decrease **Exhibit 34**
32. Contract with Nicole L. Engleman, Ed.S, NCSP, ABSNP effective May 1, 2025 through August 21, 2025 for an independent educational evaluation of student, A.H. Cost: \$4,500 Not Budgeted **Exhibit 35**
33. Contract with Nicole L. Engleman, Ed.S, NCSP, ABSNP effective May 1, 2025 through August 21, 2025 for an independent educational evaluation of student, T.C. Cost: \$4,500 Not Budgeted **Exhibit 36**

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34. Contract with FinalSite effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for CMS Core (website) Cost: \$3,650 Budgeted **Exhibit 37**
35. Contract with FinalSite effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for Site Enhancements Cost: \$1,800 Budgeted **Exhibit 38**
36. Contract with Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 effective August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for Imagine Learning and Imagine Learning Teacher Cost: Varies Budgeted **Exhibit 39**
37. Contract with ClassLink effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for setup and training, annual license, roster server hosting, analytics plus and data guard Cost: \$17,874 Budgeted **Exhibit 40**
38. Memorandum of Understanding with PA CareerLink® Blair County/Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide career education services for students No Cost **Exhibit 41**
39. EMLuensmann, LLC. effective February 18, 2025 through March 27, 2025 for Title I reading services to Bishop Guilfoyle and St. Patrick campuses of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Cost: Not Exceed \$40,000 (Paid by Federal Funds) Budgeted **Exhibit 42**
40. EMLuensmann, LLC. effective August 18, 2025 through May 29, 2026 for Title I reading services to Bishop Guilfoyle and St. Patrick campuses of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Cost: Not to Exceed \$40,000 (Paid by Federal Funds) Budgeted **Exhibit 43**
41. Letter of Amendment with Juniata College effective June 10, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for a dual enrollment/dual credit program Cost: No Cost **Exhibit 44**
42. Contract with Jolt Edu effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for a single course subscription to "Meeting the Needs of English Learners" No Cost – Decrease **Exhibit 45**
43. Referral, Communications and Transfer Agreement with Impact Counseling, LLC., effective June 6, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for drug and alcohol services, including case management and drug and alcohol treatment programs to children, adolescents and adults No Cost **Exhibit 46**
44. Referral, Communications and Transfer Agreement with Impact Counseling, LLC., effective June 6, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for mental health services. No Cost **Exhibit 47**
45. Letter of Agreement with Impact Counseling Services, LLC. effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 to provide drug and alcohol services, including case management, as well as drug and alcohol treatment programs to children, adolescents and adults No Cost **Exhibit 48**
46. Letter of Agreement with Impact Counseling Services, LLC. effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for mental health services No Cost **Exhibit 49**

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47. Contract with Link Computer Corp., effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for Go Guardian software Cost: \$26,412 Budgeted-Decrease **Exhibit 50**
48. Digital Contract with GovConnection, Inc. effective August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026 for renewal of district-wide Adobe products Cost: \$12,300 Budgeted **Exhibit 51**
49. Contract with ParentSquare effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for annual ParentSquare virtual phone service Cost: \$2,400 Budgeted **Exhibit 52**
50. Contract with TouchPoint effective June 20, 2025 through June 19, 2026 for kiosk lockdown renewal, white glove service and support Cost: \$2,200 Budgeted **Exhibit 53**

The motion carried on a voice vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

Ms. Luther initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, to approve items D5 through 17 as follows:

Insurances for 2025-2026 **Exhibit 54**

Fringe Benefits for 2025-2026 **Exhibit 55**

Authorization for the 2025-2026 School Year for the Business Manager with the Board President/Board Vice President's approval to enter into electricity/natural gas agreements when securing a favorable rate would result in savings to the district prior to the next scheduled Voting Meeting of the board. Contracts entered into in this manner will be presented to the board at the next scheduled board meeting for information purposes.

Per Board Policy 626-Federal Fiscal Compliance, the board is being asked to grant Authorization for the Administration to apply for 2025-2026 Federal, State and Local grants and for the Superintendent to enter into awarded 2025-2026 Federal, State and Local grant contracts. The 2025-2026 budget will be reopened for budget adjustments for Federal and State grants as needed.

Federal Program Budget Adjustments:

2024-2025 Budget:

2024-2025 PCCD School Safety and Mental Health Grant \$158,048 (Increase)

2024-2025 Title II: \$786 (Increase)

Title I: \$4,110 (Increase) **Exhibit 56**

Per Board Policy 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation, the following bids: JH Science, SH Science, Music, Health and Phys Ed, and Office and Classroom Supplies **Exhibit 57**

Purchase of SRP Equipment per quote by Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc., dated 5/29/2025. **Exhibit 58**

School Breakfast/Lunch Prices for 2025-2026 **Exhibit 59**

Disposal of Obsolete Equipment and Books **Exhibit 60**

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Per Board Policy 229, District Fund Raising, 2025-2026 Student Activity fundraisers for 25 separate Student Activities district-wide. Expected net proceeds across all groups is \$54,675 and will be used for student enrichment. **Exhibit 60**

Fall 2025 Sports Schedule **Exhibit 61**

Athletic Ticket Prices for 2025-2026 **Exhibit 62**

Per Board Policy 702, Gifts, Grants and Donations, a donation of 16 swing mats for the Frankstown playground from the Frankstown PTO: \$3,500 **Exhibit 63**

The motion carried on a voice vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

Correction for Information Only: Contract with Scholastic Book Fairs effective May, 2025 through November 25, 2025 for the Junior High Fall Book Fair. (November 17-November 25, 2025) Parent/Student Paid ** Was approved at the May 14, 2025 Voting Meeting as the Foot of Ten Fall Book Fair**

Superintendent's Report / Mr. Whitesel

Proposed Textbook Adoption:

Mr. Whitesel announced that Per Board Policy 108, Adoption of Textbooks, the following textbooks will be on display from June 19, 2025 through July 16, 2025 at the administrative office and can be reviewed by appointment by calling 696-4454, ext. 1123.

They will be voted upon at the July 16, 2025 Voting Meeting:

Proposed Textbook:

Course: K-5 Elementary ELA
Title: Reading Wonder
Publisher: McGraw Hill Education
Copyright: 2023

Proposed Textbook:

Course: Grade 6 Elementary ELA
Title: CKLA
Publisher: Amplify Reading
Copyright: 2023

Mr. Whitesel presented his Annual Report to the Board.

Ms. Sullivan initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Wells, to approve the Goeth Institute - Exchange Program for Teachers for Alicia Schmouder, German Teacher. The motion carried on a voice vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 64**

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Ms. Bilek initiated a motion, seconded by Ms. Luther, Per Board Policy 614 Payroll Authorizations, to approve personnel items 1 through 66. The motion carried on a voice vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes. **Exhibit 65**

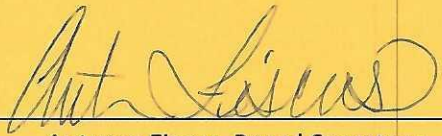
President’s Report / Ms. Costanza

Ms. Luther initiated a motion, seconded by Dr. Li, Per Board Policy 000 Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations, to approve the following policies on a first reading.

Policy Number	Policy Name	Status
Policy 006	Meetings	Revised
Policy 108	Adoption of Textbooks	Under Review
Policy 109	Resource Materials	Revised
Policy 827	Conflict of Interest	Revised

The motion carried on a voice vote with seven yes votes and zero no votes.

There being no further business to be brought before the board, Ms. Costanza declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.


Autumn Fiscus, Board Secretary