

HILLSDALE SCHOOLS  
479 TR 1902, Jeromesville, Ohio 44840

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, September 15, 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. Student Achievement Update - Ms. Turk
2. Report - Heartland Technical Education Center - Mr. Smith
3. FFA
4. Any Additional Public Participation related to agenda items.

IV. Administration Discussion Items

A. Lesa Deter

- OSBA Annual Conference/Hotel
- Arbitrage Rebate

B. Catherine Trevathan

- Food Service Update/Jody Raubenolt

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 August 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

B. Approval of the August 2025 Financial Reports as presented.

C. Approval of the following donations:

For PK-4 Library

\$150.00 Carly Mowry (books)

For Hillsdale FunFest:

\$350.00 Heffelfinger Meats (hot dogs)

For STEAM Class

\$2,000.00 Anonymous (beads, pipe cleaners & jewelry wire)

D. Amend the Permanent Appropriation and the official Certificate of Estimated Resources. (see attached)

E. Approval of the Five-Year Forecast as presented.

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

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

VII. Superintendent's Consent Agenda

- A. Accept the resignation of Uwe Locher as Math Teacher, for the purpose of retirement effective July 31, 2026.
- B. Approval to place the following on the negotiated master salary schedule due to advance training effective 2025-26 school year:

Brooke Fetzer (Rush) - Masters +40  
Keara Copenhaver - Masters +30  
Kyle Wissel - Masters +30  
Regina Hickey - Masters +20  
Shawn Weiler - Masters +20  
Brittany James - Masters + 10  
Rebecca Case - Bachelors +20  
Katie Gibson - Bachelors + 10

- C. Accept the following resignations from Supplemental Contracts:  
  
Todd Miller - Schools without Failures - Gr. 7-8, effective September 5, 2025
- D. Approve the following to Supplemental Contracts effective 2025/26 school year/season:

Elizabeth Kohler - Chess Club - Classification I; Experience 0

- E. Accept the resignation of Emily Walker as Co 7 & 8 Volleyball effective 2025-26 school year/season.
- F. Amend the contract of Carly Black to reflect 7 & 8 Volleyball Coach from Co 7 & 8 Volleyball Coach effective 2025-26 school year.
- G. Approve the following Sports Volunteers:  
Emily Walker - 7 & 8 Volleyball

H. Approve the following Classroom/Event Volunteers:

Hannah Basch  
Allison Henderson  
Adrienne Qualls  
Jesse Power  
Sandra Sasser  
Kimberly Starkey  
Evelyn Woodlee

I. Approve the following to the Classified Substitute List for 2025-26 school year:

Julia Blamer, Sandra Sasser

J. Approve Darlene Schuck as the PK-6 Fall Fundraiser Coordinator for the 2025-26 School Year at a rate of \$300.00 plus benefits to be paid from the Hillsdale ES Principal Support Fund 018.8903.

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

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

K.

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

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

VIII. Treasurer's New Business

A. May I have a motion to Approve the following Resolution:

**Recognizing Outside Organizations**

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education values the involvement and contributions of community organizations that provide support to our students, staff and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, these organizations play a vital role in enhancing the educational, extracurricular, and community experiences of Hillsdale students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to formally recognize the following organizations for their ongoing commitment and partnership with the District in accordance with Board Policy KMA - *Relations with Support Organizations*:

- Hillsdale Athletic Boosters
- Hillsdale Academic Boosters
- Hillsdale Post Prom Parents
- Hillsdale Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Hillsdale FFA Alumni
- Hillsdale Performing Arts Booster Club

**WHEREAS**, the Board also wishes to extend coverage under the Board of Education's liability insurance to the above-named organizations during the 2025-26 insurance policy year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Hillsdale Local School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the above-named organizations as official outside support organizations of the district, and expresses its gratitude for their dedication, service, and positive impact on the students and community of Hillsdale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above-named organizations are recognized as Support Groups of the School District for liability insurance and

other purposes, and the Board hereby directs the Treasurer to send a signed copy of this Resolution to the Board's insurance company.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the above-named organizations are hereby approved to receive general liability coverage under the Board of Education's liability insurance policy for the 2025-26 insurance policy year, for which they will each reimburse the Board for the cost of such insurance upon written notification from the Treasurer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as a condition of remaining a recognized Support Organization, the above-named organizations shall comply with applicable Board policies and accompanying regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of the Board of Education concerning and/or relating to the adoption of the Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

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

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

META Solutions Cooperative Advertising and Receiving Bids for School Bus Chassis and Bodies/Vans.

**WHEREAS**, the Hillsdale School Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one (1) conventional School Bus and/or Van.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Hillsdale School Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize META Solutions (META) to advertise and receive bids on said Board's behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of. This resolution does not obligate the district to purchase the bus or van.

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

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

C.

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

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

IX. Superintendent's New Business

A. **May I have a motion to approve the following resolution for a chiller:**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board authorize a contract with Energy Optimizers USA, LLC. ("Energy Optimizers") for the District's Facility Improvement Project (the "Project") based upon the authority of O.R.C. 167.081 for contracts procured through a Regional Council of Governments.

**Rationale:**

1. The District has identified a need for various mechanical improvements at the K-12 facility, located at 479 Township Road 1902, Jeromesville, Ohio 44840.
2. O.R.C. 167.081 allows a school district to participate in a construction contract of a Regional Council of Governments (a "COG") without the need to engage in competitive bidding. Specifically, O.R.C. 167.081 states that a regional council may enter into a contract that establishes a unit price for, and provides upon a per unit basis, materials, labor, services, overhead, profit, and associated expenses for the repair, enlargement, improvement, or demolition of a building or structure if the contract is awarded pursuant to a competitive bidding procedure of a multistate consortium of which the council is a member. The Board is a member of the Ohio Council of Educational Purchasing Consortia ("OCEPC"). OCEPC is a Regional Council of Governments established under Chapter 167 of the Ohio Revised Code.
3. Energy Optimizers is an experienced contractor who has provided a proposal for the Project in the amount of \$1,130,280 (the "Contract Sum"), which is based on qualified unit pricing as set forth in Energy Optimizer's agreement with OCEPC.
4. The Superintendent recommends procuring Energy Optimizers through O.R.C. 167.081.

**The Board of Education resolves as follows:**

1. Based upon the information provided and exercising the authority given in O.R.C. 167.081, the Board authorizes the procurement of Energy Optimizers without the need to engage in competitive bidding.
2. The Board authorizes the Superintendent, Treasurer, and Board President to work with legal counsel to negotiate and execute a contract with Energy Optimizers for the Project and to sign any related documents for the work in an amount not to exceed \$1,130,280.

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

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

- B. May I have a motion to approve a Lease Agreement for Agricultural Land for the purposes of Agricultural education and farming as part of the FFA Program.

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

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

- C. May I have a motion for a First Reading of the following Policies:

- GBK - No Tobacco Use on District Property by Staff Members
- JFCG- Tobacco Use by Students
- KGC- No Tobacco Use on District Property
- EEAE-R - Alternative Transportation Procedure for Extracurricular Events

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

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



- D. May I have a motion to waive the First Reading and approve to rescind the following Policy:

JED-R - Student Absences and Excuses

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

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

- E. May I have a motion to waive the First Reading and approve the following Policies:

JED- Student Absences and Excuses

JFCJ- Weapons in the School

JECE- Student Withdrawal from School

JEDA- Truancy

DJF-R- Purchasing Procedures

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

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

- F. May I have a motion to approve an FFA trip to Italy and France, Summer 2027 for students and staff through Global Travel Educational Tours at no cost to the Board.

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

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

- G. May I have a motion to approve a Two (2) Year Managed Services Program Agreement with vendor - School -Radio.

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

- H. May I have a motion to approve the estimate of JC Lawncare & Son, LLC for Snow Removal/Salting for 2025-26 school year.

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

- I. May I have a motion to approve the following novels: *The Broken Wish, Poor Unfortunate Souls, Fairest of All, The Best Within, Feather Flame, Rebel Rose, and the Lightning Thief.*

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

- J. May I have a motion to approve the novel *Raising the Horseman.*

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

K. May I have a motion to approve the novel *Lore*.

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

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XI. Discussion/Information Items

- A. Items from the Board.
- B. 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.