Hillsdale Community Schools
Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 4, 2025

I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. which was held in the Hillsdale High School library.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Members Present

Kathy Petersen
Jeff Kunkel
Rebecca Portteus
Matt Gordon
Nicole Hoffman

Members Absent

Chris Sumnar
Dan LaRue

Administration Present

Ted Davis, Superintendent
Becky LaFollette, Gier Principal
Jeremy LaFollette, Maintenance Director
Allison Wirick, Bailey / Hive Director
Jodie Clark, HHS Principal

Guests

Jean Michael Joanthan Jackson Andra Dixen
Kim Spratt

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes - July 21, 2025 – regular board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for July 2025 are as follows:

General Fund	$	59,273.64
Building & Site	$	15,761.86
Food Service	$	
Activity	$	5,067.95

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for July 2025 are as follows:

General Fund	$ 1,450,942.86
Building & Site	$ 15,146.95
Food Service	$ 102,150.46
Activity	$ 3,668.18

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the consent agenda as presented

5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V. Communications

A. Written - NA

B. Public - J LaFollette - summer paint review - 35 projects, 100 gal. paint

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports
Building & Site
Personnel & Finance

B. Superintendent's Report
- Lesley Smith - Spec Ed Teacher - from Bailey to DMS
- MASB Delegate Assembly
- Mini truck for maintenance
- Madison Blonde - Gier EA - resignation 7/29
- Betty Slessor - Gier EA - resignation 7/21
- Teila Radabaugh - Gier EA - resignation 7/30
- United Image - graphics
- Performance Services
- Bldg. & Site - 5 year plan
- HRS

VII. Old/New Business

A. Personnel

1. Aaron Cory - Athletic Director / Dean of Students
Moved by Kunkel supported by Portteus to hire Aaron Cory as the Athletic Director / Dean of Students.
5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. Katie Lapshan - 2nd grade Teacher
Moved by Peteresen supported by Portteus to hire Katie Lapshan as a teacher.
5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. Mini Truck
Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the mini truck purchase with RSM & Associates Co. in the amount of $29,620.00.
5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. HCCF Donation - Isaiah 54:2 Fund

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to accept $5,000.00 from Hillsdale County Community Foundation - Isaiah 54:2 Fund for football helmets.

5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Floor Scrubber

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to approve the purchase of a floor scrubber with KSS Enterprises in the amount of $17,668.84.

5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

VIII. Addenda

A. Public Comment – Kim Spratt spoke for the Boosters, helmets are taken care of, Boosters Sports Kick Off 8/17 5pm, B LaFollette invited all to Gier Carnival 8/14 5:30pm
B. Board Member Comment – NA
C. Closed Session - Anti-Harassment Appeal

Moved by Petersen supported by Portteus to go into closed session due to anti-harassment appeal.

Roll call vote: ayes NH KP RP MG JK

5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6:34pm

Moved by Kunkel supported by Portteus to go back into open session at 7:50 pm

5 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

IX. Adjournment

President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Rebecca Portteus, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
JMM 8/5/2025

